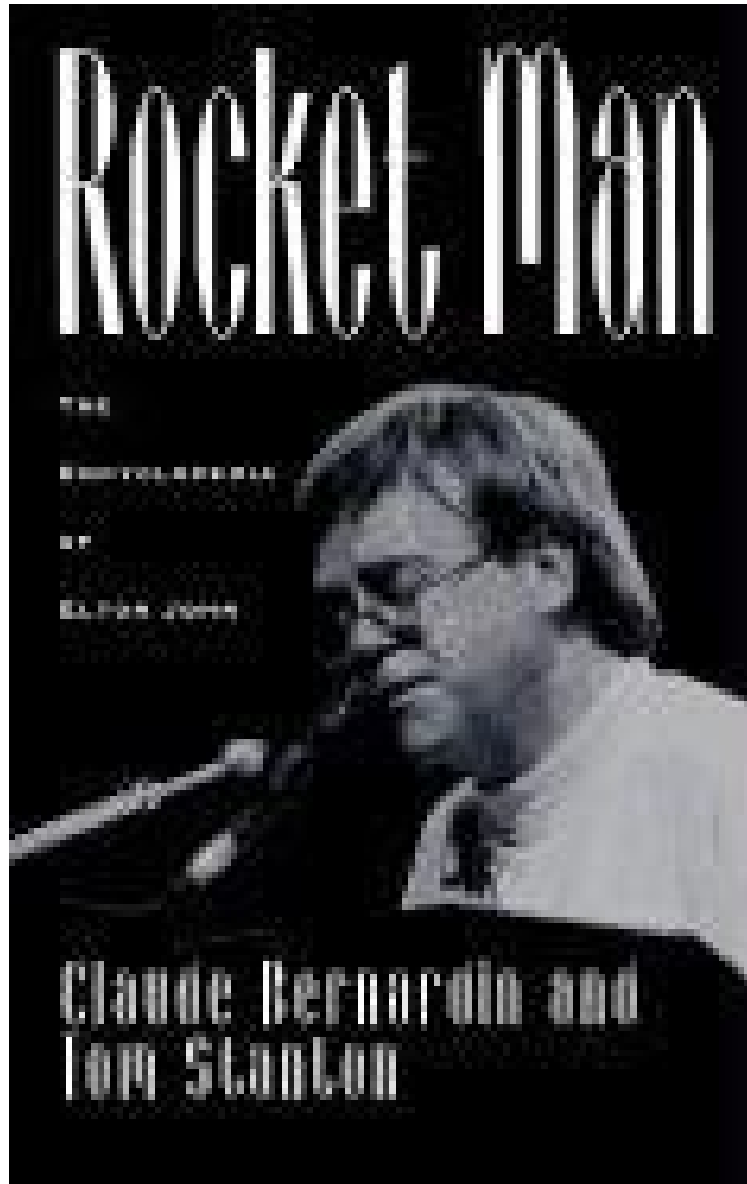


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**Claude Bernardin, Tom Stanton : Rocket Man: The Encyclopedia of Elton John** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rocket Man: The Encyclopedia of Elton John:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. "A-Z" should become a book series! By A Customer I don't know whether there is copyright over a book "format", but I really think "...from A to Z" should become a book series, like "The Complete Guide to the Music of..." This is easily the best reference book ever published about a single artist. It is

divided in three parts: the "A-Z" itself (the entries are quite informative and comprehensive), albums (in-depth reviews and reference to alternate versions of songs) and songs (where they can be found in Elton's discography). If only all reference books were like this... That's why I suggest that this format become a series. What about "David Bowie from A-Z"? 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. There's A Mistake By A Customer While the book is a fun read with Elton facts in alphabetical order, this is a mistake in the book that has just bugged me for a while. The two authors, especially one of them, is known as a major Elton historian. Why then, did he make the mistake?. The error in question is this - In describing the "Honky Chateau" album, it was stated that "Rocket Man" and "Honky Cat", the two singles off the album, were Elton's first top 10 singles?. Uh, sorry, but wrong. 2 years prior to this record, "Your Song" was a top 10 hit on the Billboard single charts. How can such a big historian make that mistake?. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. BEST BOOK OUT THERE ON ELTON JOHN By Richard Georgeou Dates, songs, eras in Elton's career; it's all here. The author who did research on this book, Claude Bernardin, did an outstanding job. His research was relentless. I prefer this book to many others because it is an encyclopedia type book and facts are easily found. A lot of information on unreleased songs, which is my favorite part of the book. I recommend this book to all Elton John enthusiasts. It is a book you must have in your library if you are a die hard Elton John fan.

Grammy winner for Can You Feel the Love Tonight from Disney's 1994 blockbuster movie The Lion King, Elton John is a musician that has transcended generations. Since his U.S. debut 25 years ago, E.J. has had a top-40 hit every year. This first reference dedicated to the legendary singer/songwriter, who has been enchanting fans for nearly three decades, contains hundreds of anecdotes on people, places, and things related to his career. It includes a behind-the-scenes look at every album, a comprehensive list of all songs written or recorded (dozens never released), and the most extensive look ever at E.J.'s pre-career life. Well researched, the volume's rich detail offers a gold mine of Elton John trivia gathered by one of the artist's premier historians and the editor of the international Elton John fan magazine East End Lights. Fans and popular music buffs will enjoy the comprehensive treatment on this 25th anniversary of Elton John's U.S. debut. There are four sections to this encyclopedia: Elton A-Z, featuring explanations, details, and anecdotes related to aspects of his career and life, with entries on celebrity friends, important places, and a wide variety of other topics; Albums, giving a chronological, behind-the-scenes look at his more than 35 albums up to and including 1995's Made in England; Performances, listing his concert tours year by year, highlighting major performances such as John Lennon's final stage appearance in a 1974 show, a 1979 concert in Russia, and a little-publicized 1992 tribute; and Songs, listing alphabetically more than 500 songs recorded or written by Elton John.

From Library Journal Elton John reached superstar status in the mid-1970s but then suffered a dry spell in the 1980s, owing chiefly to drug and alcohol problems. After kicking his habits in the early 1990s, he has experienced a resurgence in popularity in recent years and captured a Grammy and an Oscar for The Lion King's "Can You Feel the Love Tonight." His fans will welcome this slim volume as a definitive fact-finding tool. Want to know about those funky frames that Elton wears on stage? The entry under "Glasses" gives the entire history. Can't remember which album "Philadelphia Freedom" was on? Every song that Elton has recorded and information about it is included in the song section. A well-known authority on the singer and an editor of an Elton fan magazine, respectively, Bernardin and Stanton wrote Rocket Man: The Encyclopedia of Elton John (Greenwood, 1995), of which this is a revised, more trade-oriented edition. The current version is highly recommended for public libraries that already have some basic material on Elton John as the book is difficult to follow without some elementary knowledge of the singer. Libraries with the previous edition can skip this one. Regina L. Beach, Mississippi State Univ. Lib. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. ... "With over 25 top-40 albums and over 50 top-100 singles in the last 25 years (including a top-40 hit every year since 1970), Rocket Man is a much needed addition to the study of this popular artist.... Rocket Man belongs in major public libraries and those academic libraries with large popular culture and music collections. Anyone interested in the career of this enduring popular artist would also find it a welcome addition to a personal library." -H-Net Book ... "much needed addition to the study of this popular artist. Rocket Man belongs in major public libraries and those academic libraries with large popular culture and music collections. Anyone interested in the career of this enduring popular artist would also find it a welcome addition to a personal library." -H-Net Book "[Elton John's] fans will welcome this slim volume as a definitive fact finding tool. Want to know about those funky frames the Elton wears on stage? The entry under 'Glasses' gives the entire history. Can't remember which album 'Philadelphia Freedom' was on? Every song that Elton has recorded and information about it is included in the song section... highly recommended for public libraries..." -Library Journal "Elton John's fans will welcome this slim volume as a definitive fact finding tool. Want to know about those funky frames the Elton wears on stage? The entry under 'Glasses' gives the entire history. Can't remember which album 'Philadelphia Freedom' was on? Every song that Elton has recorded and information about it is included in the song section... highly recommended for public libraries..." -Library Journal "... much needed addition to the study of this popular artist. Rocket Man belongs in major public libraries and those academic libraries with large popular culture and music collections. Anyone interested in the career of this enduring popular artist would also find it a welcome addition to a personal library." -H-Net Book "[Elton John's] fans

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