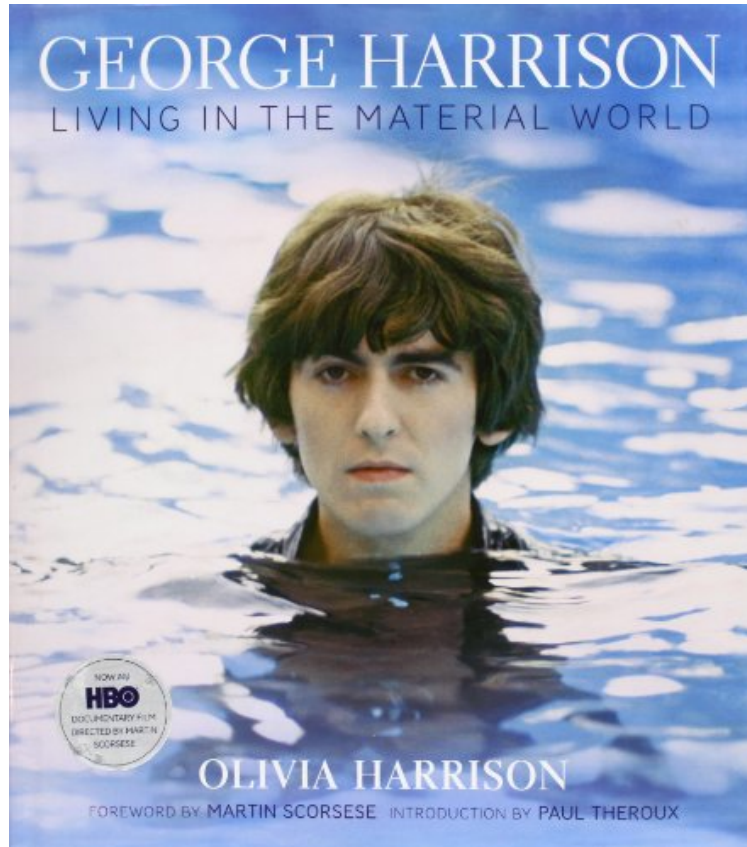


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**Olivia Harrison : George Harrison: Living in the Material World** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised George Harrison: Living in the Material World:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you're still surviving here in the Material World, then go ahead and reward yourself!By John G. BoiceA big book, with lots of photos spanning decades, and plenty of stories about George pre-, during, and post-Beatles. It seems that among the Fab Four, Harrison was the shutter-bug, so a fair selection of candid shots taken on the road or on vacation are included. I wish Olivia had included more about herself, but even so, this is a must-have for any fan of the ex-Beatle who somehow managed to keep his search for meaning in his art as the main thing, and not his ego.Mostly. And Olivia touches on some of his shortcomings, too, for a pretty well-rounded picture.(For \_real\_ George fans: On the jacket of which vinyl solo album did Harrison promise to enroll you in his Fan Club if you sent him "a self-undressed, stamped elephant"?)66 of 70 people found the following review helpful. I Want to Tell YouBy BeatleBangs1964"I want to tell you, my head is filled with things to say." -- George Harrison, 1966This is without a doubt the most beautiful and longest awaited biography of George Harrison to date!As soon as this book became available, I ordered it immediately if not even sooner. I loved the previously unpublished photographs, such as that of 2-year-old George in the arms of his sister, Louise, then nearly 14. I had to smile at tween George sunning himself with family friends, father Harold Sr. and brother Peter, in or about 1954. I

especially loved the picture of Louise and Harold Sr. at a dance in the late 1940s, a loving couple who literally welcomed George with love. It was such a treat to read about various Harrison family members. It is plain and has been well documented that George was not only created by love, but was literally born into love. From 1965-1969, Louise Harrison lent her voice to a column in a newsletter in a fan club newsletter honoring her son. Postcards George had written various friends and family members; sketches from his school workbooks all paint young George Harrison into sharper focus. As a bonus treat, readers enjoy the inclusion of quotes by various family members, such as George's sisters-in-law, brothers, fellow Beatles and sundry friends. I have long thought George and Paul were the most interesting of the Beatles. George's love for Eastern music and his life-long bond with Ravi Shankar, whom he met in 1965 is beautifully chronicled in this book. George's home Friar Park is included, from its "evolution" to its finished state, metaphoric in that it parallels George's "evolution" to that of gardener, a passion he inherited from both Harold Sr. and Louise. You've just got to love seeing George, then 12 astride a motorcycle labeled "43" (as in 1943, perhaps), a future Formula One enthusiast. The then-future Beatle would follow his love for "things fast," as he would later sing in his 1979 gem, "Faster." In 1963, George, then 20 had a blast go-karting with his fellow Beatles, no doubt wishing his go-kart could be driven a tad faster. George, artist extraordinaire, humble gardener, author, father, husband, son, brother, uncle, complex iconic figure remained a boy at heart. One thing I've long wanted to explore was George's Catholic roots. Louise French Harrison was Catholic and had George baptized when he was 1 month old. George's Catholic roots remained with him for his entire life. He had a beautiful statue of Blessed Mother Mary on the grounds of Friar Park. While George explored Eastern religion and philosophy, he recognized that the precepts of all faiths are very similar. I will add that George Harrison has given the gift of his beautiful voice to many. A child with Asperger's, which is a form of autism who was a HUGE Beatles fan (George was this child's favorite) was a late talker. Upon acquiring speech, this child would let George "talk" for her, using quotes from George's songs and lines he uttered in Beatle movies to express herself. Over time, this evolved into her developing her own voice, so to speak. George Harrison's music and his natural, yet childlike grace of sorts reached countless many. He has a large following of fans with autism, as do the Beatles as a group. Beatle fans with autism is a demographic that is not rare as one might otherwise think. This book is such a Godsend and I CAN'T WAIT for the dvd. Olivia Arias Harrison, a beautiful, gracious lady has given the world a gift that will continue to give. To make a good thing even better, she has included her input, which made this a much more effective body of work. I can never thank her enough. This book is a MUST HAVE for all George Harrison fans. Again, this book is a gift that will keep on giving. You will also want to read *Before He Was Fab: George Harrison's First American Visit*, which was co-authored by George's sister, Louise. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This is a wonderful book. By steve\_manassas This book, lovingly compiled by Olivia Harrison, is a wonderful tribute to George's life and career, and is a companion to the Martin Scorsese documentary on HBO (and on DVD/Blu-ray in Europe). It is full of rare photos and documents and tells the whole story of George Harrison, from his Liverpool childhood, to his years with The Beatles, to his solo career, to his time with The Traveling Wilburys, and also details his near-fatal stabbing in 1999, and his death from cancer in 2001. I was a little surprised that there was not more of Pattie Boyd Harrison Clapton in the book (perhaps she is in the movie). If you loved the book *Imagine: John Lennon or the Imagine DVD (Deluxe Edition)*, you will love this book. If you have HBO, enjoy the Martin Scorsese documentary. I don't have cable, so I'll be looking forward to the DVD (which is scheduled for a spring 2012 release in the U.S.). I don't think there will be a soundtrack CD, although I understand that the deluxe Blu-ray/DVD combo package that was just issued in Europe has a bonus CD of unissued Harrison songs. Hopefully, we will get the same thing. George, you are missed, and you never got the credit you deserved, as either a Beatle or as a solo artist.

Drawing on George Harrison's personal archive of photographs, letters, diaries, and memorabilia, Olivia Harrison reveals the arc of his life, from his guitar-obsessed boyhood in Liverpool, to the astonishment of the Beatles years, to his days as an independent musician and bohemian squire. Here too is the record of Harrison's lifelong commitment to Indian music, and his adventures as a movie producer, Traveling Wilbury, and Formula One racing fan. The book is filled with stories and reminiscences from Harrison's friends, including Eric Clapton, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and many, many others. Among its previously unpublished riches are photographs taken by Harrison himself beginning in the mid-1960s. It is a rich tribute to a man who died far too young, but who touched the lives of millions. Praise for *George Harrison: Living in the Material World*: The quiet Beatles widow draws on photos, letters, and memorabilia to evoke a living, breathing portrait of the man who sought a more spiritual life after experiencing the riches that came with fame. The book is tied to the HBO documentary directed by Martin Scorsese. USA Today George was the quiet Beatle, so it's a real magical mystery tour to peer behind the scenes with this nearly four-hundred-page book. New York Post Seems well worth putting on your coffee table. Huffington Post Fans of George Harrison, the quiet Beatle who died in 2001, will lap up *George Harrison: Living in the Material World*, by his second wife, Olivia. Bloomberg.com The four-hundred-page book is filled with reproductions of notes, letters, scribbled lyrics, and some never-before-seen photographs. How many Beatles fans are out there? And how many liked George? Quite a few, it may turn out: the book debuts at number 24 on our extended nonfiction bestseller list this

week, in its first week on sale. Publishers Weekly

About the Author Olivia Harrison is a producer and philanthropist. She has received a Grammy Award for her video of the 2002 Concert for George, which she organized to benefit the Material World Charitable Foundation in memory of her husband, George Harrison; and a UNICEF Spirit of Compassion Award in recognition of her family's assistance to the children of Bangladesh. Mark Holborn is a distinguished editor of illustrated books, who has worked with numerous photographers and artists, from Annie Leibovitz to Lucian Freud.