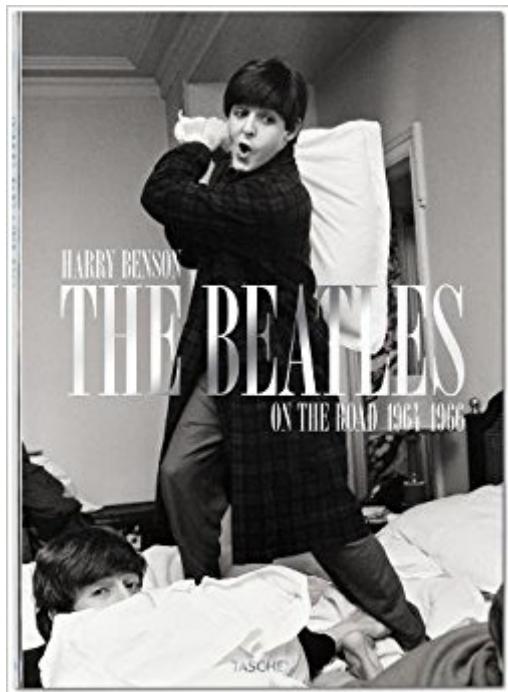


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# Harry Benson: The Beatles



## Synopsis

Behind Beatlemania Privileged access to the Fab Four In early 1964, photographer Harry Benson received a call from the photo editor of London's Daily Express, who asked him to cover The Beatles' trip to Paris. It was the beginning of a career-defining relationship, which would both make Benson's name and produce some of the most intimate photographs ever taken of The Beatles. In Paris, Benson captured the Fab Four in the midst of a pillow fight at the George V Hotel, an iconic image which came to epitomize the spirit of the Mancunian quartet. Benson himself has called it the best shot of his career. Later that year, he followed the group on the road for their debut US tour, documenting their appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, their surprising encounter with Cassius Clay, and the hysteria of New York Beatlemania. Benson also received privileged access to photograph George Harrison's honeymoon in Barbados. This book collects the best of Benson's luminous black and white Beatles portfolio, alongside quotes and newspaper clippings from the period, and an introduction by the photographer himself, adding personal testimony to these era-defining images.

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Glasgow-born Harry Benson has photographed every US President since Eisenhower, the Civil Rights movement, and was next to Robert Kennedy when he was assassinated. As well as The Beatles, he has shot some of the biggest personalities of the last 50 years, including Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor and Her Majesty The Queen. In 2009, he was made Commander of the British Empire (CBE).

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This book is wonderful, great pictures and a great collectable, too bad that the packaging was extremely poor! There was hardly any packing in the box causing the book to sustain some damage to the corner and pages. I have never received anything from that was packaged that poorly and I was very disappointed!!!! The damage was not extreme enough to return but enough that it spoiled the edge and knowing it could have been prevented with a little more care in packaging!!

Really great pictures of the greatest band ever to exist!

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