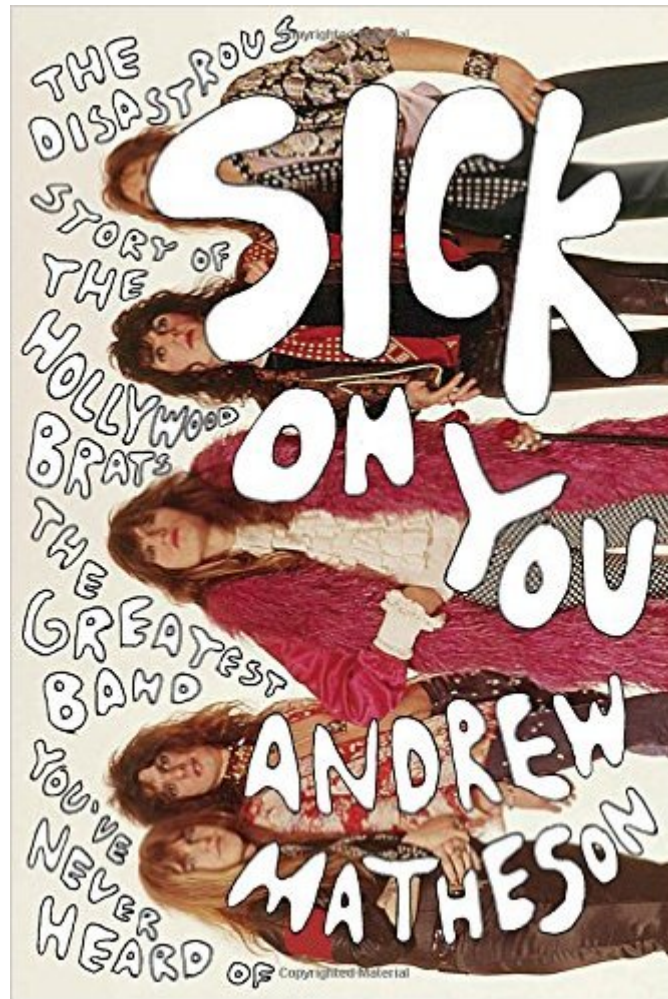


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Sick On You: The Disastrous Story Of The Hollywood Brats, The Greatest Band You've Never Heard Of



Synopsis

MOJO magazine's 2015 Book of the Year, the outrageous true story of the Hollywood Brats "the greatest punk band you've never heard of" brilliantly told by founding member Andrew Matheson. With only a guitar, a tatty copy of the Melody Maker, and his template for the perfect band, Andrew Matheson set out, in 1971, to make music history. His band, the Hollywood Brats, were pre-punk prophets "uncompromising, ultrathin, wild, and untamable. Thrown into the crazy world of the 1970s London music scene, the Brats recorded one genius-but-ignored album and ultimately fell foul of the crooks who ran a music industry that just wasn't quite ready for the punk revolution. Directly inspiring Malcolm McLaren, the Sex Pistols, and the Clash, the Hollywood Brats imploded too soon to share in the glory. Sick On You is a startling, funny, and incredibly entertaining period memoir about never quite achieving success despite flying so close to greatness.

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Customer Reviews

This is in the running for my favorite book of the year. I'm a big music fan, so the story about the first punk band you've never heard of appealed to me. In between laughing about the misadventures of The Hollywood Brats, I found myself flipping over to Spotify to listen to them. As I was reading, I kept wanting to find out more and would google them but then realize, "DUH! You're reading a book about them!" Sadly, the Hollywood Brats were ahead of their time but I know this book will generate new interest and introduce them to a new generation of fans. They won me over!

If you are interested in this book, do yourself a favor and listen to the audiobook. I downloaded this

from Audible and haven't laughed as hard in years. Great decision by the producers to have Matheson narrate his own book. Listening to him describe his experience with crabs, for example, was freakin hilarious and could only have been told to such effect by himself. I am only about half way through the audiobook and am already hoping he has a second book of stories to tell about the Hollywood Brats.

This was a great, fun read. If you like reading about the music industry and bands etc. then I highly recommend this book. I have never heard of The Hollywood Brats and after reading this book I now know why. This is a great read of their misadventures. It will have you laughing out loud as you read it.

This is a book about nothing. If you care to follow a writer talking about where he lived, what he ate and who he did it with, then pay for this book. Otherwise R U N! I can only imagine Mr. Matheson, who is so focused on image and "cool", laughing at anybody who would buy this boring, uncool book. F ME for wasting so much time hoping it would get better. You win this round, Matheson because I laid your ass. But I will be well armoured should your sword ever touch paper again. Get a real job.

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