

What's Going On?: Marvin Gaye and the Last Days of the Motown Sound 284 pages

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"What's Going On" is by far my favorite piece of music, even beating out The Beatles! That is why I bought this small book, which reveals the whole story behind Marvin Gaye's inspirational work of art. Every note and vocal intonation, plus the multi-layered instruments and percussion, lead the listener to an encounter with their own soul, as author Benjamin Edmonds clearly states. It is a great read and very well written, for anyone who wants to feel a part of the making of such a musical masterpiece. I learned a lot about Marvin, the Motown world and all the contributing musicians. If you I bought this book because I love Marvin Gaye and the What's Going On album. I wasn't expecting it to go beyond that, but the author really paints the context beautifully. Though it's a short book, its every page is rich with detail and commentary. I feel like it's the closest we've ever gotten to the truth of the Motown story, in all its complexities. All the various personalities are fascinatingly detailed with their involvement in the album. The family-like atmosphere of Motown is demonstrated clearly including its dark side. The background of a company and its employees collectively in trauma is vividly described in the book. Anyone who loves Soul music should read this book - and buy the album. Read more. Marvin Gaye book. Read 3 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Arguably the greatest soul album ever made, What's Going On established ... Arguably the greatest soul album ever made, What's Going On established Motown star Marvin Gaye as a unique and maverick musical talent, whose determination and vision resulted not only in inspirational, pioneering grooves but, in the era of Vietnam and Civil Rights protests, an album that challenged America to take a long hard look at itself. Join free & follow Rock And Roll Book Club. RNRBC31 - What's Going On? Marvin Gaye and the Last Days of the Motown Sound by Ben Edmonds. by Rock And Roll Book Club. Follow. 34:21. Take Mixcloud on the go.