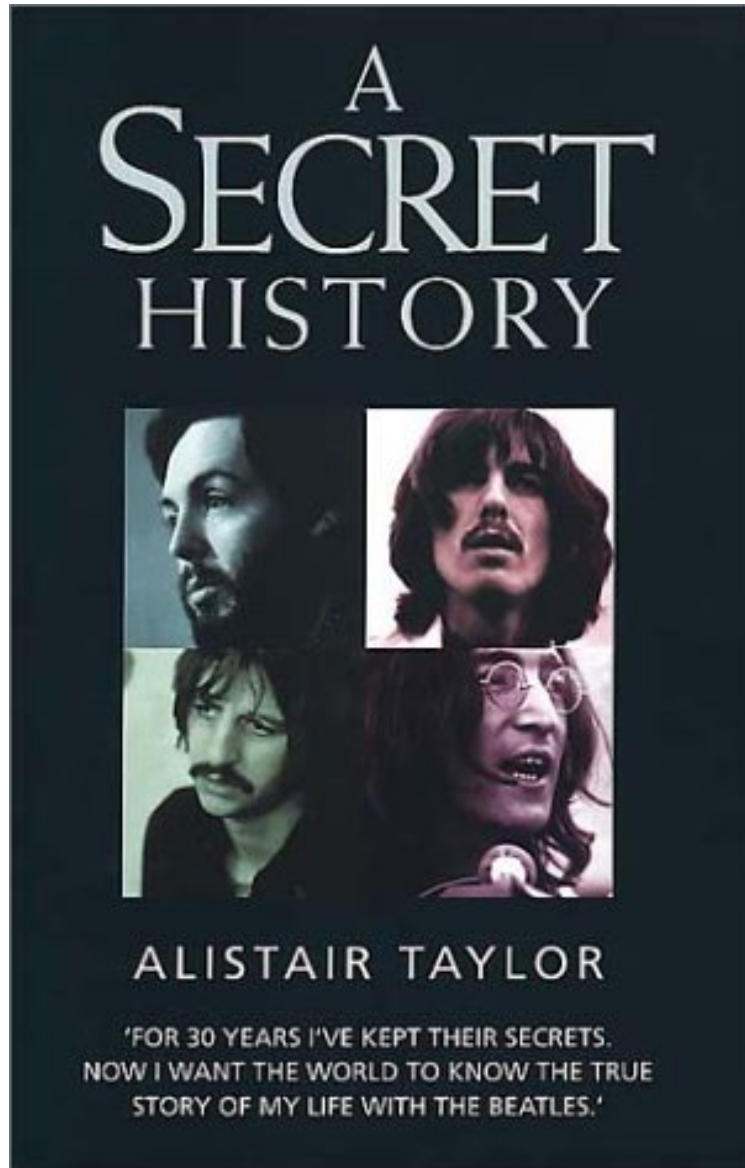


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**Alistair Taylor : A Secret History** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Secret History:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic read! By Pattie I just finished reading this book and I must say I'm very impressed. Alistair has written a no-holds barred book about his history with the Beatles that is frank, controversial at times and just plain entertaining. While I'd say some of the things he claims are probably based on

personal opinion versus fact, I think he's done so out of loyalty not only to the Beatles themselves, but to his employer and mentor, Brian Epstein. There are some amazing stories in there as only Brian's "Mr. Fixit" can tell, like the time John told him "buy me an island", to nightly late-night visits from a crying Paul McCartney after his break-up with Jane Asher. The story of "The Long Winding Road" brought tears to my eyes, and I couldn't help but laugh out-loud at some of the things John said and did to him. Alistair was a very simple man, with simple needs and he only tells the stories he was there for. After he was "sacked" as the chairman of Apple, the book ends. I think he figured if it didn't happen to him, he had no right to talk about it. Read it!  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Secret History  
By bugnutty  
No secrets here. Written by an embittered ex-employee of the Beatles who lost his job along with many other insiders during the Allan Klein sweep of Apple Corp when he briefly became their manager in the days before the band broke up in the early 70's. Any well-read Beatle fan has heard most of these stories and anecdotes before from other sources including certain band members themselves.  
2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not a lot of secrets shared  
By Anne Masterson  
I was very excited to see this book published as I am a big Beatle fan and there are not many "insiders" who have written books. While this book was interesting enough, ninety percent of it would already be known by a serious Beatle fan. Also, the emphasis of the book is on Brian Epstein and Paul McCartney. If you are a fan of George Harrison or Ringo Starr, you will be disappointed as they are rarely mentioned individually.

Look at the first contract with Beatles manager Brian Epstein, and you will see only one other name Alistair Taylor's. By the bands side from the very beginning, he beheld the inception and growth of the most extraordinary musical phenomenon of the last century. But he was also there when things started to go wrong when George Harrison quit the band at the height of their success and when it all started to spiral out of control. And he reveals for the first time exactly what caused their break-up. As Brian Epsteins right-hand man, Alistair Taylor was with the charismatic manager when he first saw The Beatles perform at The Cavern. Taylor later became the bands ever-present Mr. Fix-it. He bought islands, handled paternity cases, and became a close and trusted friend. It was he who found Epsteins body after his suicide and, in the reorganization that followed, Taylor went on to become General Manager of Apple, The Beatles record company.

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