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## **DOUGLAS LUCA**

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**From Warsaw with Love** Penguin  
As the world well knows, on December the 8th of the year 1980, John Lennon was shot by a cowardly assassin. In the nearly 40 years since, so many of us continue to refuse to accept that this event had ever truly happened. This exciting new book offers its readers an alternate reality to the fate of John Lennon and The Beatles. While offering this alternate fate to the four members of the Beatles themselves, this book also brings back some other key figures that were lost to us in the turbulent

period of the late 1960's. After John Lennon is shot, his body rests in a state of coma in a hospital room in New York City. It is then that his dearly departed mother Julia visits him and offers to him the opportunity to return to the year 1968. In spirit form, Lennon returns to that time, only to find it being much more pleasant than what he remembered. In Lennon's alternate vision of 1968, he and his bandmates are still in a state of total harmony and commitment to both the music and to each other. Be with the Beatles as they decide to play the Woodstock Festival in 1969. Be with the Beatles as they travel to Nepal to meet with their friend The Dalai Lama. Be with the Beatles as they play at the second

inauguration of President Robert F. Kennedy. Be with the Beatles as they headline the all star event known as, "The Concert for Life and Freedom", that takes place in New York's famed Central Park in 1973! This book is unlike any that you have ever read about The Beatles. Much of what is presented in this book is in harmony with what all of us have always wished for in our own personal fantasies concerning the fate of the Beatles as a band and the fate of John Lennon as an individual. Had the Beatles been just a group of guys who simply made music, we would not have cared about them as much as we still do. However, we all know the Beatles to have been voices for social change and for equality and for bringing

the world together. They did make an indelible mark in their time period by expressing these principles of hope to the masses. However, what if they were shown a way to do so much more back then? More importantly, what if, in an alternate reality, the four Beatles had chosen to embrace their opportunities to do so much more? This story tells what happened when the Beatles accepted their roles as ambassadors to the world. Written in a fast paced timeline manner, this story utilizes elements of adventure, new age philosophy and science fiction in order to rewrite the tale of John Lennon and the Beatles in the way that many of us had always wanted it to be. In that manner, this book stands as a loving tribute to not only John Lennon and the world that he personally imagined, but to a world that is still yet to fully reach its full potential. It is the author's sincere hope that this book will positively affect many souls throughout the world in a most profound way. It was written for that purpose. To some critically discerning readers, this book may come off as being overly optimistic and idealistic in its presentation. Perhaps, in this often cold and harsh world

that we currently live in...what we all need now is a strong dose of idealistic optimism. When the author first conceived this book, more than 20 years ago, he wrote the last page first and awaited all the rest of the time to have the remaining parts of the story channeled into him. One thing is for certain...no reader will ever forget the last page of this book.

The Untold Story of Jesus Simon and Schuster

A close friend and business manager for the legendary group portrays the personal lives of the members of the Beatles, from their youth in Liverpool to their rise to success in the world of pop music to the death of John Lennon in 1980. Reprint. *The Untold Story Of The East German Secret Police* Henry Holt and Company Learn how Charles Pierce achieved stardom and became one of the most famous female impersonators of all time! Charles Pierce (1926--1999) was an internationally known and highly successful female impersonator, known for his vivid portrayals of Bette Davis, Katherine Hepburn, and Mae West. This book offers a candid look at a career that spanned over fifty years--from his humble

start at the Pasadena Playhouse, to his sold-out shows in San Francisco. From Drags to Riches provides a rich and colorful history of Charles Pierce. In this insightful and moving volume, Pierce's friend John Wallraff offers valuable insights about the little-known man behind the makeup and captures the essence of what drag stardom is really like. This informative, imaginative, and sexually provocative book contains: stories of how famous Hollywood icons shaped Charles Pierce's life and his act Pierce's history, from his humble beginnings at the Pasadena Playhouse to his sold-out shows in San Francisco and beyond a look at Pierce's private life an examination of the price of fame--how successes and failures shape any performer Using the words of Charles Pierce himself, adding a dash of humor, mixing in fascinating insights, and sprinkling in juicy stories of love, lust, and sex, this book is a melting pot of information about a well-loved but sometimes misunderstood man.

**The Hidden Pope** Penguin

To most people, John Lennon was a legend, an artistic master who was larger than life. But his real story is that of a

man--not the ex-Beatle, not the activist, not the hero. Here is a warm, honest portrait drawn by a close friend, the story of a gifted man struggling with himself, his family, and his art on the eve of his long-awaited comeback. Martin's.

The Untold Story of a Lifelong Friendship That Changed the Relationship Between Catholics and Jews Simon and Schuster

John Farnham is nothing less than an Aussie icon. In a career spanning almost five decades, the likeable, charismatic star has entertained countless Australians of every generation, selling millions of records along the way. But his extraordinary story is as much about tackling adversity as it is about topping the charts. In the mid-1980s, without a recording contract, more or less penniless, and seemingly destined to be remembered mainly as the chirpy teenager whose debut single 'Sadie (The Cleaning Lady)' swept to number one back in 1967, Farnham had hit rock bottom. But courageously - and assisted by his great friend and manager Glenn Wheatley who mortgaged his house to finance an album - John stormed into the public consciousness again in 1986 with the epic

'You're The Voice' single and stunning LP Whispering Jack. His spectacular comeback complete, the fair-haired superstar has simply gone from strength to strength in the decades since. In this compelling biography, radio broadcaster and music journalist Jane Gazzo tracks down the key figures in John's life - from the 1960s to the present day - revealing Farnham as an inspirational Australian whose bubbly personality sometimes disguises his steely determination beneath the surface. Former teen idol, Australian of the Year, the man known across the nation as 'The Voice', John Farnham has earned his reputation as a genuine legend of the local entertainment industry.

**Is This the Real Life?** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
 Draws on interviews with producers, managers and ex-girlfriends and boyfriends to provide a history of the band Queen, including how lead singer Freddie Mercury's sexuality alienated some of their fans and forced the band to reinvent themselves. By the author of Comfortably Numb: The Inside Story of Pink Floyd. 25,000 first printing.  
Steinbeck Zondervan

Draws on Red Cloud's autobiography, which was lost for nearly a hundred years, to present the story of the great Oglala Sioux chief who was the only Plains Indian to defeat the United States Army in a war.  
John F. Kennedy and Lem Billings: The Untold Story of an Extraordinary Friendship Open Road Media  
 Loving John Grand Central Pub  
**A Modern Biography from the Urantia Book** Da Capo Press, Incorporated  
 An intimate yet unsparing biography of one of the greatest and most mythologized musicians of the twentieth century. What was it like to be John Lennon? What was it like to be the castoff child, the clown at school, and the middle-class suburban boy who pretended to be a working-class hero? How did it feel to have one of the most recognizable singing voices in the world, but to dislike it so much he always wanted to disguise it? Being John Lennon is not about the whitewashed Prince of Peace of Imagine legend—because that was only a small part of him. The John Lennon depicted in these pages is a much more kaleidoscopic figure, sometimes almost a collision of different characters. He was, of course,

funny, often very funny. But above everything, he had attitude—his impudent style somehow personifying the aspirations of his generation to question authority. He could, and would, say the unsayable. Though there were more glamorous rock stars in rock history, even within the Beatles, it was John Lennon’s attitude which caught, and then defined, his era in the most memorable way.

**Instamatic Karma** Pan

The story of John Henry, the mighty railroad man who has become a towering figure in American culture, is told in this portrait of the most recorded folk song in American history.

[A Pope and a President](#) Indiana University Press

The Third Jesus: The Christ We Cannot Ignore Kindle--Deepak Chopra 2008  
 Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His--Sarah Young 2013  
 In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Chronicle of His Life and the Origins of Christianity--Jean-Pierre Isbouts, 2017  
 The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe Hardcover--Richard Rohr, 2019

*The Untold Story of Red Cloud, An*

*American Legend* ABC-CLIO

Despite the nearly universal fame of the Beatles, many people only know the fairytale version of the iconic group’s rise to fame. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of Liverpool, Francis Kenny reveals the real John Lennon who preceded the legend, showing how his childhood shaped his personality, creative process, and path to success, and how it also destroyed his mental health, leading to the downfall of one of the most confident and brilliant musicians of the past century. *The Making of John Lennon* is a must-read for any Beatles fan. It explains how Lennon’s turbulent family background affected his relationships, why the true inspiration for “Strawberry Fields” could not be revealed, how Pete Best’s college connection led to his removal from the group, and why class backgrounds were the real reason for the breakup of the legendary band. Offering a complex portrait of Lennon’s early life, *The Making of John Lennon* tells the true story behind the rise of the legendary icon.

*Jack and Lem* Basic Books

Now that articles, podcasts, newsmagazines, and miniseries have had

their sensationalistic say, Debra Newell, the one woman who truly knows what it was like to survive “Dirty John” Meehan shares the full story—the reality—with the world for the first time. Debra Newell is nothing if not a survivor. By the time she met John Michael Meehan online, she lived through a near-fatal childhood illness, an attempted rape in her 20s, the traumatic death of her sister at the hands of her brother-in-law, four failed marriages, and a litany of dating disasters. But despite those tragedies, she seemed to have it all: adoring children, a successful business, a fabulous penthouse apartment. But there was something missing: the blinding, all-consuming love she first read about to occupy her time in her childhood sickbed. And she thought she found it with John Meehan. More than a tabloid-ready true-crime expose, Debra’s story is one of trauma, denial, and deception. But it is also a relatable, inspirational, and hopeful story of forgiveness and, most of all, love. The lengths to which a woman will go to find—and keep—love; the boundaries children and parents cross to protect and save the people they love; the love one must find for oneself; and the ways the

illusion of love can be used to manipulate and hurt. Told in Debra's words with the help of New York Times bestselling author M. William Phelps, this book is filled with exclusive stories about Debra and her family, previously unpublished photos, and the unvarnished, unapologetic, and unbelievable reality of Surviving Dirty John.

*Being John Lennon: A Restless Life* Beacon Press

From a PEN/Hemingway Award-winning author: The true story of Pope John Paul II, his Jewish childhood friend, and a milestone in religious history. In October 1978, Karol Wojtyla, Polish Archbishop of Krakow, became Pope John Paul II, the first non-Italian pontiff in 455 years. He had a mission to improve the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Anglican Communion. Only days after the election, he granted Jerzy Kluger, a virtually unknown Jewish businessman, the privilege of first audience at the Vatican. Jerzy was overwhelmed, but not surprised. When they were children, Karol and Jerzy were best friends, known then as Lolek and Jurek. For the pope, this union of Catholic and Jewish faiths was a profound

symbol of things to come. It was also a personal gesture that reflected a remarkable bond between the two men. *The Hidden Pope* is the story of that relationship, from their simple boyhood in the small town of Wadowice in southern Poland to their separation at the beginning of World War II and their survival under Nazi occupation and Soviet tyranny. The reunion almost thirty years later—after Jerzy lost his family in the Holocaust and spent years in Stalinist labor camps—would not only deepen a friendship, but also afford Jerzy a unique perspective on papal intrigue and policies when he was eventually appointed diplomat between the Vatican and Israel. Set against the landmark events of the twentieth century, and the monumental reconciliation between Christianity and Judaism, this singular portrait of John Paul II reveals him as only one of his closest friends can. Readers will come to know the Holy Father as a man, to understand his controversial ideas as expressions of his life experiences, and to discover the genesis of an enduring friendship that would impact the world. *The Hidden Pope* is “a fascinating personal tale played out

against the great moments of modern European history. . . . Anyone intrigued by the often surprising confluences of history, politics and religion will relish this impressive study in faith, friendship and mutual respect” (Publishers Weekly).

**John Stott's Right Hand** Little, Brown  
 "I'm not that kind of boy," Jack angrily wrote to Lem after his friend made a sexual advance. But Jack didn't end the relationship. From the time John F. Kennedy and Kirk LeMoyne "Lem" Billings met at Choate, until the President's assassination thirty years later, Jack and Lem remained best friends. Lem was a virtual fixture in the Kennedy family who even had his own room at the White House. Drawing on hundreds of letters and telegrams between the two, plus Lem Billings's oral history and interviews with family and friends like Ben Bradlee, Gore Vidal, and Ted Sorensen, award-winning Kennedy scholar David Pitts tells the story of an unusual friendship that endured despite an era of rampant homophobia.

**Corn Flakes with John Lennon**

Macmillan

Imagines what the fate of Princess Diana might have been had she not died in Paris

in 1997, in a story about the cost of fame and the possibility of reinventing a life.

The Alternate Reality of John Lennon and The Beatles Da Capo Press

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER The untold stories behind The Office, one of the most iconic television shows of the twenty-first century, told by its creators, writers, and actors When did you last hang out with Jim, Pam, Dwight, Michael, and the rest of Dunder Mifflin? It might have been back in 2013, when the series finale aired . . . or it might have been last night, when you watched three episodes in a row. But either way, long after the show first aired, it's more popular than ever, and fans have only one problem—what to watch, or read, next. Fortunately, Rolling Stone writer Andy Greene has that answer. In his brand-new oral history, *The Office: The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s*, Greene will take readers behind the scenes of their favorite moments and characters. Greene gives us the true inside story behind the entire show, from its origins on the BBC through its impressive nine-season run in America, with in-depth research and exclusive interviews. Fans

will get the inside scoop on key episodes from "The Dundies" to "Threat Level Midnight" and "Goodbye, Michael," including behind-the-scenes details like the battle to keep it on the air when NBC wanted to pull the plug after just six episodes and the failed attempt to bring in James Gandolfini as the new boss after Steve Carell left, spotlighting the incredible, genre-redefining show created by the family-like team, who together took a quirky British import with dicey prospects and turned it into a primetime giant with true historical and cultural significance. Hilarious, heartwarming, and revelatory, *The Office* gives fans and pop culture buffs a front-row seat to the phenomenal sequence of events that launched *The Office* into wild popularity, changing the face of television and how we all see our office lives for decades to come.

Me Random House Australia

The New York Times bestselling true account of John Chapman, Medal of Honor recipient and Special Ops Combat Controller, and his heroic one-man stand during the Afghan War, as he sacrificed his life to save the lives of twenty-three

comrades-in-arms. In the predawn hours of March 4, 2002, just below the 10,469-foot peak of a mountain in eastern Afghanistan, a fierce battle raged. Outnumbered by Al Qaeda fighters, Air Force Combat Controller John Chapman and a handful of Navy SEALs struggled to take the summit in a desperate bid to find a lost teammate. Chapman, leading the charge, was gravely wounded in the initial assault. Believing he was dead, his SEAL leader ordered a retreat. Chapman regained consciousness alone, with the enemy closing in on three sides. John Chapman's subsequent display of incredible valor -- first saving the lives of his SEAL teammates and then, knowing he was mortally wounded, single-handedly engaging two dozen hardened fighters to save the lives of an incoming rescue squad -- posthumously earned him the Medal of Honor. Chapman is the first airman in nearly fifty years to be given the distinction reserved for America's greatest heroes. *Alone at Dawn* is also a behind-the-scenes look at the Air Force Combat Controllers: the world's deadliest and most versatile special operations force, whose members must not only exceed the

qualifications of Navy SEAL and Army Delta Force teams but also act with sharp decisiveness and deft precision -- even in the face of life-threatening danger.

Drawing from firsthand accounts, classified documents, dramatic video footage, and extensive interviews with leaders and survivors of the operation, *Alone at Dawn* is the story of an extraordinary man's brave last stand and the brotherhood that forged him.

**Dakota Days** Rodale

Reproduction of the original: *The Story of*

*An Untold Love* by Paul Leicester Ford

*The Untold Story* St Martins Press

This is the true love story of Joni and her husband of 30 years, Ken Tada. A love story showing what it truly means for a man and a woman to live in love ... in sickness and in health. Even the honeymoon wasn't easy. Did Ken realize what he was getting into when he proposed to Joni, a quadriplegic woman? As their marriage years moved on, Ken became increasingly overwhelmed by the never-ceasing demands of caring for Joni, who begins to experience chronic,

extreme, nightmarish pain. Ken sinks into depression, and the couple finds themselves on parallel tracks in life, married and living under the same roof but drifting apart emotionally. But as they fight for their marriage and find their way through the mazes of depression and pain, they wrap their two lives around their rock—Jesus. During Ken's denial of Joni's diagnosis, and Joni's thoughts of how wonderful a quick exit to heaven would be, they experience a personal visitation with the savior you will never forget.