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BOB MARLEY

A Comics Biography

The next entry in the growing library that is the NBM Comics Biographies series is also within the subseries 'In Comics' dedicated to rock bands. It follows the very successful books on The Beatles and on The Rolling Stones.

While reggae had already gone beyond Jamaica's borders with the likes of Jimmy Cliff and some others, it is truly Bob Marley who made it a worldwide hit accepted by the masses.

From early years of poverty growing up with a single mom who moved to a Kingston ghetto, it's his ability with music and song composition that soon gives him and his Wailer friends the chance to emerge and while he may have intimated more darkly about his white father having taken advantage as in the slave days, history shows his father was ostracized by his family for having a black woman whom he did marry. He did however disappear after a few years.

Marley and his group are celebrated for many mega-hits and resoundingly popular world tours. As his stature grew, Marley espoused causes of equality and racial relations hoping to spread a positive message for the world to follow. He also put Rastafarianism on the map worldwide.

Enjoy this boisterous biography of a fascinating man who died of cancer too early.

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