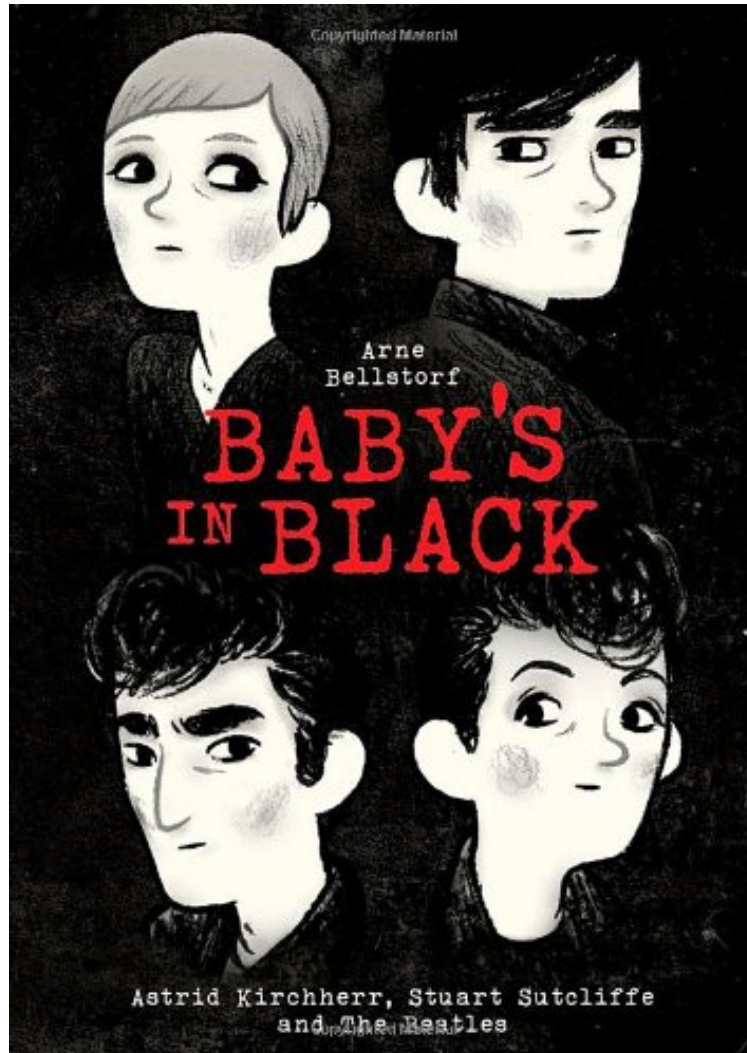


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Arne Bellstorf : Baby's in Black: Astrid Kirchherr, Stuart Sutcliffe, and The Beatles before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Baby's in Black: Astrid Kirchherr, Stuart Sutcliffe, and The Beatles:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Riveting story
By Emily Hearn
I loved this graphic novel, and contrary to the reviewers who felt it to be dry or perhaps mundane, I found it absolutely riveting. The only complaint that I could somewhat understand is that many of the male characters are illustrated in such a way that it can be tricky to tell them apart; however, if you pay careful attention, it shouldn't be too difficult to tell who is who. As someone who didn't know a ton about the story of Astrid and Stuart before reading this novel, I felt their love story was gentle, captivating, and of course, tragic. Reading this graphic novel inspired me to delve deeper into their personal history.

Furthermore, I especially appreciated the smoky, almost sultry art style depicted throughout the graphic novel. I found it to be especially fitting for the time period and for the subject matter. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By James Nisbet thanks 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Simple, striking, charming. I stumbled on these ... By Melissa Garland Simple, striking, charming. I stumbled on these illustrations on Pinterest and had to have it. It was an incarnation of the Beatles story that felt fresh.

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A fascinating, exhilarating portrait of the Beatles in their early years. Meet the Beatles . . . right at the beginning of their careers. This gorgeous, high-energy graphic novel is an intimate peek into the early years of the world's greatest rock band. The heart of *Baby's In Black* is a love story. The "fifth Beatle," Stuart Sutcliffe, falls in love with the beautiful Astrid Kirchherr when she recruits the Beatles for a sensational (and famous) photography session during their time in Hamburg. When the band returns to the UK, Sutcliffe quits, becomes engaged to Kirchherr, and stays in Hamburg. A year later, his meteoric career as a modern artist is cut short when he dies unexpectedly. The book ends as it begins, with Astrid, alone and adrift; but with a note of hope: her life is incomparably richer and more directed thanks to her friendship with the Beatles and her love affair with Sutcliffe. This tender story is rendered in lush, romantic black-and-white artwork. *Baby's In Black* is based on a true story.

Bellstorf's ability to capture the famous faces with a few simple tweaks is remarkable, and his expressive charcoals fit the whole artsy scene well. Booklist The Beatles' story forms a backdrop to the compelling tale of Astrid and Stu, and although readers will doubtless enjoy glimpses of "the lads" (distinguishable mainly by noses, eyebrows, and John's snarky attitude), it's doomed young love that carries the day. The march of tidily boxed black ink and pencil pictures, most of which feature characters in conversation, is relieved by unframed reveries of the lovers wandering in the woods to a soundtrack of Beatles lyrics, foreshadowing their coming loss. Bellstorf will connect with a wide readership, from photography buffs to romance readers to classic rockers. BCCB About the Author Arne Bellstorf was born in Dannenberg, Germany in 1979. Since 2006 he has been writing and illustrating a monthly comic page for a German newspaper, *Der Tagesspiegel*. *Baby's In Black* garnered unprecedented success in the German market, finding fans from all walks of life. Arne Bellstorf lives in Hamburg, Germany.