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# Queen: On Camera, Off Guard 1969-91



## Synopsis

From their first appearance on the Top of the Pops to outtakes from It's My Life, a fantastic selection of images from one of the world's best-loved supergroups. Featuring pictures from 1969 to 1982, the images collected here include the first ever photographs of Freddie Mercury as a performer with Ibex in Bolton in June 1969, taken by songwriter Chris Smith who recounts his experiences of the night. Further early images of Mercury include pictures taken at Ealing Art College and outside his home in Shepherd's Bush where Queen's first official photo session took place in 1973. Images from their first Japanese tour, from the "Fat Bottomed Girls" cover shoot, on tour in South America with Mercury's boyfriend, and many more allow fans to get closer to Mercury and the rest of the band than any previous book. Furthermore, many of the photographers of these amazing images give their insights and stories, providing an intimate insight into Queen backstage, onstage, and at play.

## Book Information

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"A rare, candid view of two iconic rock groups." — Library Journal on The Beatles: On Camera, Off Guard and The Rolling Stones: On Camera, Off Guard"Overall, this is a great book for those interested in Queen's background and exploring their past." — San Francisco Book Review.com"This is a great book for those looking to see what Queen did when they weren't being Queen." — San Francisco Book Review.com

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I really enjoyed this book. One reviewer commented on the confusing way the author referenced some photographs, but after I got the author's rhythm down I was able to read without being frustrated. For me there were a lot of good photos and I enjoyed the little stories the author told; some about the band others about his life. For me the best part of the book was the photographs. I bought this book not for a biography, but for the pictures. If you want a lot of information about the band/members this may not be the book for you, but as I only have two books on Queen I really enjoyed all of the photographs. I can't speak to how rare the photos are, someone who has a lot of photographs/books may already have some of the photographs. The book seems to be a good quality hardbound book; I am very pleased with my purchase.

I didn't pay much and so glad. Most pics I've seen before. Very heavy book, and on good paper-what a drag. So many pics of the same thing. many photos are distorted (long compressed faces, etc.)Love Queen, but I think this is kind of embarrassing, The band deserves a better coffee table book.

This is a nice coffee table book, in my opinion. The book consists of excellent quality photographs on very good paper. There were some rare photos, especially of them early on. I only wish there were more candid photos included during the '80's, my favorite time period of Queen. Over all, I think it was worth every penny, and a good purchase if you are a Queen memorabilia collector.

I just love this book and the pictures are so candid. For me, I can't get enough of Queen and how they changed the music industry so this book is really mostly great pictures with stories behind the pictures and the events that marked their career. It doesn't tell anything more that is already written just wonderful pictures that have never been published before. A conversation piece about Queen and beloved Freddie.

Love this book. There are pics in here I've never even seen. I've been a Queen fan for 25 years and my love for them was recently ignited. This book is a nice addition to my Queen collection.

## Great Book

I really love this book. The author wasn't a professional, his family housed a working staff member of Trident.. His earliest photos, of Smile in the studio make this book well worthwhile. His housemate led to his career twice over. I did not know this book existed until seeing it here.

Great book, photos I've never seen anywhere. A must for Queen fans!

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