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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Clash fans will welcome this comprehensive exploration of the band's landmark album London Calling by journalist Gray (It Crawled from the South), who has twice previously tried to tell this story, with mixed results. Gray kicks things off this time with biographies of Strummer, Jones, Simonen, and Headon. "There is...enough crossover of the four individuals' experience to provide pointers for the album's lyrical concerns," Gray says, rather dryly, positing that "if four musically creative people with such histories went into a rehearsal room they would almost inevitably" emerge with something like London Calling. At the heart of the book is a 200-page in-depth exploration of every London Calling track. Gray also discusses production details, the punk scene, promotion and touring, and the famous album image. London Calling continues to inspire today because "it looks anger, fear, impotence, and self-doubt in the eye, then pulls on its boots and goes out to face the day." Engaging and well-written, and rife with half a century of music scene details, Gray's third attempt at capturing The Clash is the one that fans have been waiting for. Photos. (Oct.)
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From Booklist
The Clash is considered one of the greatest of all rock bands. In this exhaustive treatment, Gray concentrates on the English punk rock band’s third album, London Calling, released in the United States in early 1980. But first he sets the scene: offering biographical details on all four band members (Joe Strummer, Mick Jones, Paul Simonon, and Topper Headon) as well as discussing the band’s previous albums. He looks at not only the recording sessions but also the songwriting style of Strummer and Jones, and analyzes each of the album’s 19 songs. Gray writes about the packaging and promotion of the album, including the creation of its iconic cover: that of a live-action shot of Simonon smashing his bass guitar on stage, which was partly in homage to Elvis Presley’s eponymous debut album. He concludes with a discussion of London Calling’s effect on popular culture and on the work of other artists, from Bruce Springsteen to U2. Although it may be too thorough for casual readers, serious rock fans will welcome this meticulously detailed examination. -- June Sawyers

Review
"Meticulous detail."
— *Telegraph*

"There are amazing stories."
— Andrew Perry, *Mojo*

"Well written and thoroughly researched, it is also perspicacious and ambitious in its placing of an hour of guitar music in the context of individual lives, post-war Britain, the heady power of American popular culture over British teenagers, and -- that redoubtable cliché of the rock 'n' roll life -- the trappings of fame... This seems to be the kind of celebratory chronicling that [lead singer Joe Strummer himself], who died at the age of fifty in 2002, might have welcomed."
— PJ Carnehan, *Times Literary Supplement*

"Gray's book is a triumph in that his obsessive detail enhances and illuminates a classic record."
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