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If anything needed taking care of, Tony Bramwell was the man the Beatles called, the man they knew they could trust. His story has been sought after for years, and now, here it is, full of untold stories and detailing with an insider's shrewd eye the Apple empire's incomparable rise, Brian Epstein's frolics, Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters, Phil Spector's eccentric behavior, and new stories about Yoko Ono, the Stones, and the life--*his* life.

From developing the first Beatle music videos to heading Apple Films, and from riding bikes and trading records with George Harrison to working and partying with everyone from the Beatles to Hendrix, Ray Charles, and The Who, Tony's life really did (and does) encompass a who's who of rock.

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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Bramwell, a longtime Beatles business associate and childhood friend, offers a fond, intimate portrait of the Fab Four. His often gossipy recollections illuminate the players from their days as young "scousers" in working-class Liverpool to their formation as a group, and from their exhausting early stints in Hamburg to their astonishing stardom. Readers will be surprised to learn how much money the Beatles left on the table owing to the bad deals that Brian Epstein, the Beatles' respected but conflicted manager, made. Still, the group remained fiercely loyal to Epstein, who made them—and many others—rich beyond their dreams, cutting deals in what was then uncharted business territory. Throughout, Paul comes off as down to earth, Ringo as sophisticated and "Hollywood," and George, charming and gentle, if a bit unusual. Not surprisingly, it is John who piques the most interest. Bramwell blisters Yoko Ono, "the Princess of Darkness," and suggests that either she brainwashed John or that he was suffering from mental illness. Although music historians and Beatles collectors may feel they know the story, Bramwell's memoir is much more than Beatles history. Energetically written, this is a vivid and intensely personal look at not only the Beatles but at a storybook trip from the docks of Liverpool to swinging London and the very epicenter of the British invasion. Photos not seen by *PW*.

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Review

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From the Inside Flap

"Tony Bramwell's résumé is full and so is his account of life from Liverpool to Broadway and all stops in between. This telling memoir of the music life is a great read, filled with up-close stories of the Beatles and other legends that will make you laugh and most of all remember, with clarity and joy."

- Larry Kane, author of *Ticket to Ride*

*"The Beatles' universe has been filled with many outsiders trying to get in. Tony Bramwell was one of the very few insiders. Trrusted and depended on from the earliest days, he saw it all. And he remembered it, too. Tony is blessed with the same sardonic Liverpool humor as his famous mates, and his book is one of the most eagerly-awaited chronicles of the Beatles era."*

- Martin Lewis, Beatles scholar

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