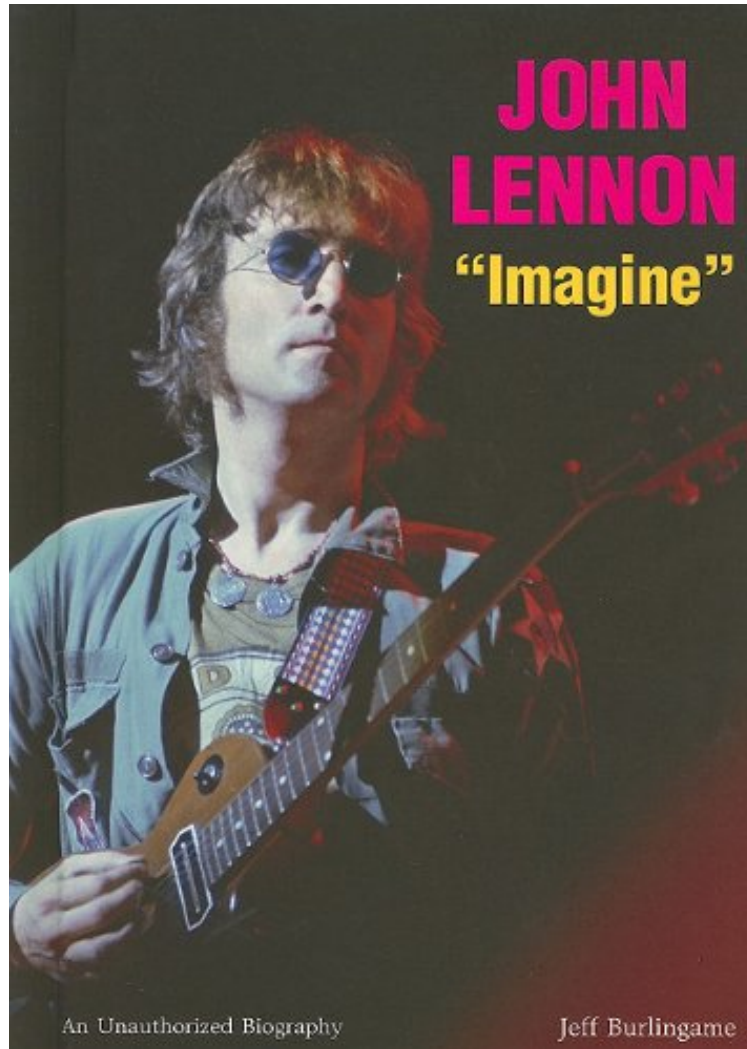


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**Jeff Burlingame : John Lennon: Imagine (American Rebels)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Lennon: Imagine (American Rebels):

From his days in England as a founding member of the Beatles to his time as a solo musician, peace activist, and stay-at-home dad in his adopted hometown of New York City, John Lennon made a mark on popular culture that is without parallel. Author Jeff Burlingame explores the life of this rebellious and gifted musician, whose music and life story still resonate and remain popular with both young and old some three decades after his untimely death in 1980.

From School Library Journal Gr 6 Up It may seem like a stretch to include Lennon in a series called American Rebels, but he was a permanent resident of the United States from 1976 until his death in 1980. This attractive biography includes sidebars, wide margins, large type, and many photographs throughout. Burlingame maintains readers' interest by writing in a style that is similar to People magazine. Jacqueline Edmondson's John Lennon: A Biography (Greenwood, 2010) reads like an annotated chronology of his life, often described month by month, but rarely illuminates the man's personality or his music. Imagine highlights Lennon's inherited musical talent, creative skills at writing lyrics, and his early place in the musical scene in his hometown, Liverpool. Even though he was drawn into the drug scene and had marital problems, these issues take a backseat to contributions by individuals such as Beatles' manager Brian Epstein, who early on recognized their talent and set up concerts in England, Germany, and the United States. Readers learn of the screaming female fans, the band reaching the Top Ten record charts, and recognition that they were the most famous performers in the world. The worldwide reaction to Lennon's murder attests to the love and enduring appreciation for his music. Peggy Fleming, formerly at Churchville-Chili High School, Churchville, NY. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. Burlingame maintains readers' interest by writing in a style ... similar to People magazine ... highlights Lennon's inherited musical talent, creative skills at writing lyrics, and his early place in the musical scene in Liverpool. -- Library Journal Presented with no apologies by Burlingame ... Lennon's life is inextricably entwined with the Beatles, yet Burlingame manages to focus beyond ... the Beatles while still emphasizing the impact being a part of the Beatles had --Children's Literature