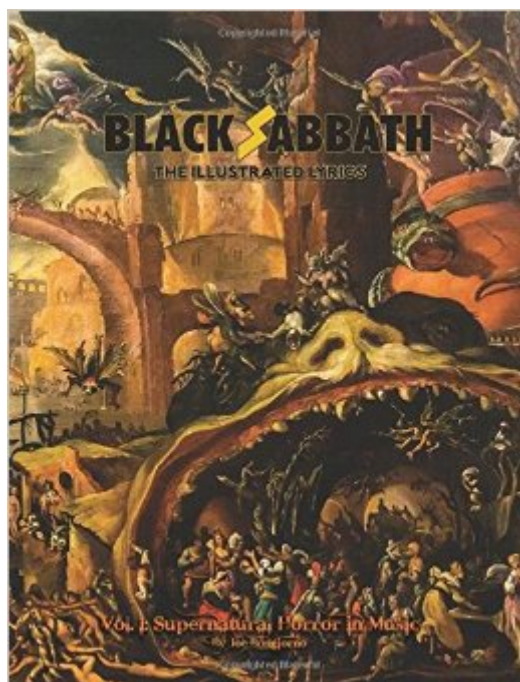


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# Black Sabbath: The Illustrated Lyrics, Vol 1: Supernatural Horror In Music (Volume 1)



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The first in a series of eight books that explores every lyric from the band's 1970s canon, *Black Sabbath: The Illustrated Lyrics Vol 1* provides an in-depth examination of Black Sabbath's iconic debut album, including songs from their early days as Earth, and over 170 powerful and haunting images from some of the most acclaimed names in the world of art, from visionary contemporary illustrators to arcane masters of old. Black Sabbath's lyrics have been misheard, misunderstood and misinterpreted since they were first released. Here, at last, is the definitive analysis of the band's soul-searing message and themes, their dark warnings, anti-war protest songs and apocalyptic visions! *Black Sabbath: The Illustrated Lyrics* goes beneath the surface where few have gone before to uncover the truth behind the greatest musical force to ever storm the earth!

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fabulous book about Sabbath. Between the writing, the artwork and pictures and documents of the group I've never seen, of the twenty or so books on Black Sabbath I own, this is by far the best one. Contrary to another reviewer, I find the actual book materials and printing fine, well above average. The author knows his subject matter well and has undertaken a mammoth job to unite all of these great works of art to Sabbath and the first album. Additionally, his commentary is spot on. I visited Joe's website and wasn't surprised to find thru archived email material this has been in the works for almost ten years. It shows what a labor of love and effort it is for a small publisher to put out a book of this quality. I just hope he didn't shoot his wad on this first volume! I

was 11 when Paranoid came out and my older brothers bought it, and I hope I live long enough to see the other seven volumes including Never Say Die, my second favorite BS album after Paranoid.

Man, just received my copy and what an extensive, down the rabbit hole trip this thing is. Joe has gone way beyond lyrics and written a deep, deep history of the band through the first album, but fulfilled his promise of both discussing the lyrics at length (while providing cultural context), and then providing dozens of curated artworks to bring the band's words to nightmarish life, as if they needed it. Photography, commentary from the band, and a full set of the lyrics themselves... this is a meditative look of Sabbath like no other. Looking forward eagerly to the next SEVEN volumes.

Very cool compilation of art and back story on the lyrics...but the actual manufacturing job...this looks like it was printed at Kinkos and then sent to a binding company who offered to spine it together (book is spined, not in a binder thankfully). I would have gladly paid an extra \$10 - \$20 to get high quality printed paper and a glossy cover.

This is a beautiful book! It has in-depth information and analysis for every song on the 'Black Sabbath' album as well as many early songs in the Pre-Sabbath era. It's also filled with amazing artwork and photographs. It makes the perfect companion to listening to one of the greatest albums ever released.

I find it to be long winded and boring. While I have learned a few things I did not know about the band, it seems like the author uses unnecessarily long words and keeps saying the same thing over and over in a little different way.

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