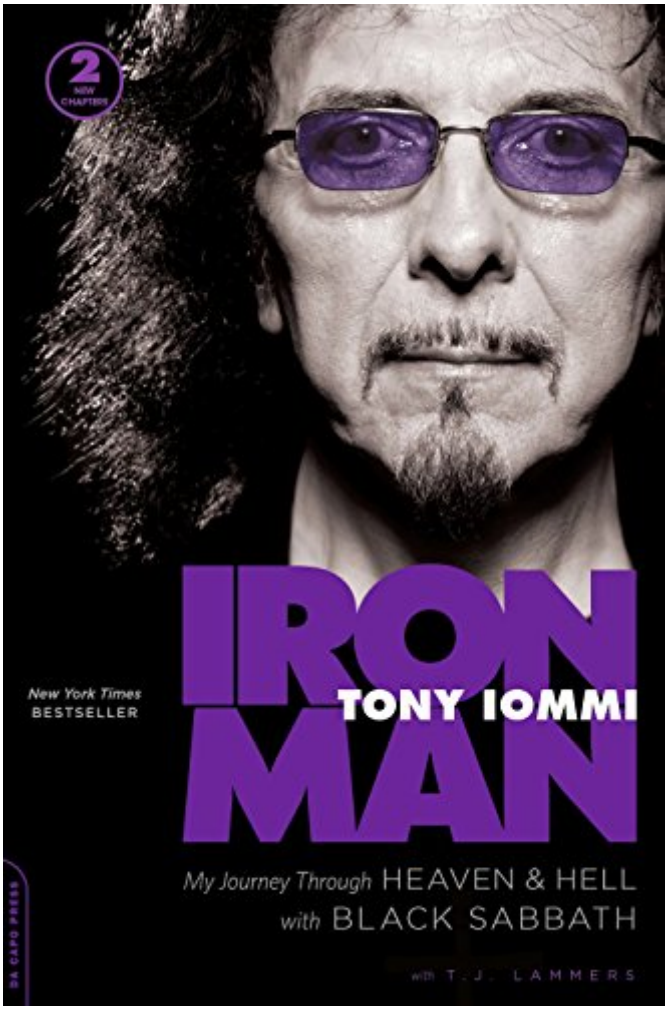
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Synopsis

Black Sabbath is currently on “The End Tour,Ã¢â ¬Â• which they have proclaimed as their final concert tour. Iron Man chronicles the story of both pioneering guitarist Tony Iommi and legendary band Black Sabbath, dubbed “The Beatles of heavy metalÃ¢â ¬Â• by Rolling Stone. Iron Man reveals the man behind the icon yet still captures Iommi's humor, intelligence, and warmth. He speaks honestly and unflinchingly about his rough-and-tumble childhood, the accident that almost ended his career, his failed marriages, personal tragedies, battles with addiction, band mates, famous friends, newfound daughter, and the ups and downs of his life as an artist. Everything associated with hard rock happened to Black Sabbath first: the drugs, the debauchery, the drinking, the dungeons, the pressure, the pain, the conquests, the company men, the contracts, the combustible drummer, the critics, the comebacks, the singers, the Stonehenge set, the music, the money, the madness, the metal.

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Customer Reviews

I started listening to Black Sabbath in the early 70’s and their music was influential towards my learning to enjoy so many types of rock music. This book brings you back and you can see why

Black Sabbath was such a great band, and yet just regular guys. Tony's stories are great and in a simple way they document why this decade of music is timeless. If you like the music, you will enjoy this book and end up with a whole new perspective on heavy metal and hard rock.

Haven't had a chance to finish this book yet.What I can tell you so far is that this is coming directly from Tony's mouth,not from some rock journalist pen.....which is refreshing for a change.I wish Ritchie Blackmore and Michael Schenker would do a book like this.

I found the book inspirational and very much enjoyed reading it. Most people have a problem with the writing style of the book. While I admit that it is not the most brilliant writing style, it the writing style of Mr. Iommi. If you have listened to his interviews, this is the way he would sound. So I could hear that when reading the book. I prefer it this way, because it lets you feel that he is talking to you in his own words. My interest is in the music and his personality and his life story. I enjoyed that more than some fancy writing style. So it would be more enjoyable for true Sabbath and Iommi fans, naturally. I feel he has not revealed every little thing about him and I have no problem with that. Maybe he didn't want to talk about every little thing, that he thought was not important. But he does talk about some very interesting things about himself that not everyone would be able to do or experience. I'd much rather know about those things rather than..say...his favorite color or something like that!It was a good book that I thoroughly enjoyed. However the day that the book arrived, I found out that he has updated the book with additional chapters and republished a newer version. That is such a shame. If only I got to know before I ordered the book.I wish Tony all the happiness and good health in the world. Such a down to earth, humble human being. Thank you Tony!April.

This book is basically a 200pg book expanded to fit into 450pgs, the book was obviously based verbatim on taped interviews and it really shows in the writing. Iommi is great and has lived a great life but it's hard to tell from this bland presentation of it. He really doesn't expand on anything in detail just vague references to things here and there, luckily I already know most of the stories in here already. We made X album, played this prank on member X, played X concert, X happened, then repeat...I love Black Sabbath and Iommi but I really expected quite more from this 450pg book..

First the good news: Iommi's life story is interesting enough to survive a really drab, detached,

almost completely disinterested writing style. The bad news: this book features a really drab, detached, almost completely disinterested writing style. I slogged through it, but wow...I almost cannot imagine a more passively written book. Iommi (whose guitar playing and music writing I love, by the way), writes the way most people would write down a story they heard third-hand. So this happened. Then that happened. Then I set this guy on fire and that was dangerous..... it really is that emotionally detached. So, three stars from me: I get this by averaging 5 stars for the crazy life he has led up to this point, and one star for the "Yawn, I'm so bored I can hardly finish this sentence" writing style.

Great book. I'm not a huge Sabbath fan but this book is so good that you will want to keep reading and admire the man himself. Plenty of info I didn't know.

Tony Iommi's life was filled with ups and downs, but the thing that always drove him was his music. I think he is an outstanding artist who shaped an entire genre of music. Sometimes not the best written and at times jumping from one past event to another, I still think it is a good read and very honest about how he experienced those times.

Fairy's really do wear boots. Nine inch studded clodhoppers. Then there's Riff master Tony Iommi who just sneaks up on you ever so quietly before blasting you into the stratosphere with his heavy metal thunder. Black Sabbath were/ARE the Godfather's of the Heavy Metal genre. Living legends. This is Tony's story from working class roots as a Brummy factory worker who nearly had to give up guitar due to a work related accident which left him 'digitally disadvantaged' to the super stardom of international success as the world's greatest Riff Master. One of only two constant members of Black Sabbath/Heaven & Hell, his book is testament to sheer determination and hard work to get to and stay on the top.

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