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Editorial Review

Review

101 Essential Rock Records: The Golden Age of Vinyl from The Beatles to the Sex Pistols is a lavish, oversized production packed with color album covers inside and out and notes on every page providing background, history and facts about the record's evolution. Also included is a photo of the record inside, as well as the front, back and interior covers of each vinyl record. Accompanying notes provide insights into the evolution of the group or individual, the record's critical reception, and its overall impact in the rock music world. What sets this apart from other coverages is its attention to detail: both front and back album jackets as well as many inside shots are included, along with photos of the record itself. Notes are well detailed, critical, and important keys to understanding the place of the album in the music world as a whole. Kudos! -- Midwest Book Review, February 2013 Music Shelf - California Bookwatch

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