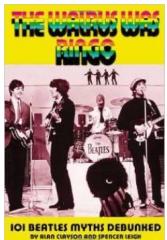


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"Fact is separated from fiction in this unique study of the Beatles, as myths are debunked and commonly held beliefs about the Fab Four are proven false. Popular convictions that John Lennon was a working-class hero, that Lennon and McCartney never recorded again after the Abbey Road sessions in 1970, and that Paul McCartney's original title for 'Yesterday' was 'Scrambled Eggs' are proven to be rumors at best and lies at worst. Drawn from interviews with long-term associates of the band as well as other lines of investigation, this is a unique testimony to the way history gets rewritten, exaggerated, and warped." ---Alan Clayson, Spencer Leigh, books.google.pl

The dictionary defines myth as "a traditional or legendary story". Most of the "myths" in this book are nothing but trivia; hardly legendary. For example, was the recording of the Beatles at Hamburg's Star Club in 1962 unauthorized? Some may believe that to be true, but you could hardly call that a belief of mythical proportions. I got the impression that many of these 101 items are simply obscure facts with the truth inverted and then debunked as myth. More disturbing, however, is the authors' putting forth their own questionable theories as myth-breaking fact. Despite assertions by John Lennon, Ringo Starr, George Martin and Julian Lennon that "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" was inspired by a drawing by young Julian and was not secret code for LSD, Clayson/Leigh cook up a conspiracy between Lennon and Jimi Hendrix to write code named songs. Hendrix did indeed write "The Stars That Played with Laughing Sam's Dice" with STP and LSD in mind and I don't doubt that Hendrix or his manager

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knew Lennon, but that's hardly a basis for a conspiracy theory. Similarly, their theorizing on John's "bigger than Jesus" comment is appalling. There are many good books on the Beatles. Get one on those. If you've already got those, you don't need this one. ---Mick, amazon.com

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