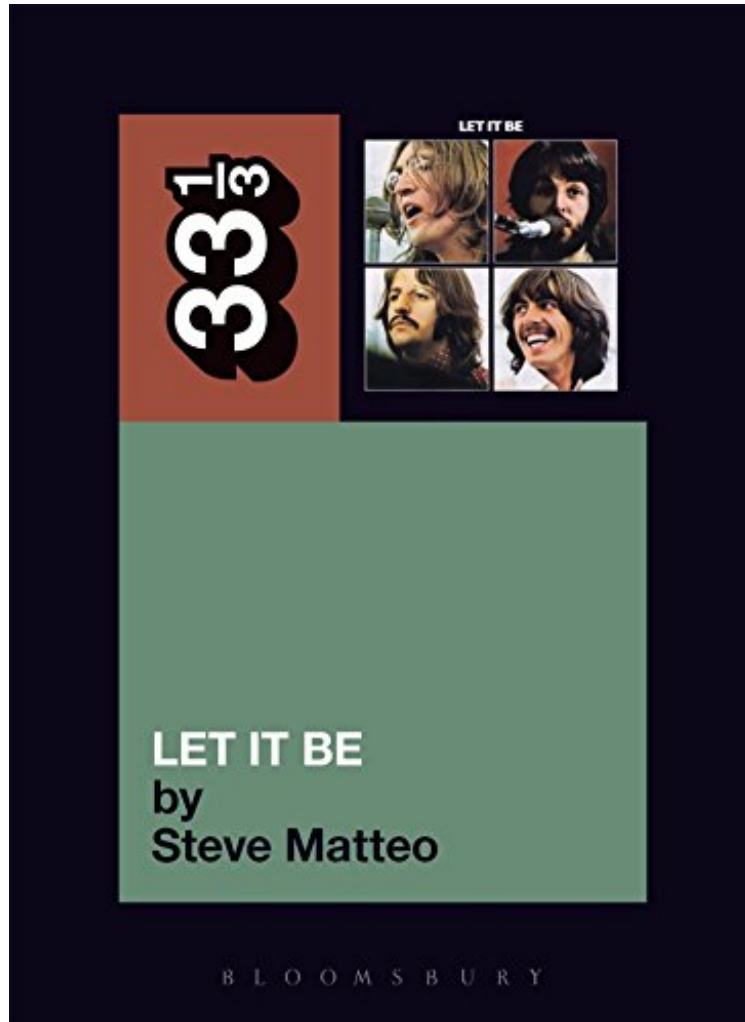


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**Steve Matteo : The Beatles' Let It Be (33 1/3 series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Beatles' Let It Be (33 1/3 series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing newBy GrimstonThe Beatles Swan Song, let it be, has been written about (and bootlegged) many times. Nothing really new in this book. interesting as to where the author decided to start the book, at the Hey Jude Sessions. Most of the book has been sourced elsewhere and really did not include any new interviews or groundbreaking information. None of the Beatles or the inner circle were interviewed for the book. With all the Beatles Albums, I wonder why Let It Be is the only 33 1/3 series book. If you are a Beatles Fan, this is book is old news. If you are not familiar with the group, a good jumping on point. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Surprising and informativeBy KiyoshiThe author uses sources that are surprising to me (an avowed

Beatles fan, but not a scholar). Case in point: Klaus Voorman, well known to fans as an early friend from the Hamburg days (and as the artist for the Revolver cover), he also played bass in the Plastic Ono Band album and at the Ontario concert. Voorman is credible, and his high estimation of Phil Spector gives insight into why Spector was chosen to get the job done. In short, Voorman calls Spector a "great master" for transforming "Instant Karma" into an anthem. "Every tape machine was rolling and blinking and tapes were running left and right and center, and he said 'I'm going to play it to you now.' Then he played it to us and he turned the volume full up. Then this big sound came toward us and it was just mind-blowing." The author also recaps the history of the numerous bootleg compilations out there--which was interesting to me (again, a fan, but not one studying every work on the group). For example, there is one devoted author who has "become the Boswell of the 'Get Back/Let It Be' project. He has been publishing a series of updates to his self-published book on the 'Get Back' sessions...." Those are just two tidbits that informed and surprised me. Maybe these are common knowledge to other reviewers, but if they are new to you, then you'll probably enjoy this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well, how much of a Beatles freak are you? By Rich L. If you're a die-hard Beatles freak, you might not learn much from this, as the "Get Back" sessions are well-documented, both through official sources and the multitude of bootlegs from those sessions. If you're a novice fan wanting to know more about those sessions, this is a great introduction. Not too much personal opinion inserted, just a factual accounting of the sessions, much like the "In Utero" book. If you're a Beatles fanatic, chance are you've already got this book-if not, add it to your collection. Personally, I would've preferred another Beatles album (say, Revolver or Abbey Road) be given the 33 1/3 treatment.

The recording sessions for Let It Be actually began as rehearsals for a proposed return to live stage work for the Beatles, to be inaugurated in a concert at a Roman amphitheatre in Tunisia. In this thoroughly researched book, Steve Matteo delves deep into the complex history of these sessions. He talks to a number of people who were in the studio with the Beatles, recording the sights and sounds of the band at work bringing to life a period in the Beatles' career that was creative and chaotic in equal measure.

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