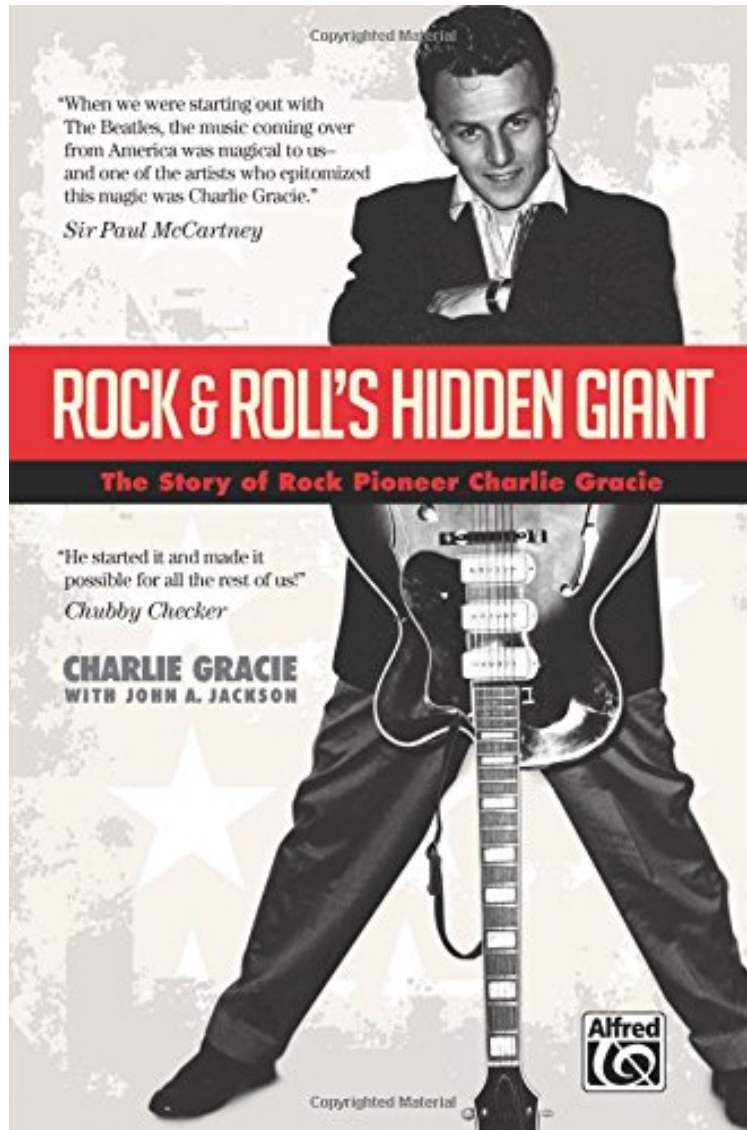


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Charlie is truly one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet and deserves all the success he's achieved because he did it the hard wBy Robert E. Jopson aka Bobby EllisI had the privilege of

hearing a lot of the stories in this book from Charlie himself back in 1962 when my dad and I went to see him at the Baltimore Tavern in Philly! As an aspiring guitarist/vocalist myself who at the time was pursuing a record deal I found that conversation fascinating. Now all this time later I find this book to be a compelling read and frankly couldn't put it down as it chronicled all of the events in his career as I recalled them. Charlie is truly one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet and deserves all the success he's achieved because he did it the hard way not like today where you can have "overnight success" through fabricated shows like American Idol or The Voice etc. Given the fact that I eventually signed with Cameo-Parkway myself in 1964 as Bobby Ellis I had no idea the label was heading south at that time until I read the details in this book. Charlie describes all that he went through quite vividly and it is truly a rags to riches back to rags back to riches story! I've seen Charlie perform at several other venues during my life and can tell you straight out that he is a perfectionist in his craft not only in his stage presence and professional sartorial image but in his superb guitar technique! Quite simply he's one of the best! And for those who think Charlie is "old school" check out his latest recording called Baby Doll for a contemporary high energy rocker you won't believe! Also a great companion item to this book is the DVD of his life simply called Fabulous! Buy them both and you won't be disappointed!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Just like talking to Mr. Gracie! By Nanette Kinslow I have been fortunate enough to meet Charlie Gracie on several occasions and found him to be genuine and friendly, with a touch of class. Reading this memoir is like meeting him face to face. It reads in an open and friendly manner as if you were enjoying a cup of coffee together. If you are a fan of Charlie Gracie and his music this a wonderful look into his life and his background as well as a glimpse into his character. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well written life story, an honest history of rock-and-roll from someone who has been there from the beginning and of course anyone who loves the music of this talented musician.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An excellent riveting book By George R. Nettleton An excellent riveting book. I could hardly put it down. Nice balance between an "I was there" insight and historical and genealogical background setting the scene. Truly an overlooked pioneer of Rock Roll. Congratulations to John Jackson for putting this out, to Charlie Gracie his son, for the interviews and desire to have this story before the public. An excellent insight into the workings of Rock Roll-the ups and downs and the fickleness of both the industry and us, the American fans. Great read.

Charlie Gracie's hit song "Butterfly" topped the American and British music charts in 1957, selling over three million copies. His hits in the late '50s propelled him to appearances on Dick Clark's American Bandstand, The Ed Sullivan Show, and some of the largest venues in the U. S. and abroad. Charlie was part of the birth of rock roll, and his unique style influenced some of the most important artists in rock history, including The Beatles, Cliff Richard, Van Morrison, Graham Nash, Chubby Checker, and countless others. Rock Roll's Hidden Giant uncovers Charlie's inspiring story, tracing his rise to the top of the charts through to his fall from fame. From his upbringing on the streets of Philadelphia to the tragic death of his friend Eddie Cochran to experiencing the dark side of Dick Clark and the early days of the music industry, we learn that Charlie's unfaltering integrity and talent were the constant guides in his life. Rock history would not be the same without Charlie Gracie, and this remarkable, uplifting account is essential for all fans of rock roll. "When we were starting out with The Beatles, the music coming over from America was magical to us---and one of the artists who epitomized this magic was Charlie Gracie." ---Sir Paul McCartney "Charlie Gracie was FIRST in Rock Roll---and the FIRST Rock Roller to come out of Philadelphia! He started it and made it possible for all the rest of us!" ---Chubby Checker "His concerts in the late '50s in Manchester, England helped me to become who I am today." ---Graham Nash "This book will allow you to see that nothing comes 'easy.' Success comes with hard work, disappointments, and some artists suffer betrayal by those they trust." ---Sir Cliff Richard "His guitar sound was brilliant!" ---George Harrison