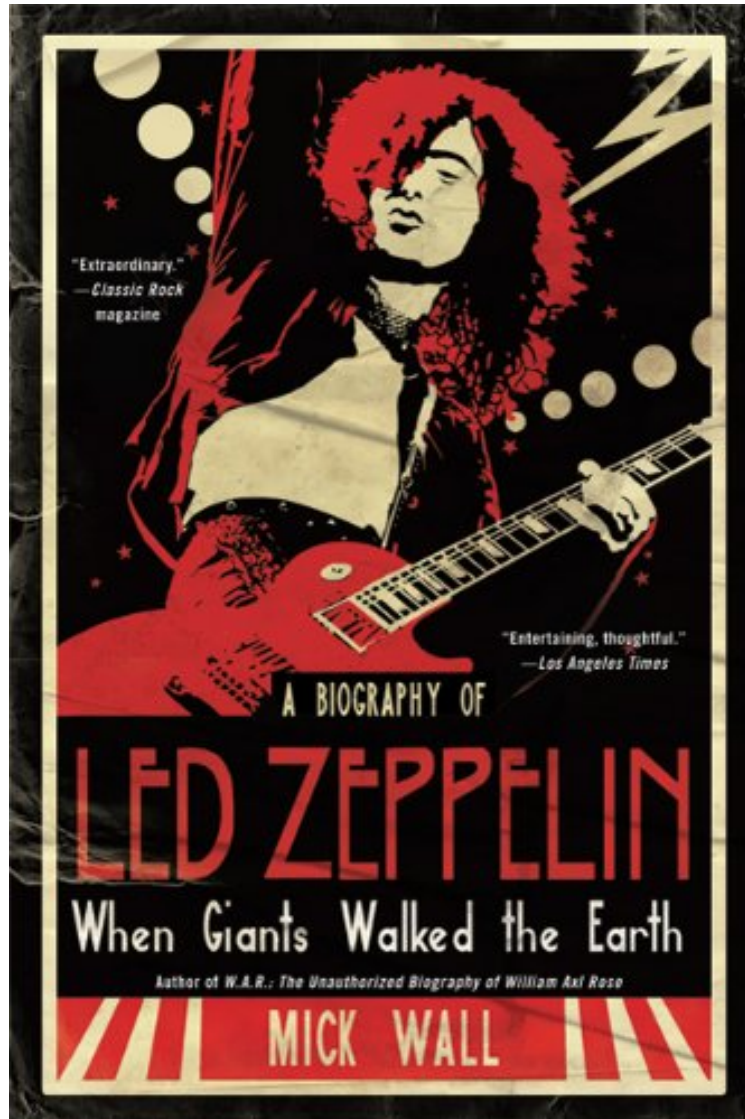


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The first significant fresh reporting on the legendary band in twenty years, built on interviews with all surviving band members and revealing a never-before-seen side of the genius and debauchery that defined their heyday. Veteran rock journalist Mick Wall unflinchingly tells the story of the band that pushed the envelope on both creativity and excess, even by rock n' roll standards. Led Zeppelin was the last great band of the 1960s and the first great band of the 1970s and *When Giants Walked the Earth* is the full, enthralling story of Zep from the inside, written by a former confidante of both Jimmy Page and Robert Plant. Rich and revealing, it bores into not only the disaster, addiction and death that haunted the band but also into the real relationship between Page and Plant, including how it was influenced by Page's interest in the occult. Comprehensive and yet intimately detailed, *When Giants Walked the Earth* literally gets into the principals' heads to bring to life both an unforgettable band and an unrepeatably slice of rock history.

From Publishers Weekly In this ambitious biography, Wall narrates the history of a band that became one of the biggest musical and cultural phenomena of the 1970s. The brainchild of studio wizard Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin marked the transition from flower-power good vibrations to the rough sounds of a disillusioned era. More than just another hard-rock band, however, Zeppelin drew on elements from reggae, soul, blues and RB, as well as more exotic sounds from India and the Middle East. The trashed hotel rooms and violated groupies Zeppelin left in its wake helped to create an enduring rock and roll road archetype. Wall painstakingly traces Zeppelin's development and musical pedigree. His access and attention to detail make this a definitive work. However, he falls short in substance and style when he tries to move beyond the music. Flashback segments written from the perspective of the various principals are confusing, and his forays into nonmusical subjects such as Page's interest in the occult are often portentous. Nevertheless, this volume is an essential source for anyone eager to learn about the era when rock stars ruled the world. (Nov.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Sensational. New York Times Entertaining, thoughtful. Los Angeles Times His access and attention to detail make this a definitive work... an essential source for anyone eager to learn about the era when rock stars ruled the world. Publishers Weekly Wall does well to shine light on the myths and music magic of Led Zep--rendering what could have been cartoonish real and sincere. Time Out Chicago [T]hat Wall can add so much fresh detail to the Led Zep story is in itself an extraordinary achievement (and) he manages to humanize these planet-striding giants while doing so Classic Rock Magazine It deftly strikes the balance between lofty authority and finding a way to get inside the heads of its subjects. The Guardian (UK) [T]his is the big one: a fat, juicy biography of the biggest band ever. Daily Telegraph (UK) About the Author MICK WALL has written about music since 1977. He is one of England's best known music journalists: his work has appeared in Mojo, the Mail on Sunday and a variety of other publications, and he has written ten rock n' roll biographies. He has also served as a trusted on-camera source for a number of BBC-TV music documentaries. He lives in England.