

Beatles, Beatles, Beatles

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Several other Beatles-related DVDs have just been released and are all a treat for Beatles fans. Magical Mystery Tour Memories (Three S Films) includes tales of the making of the Beatles film by Beatle insiders and those who appeared in the film. Come Together (Greatest Hits Live) is a DVD of the October 2001 concert filmed at Radio City Music Hall and hosted by Kevin Spacey that celebrated John Lennon's life and music with performances by Billy Preston, Dave Matthews, Sean Lennon, Lou Reed, and many others and Composing the Beatles Songbook: Lennon and McCartney 1966-1970 (Pride) includes insights into key Beatles songs from Klaus Voormann, Alan White, Barry Miles and many others. The Smithereens are back with another CD of Beatles music that is right on, entitled B-Sides Beatles (Koch). The rejuvenated band has also released The Smithereens Live In Concert! Greatest Hits and More (Koch). Two Beatlesrelated books not to miss include Here Comes the Beatles (Skira) edited by Umberto Buttafava and Enzo Gentile, a gorgeous coffee-table book overflowing with rare Beatles photos, art, collectibles and more and The Long and Winding Road from Blake to the Beatles (Palgrave/McMillan), by Matthew Schneider, which examines the literary, artistic, cultural, political and social roots of the Beatles going back to the late 1700s. British music fans will also enjoy the exhaustive biography of Pete Townshend of the Who; Who Are You-The Life of Pete Townshend (Omnibus Press) by Mark Wilkerson.