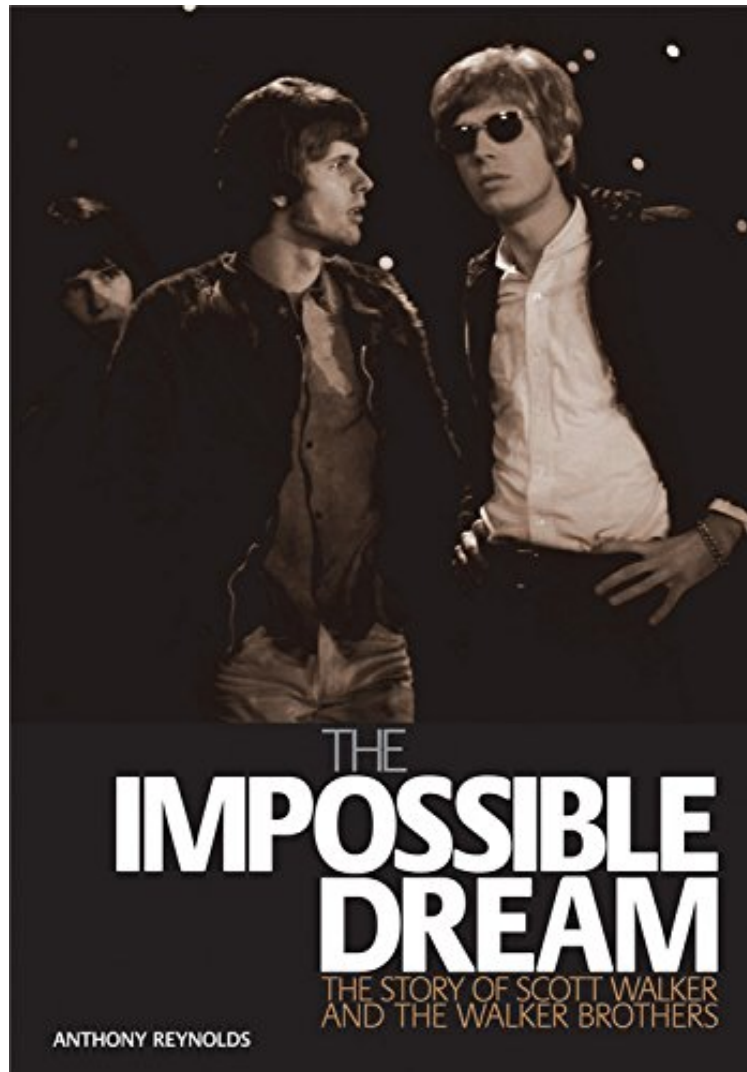


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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great overview By D.C.G. The book thoroughly covers the career of The Walker Brothers. Scott's career is also given a full treatment as well. This book includes everything you will ever need to know about their career including their comeback in the 1970's. This book clarifies as few myths about Scott, i.e., his short spell in a monastery, suicide attempt. Scott was not a self-absorbed star wallowing in his own

despair. In fact, he was (and is) a highly intelligent and creative individual who quickly tired of the machinations of pop stardom. Gary did not play or sing on their records but provided intangibles that helped them become successful. In fact, he bankrolled their trip to England in early 1965, and hobnobbed with important music connections. He also provided comic relief and genuine friendship for John and Scott. John comes across as merely talented but not as gifted as Scott. All three seemed like down-to-earth types who didn't take themselves too seriously. A few typos notwithstanding, this is a fine book and should satisfy fans of this unique pop group. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Anthony Anthony Anthony By Robert B Davis Well, got to admit I'd been into the author way before being taken about by Scott, then retrospectively back to his Walker Brothers in whom I've been impressed by lately (My ship, Love her, The sun aint gonna). The prologue is probably the best piece of enticement I've ever read and parallels on Anthony's flare for the intro in his albums in Jack and solo. About halfway through as I've been mixing it in with other works (Burton's translation of 1001 Arabic Nights and DH Lawrence Italian stories). 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The Walker Brothers - Their intimate story! By Vernon Cornelius I was quite amazed reading this very absorbing, gripping, and informative book, which gave me a very intimate insight into the Walker Brothers from their beginnings! Lovers of their music must read this to understand why and how their music came about, how it was developed, the challenges they faced, successes, and their bitter end!! As a long time devoted fan of their music, I also had great opportunity to be the opening act of their Far East Tour in January 1967, bought all their records, and now have all their CDs. If you really like them, you will surely enjoy reading this book! Go get it quick!!!

The Walker Brothers were the US counter-strike to the British invasion of the mid-60s. While The Beatles, the Stones and many others were busy colonising the US charts. Not actually brothers, John (Maus), Gary (Leeds) and Scott (Engel) succeeded against the odds, becoming one of world's biggest bands of 1966/67. With that came hit records -- including two British chart-toppers, 'Make It Easy On Yourself' and 'The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore' -- and all that success entails: screaming girls, package tours, and intense interest in their private lives. The pressure of success eventually caused them to split, and the Walkers went their separate ways. Of the three, Scott is now the most prominent, having embarked on a mysterious solo career that has since become the stuff of myth. All three drifted into obscurity before reforming in 1976 and releasing the classic 'No Regrets' single. They concluded their recording career with one of the decade's most influential records, 1978's Nite Flights. The Impossible Dream is an in-depth biography that traces the career of one of the most successful bands in pop history. In addition to assessing and analysing the talent and appeal of the enigmatic Scott, the author also covers the history and contributions of the other 'brothers' John and Gary. Drawing on decades of archive interviews with the band, and many new interviews with backing musicians, record label staff and producers, The Impossible Dream is the definitive telling of The Walker Brothers' story.