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They are the band that created metal music . . . and they have defined it for more than four decades. Black Sabbath's career spans eleven different line-ups and nineteen studio albums in addition to the twenty-eight solo albums of the original four members.

The band began in 1968 as a blues rock band on the cover circuit of Birmingham, England. Clawing their way up from the postwar bombed-out suburbs of Birmingham, the four members - guitarist and main songwriter Tony Iommi, bassist and main lyricist Geezer Butler, singer Ozzy Osbourne, and drummer Bill Ward - would define a new genre of music and make themselves world famous.

Joel McIver explores the complete history of Sabbath, from the precursor bands to the release of the holy trinity of heavy metal - "Black Sabbath" (the song) on Black Sabbath (the album) by Black Sabbath (the band) - to the present. With over 150 photos, a gatefold family tree tracing the development of the band, a complete discography, and a foreword by Machine Head frontman Robb Flynn, this is the must-have book for any Sabbath fan.

## **The Complete History of Black Sabbath Details**

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## From Reader Review The Complete History of Black Sabbath for online ebook

### Diana says

I received this book through Goodreads Giveaways.

When I saw the book, I thought it would be just a small biography of how the band started. When I got it I was pleasantly surprised to find it was a large coffee table book. It's great as well as the history of the band it has multiple photos, many that I have never seen before. If you're a fan of Black Sabbath, or the multiple members that have been in and out of the band over the years I highly recommend picking up a copy. If you're a classic rock fan, I suggest at least checking your library for a copy, you'll likely enjoy it as well.

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### Alan says

BIG! LOTS OF PICTURES. It's about Black Sabbath, Ozzy's solo career and leads into THE END. The final (??you never know??) tour.

It's very good. It repeats things I've read before and elsewhere. It gave some new facts here and there. Once Ozzy leaves the band it tells two stories. Tony keeping Black Sabbath going through the 80's and 90's and Ozzy dealing with alcohol, Sharon, Randy's death and TV fame.

So, after a time Ozzy does get more screen time I guess, but there's not much else to say about Black Sabbath from about 1983 to 1996 except that Tony juggles a lot of things to keep the band and his career going. Geezer's in/Geezer's out. Bill Ward is in/Bill Ward is out. Glenn Huges sings. Ian Gillan Sings. Dio sings. Dio leaves. Dio comes back. Tony Martin is always available. You have to give Tony Iommi credit for staying the course all that time even being FORCED to use the Black Sabbath name on records he wanted to be solo works. Up Against the Wall. Recommended for fans.

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### Crikko says

Più che una biografia sui padri fondatori del metal, una vasta raccolta fotografica sorretta da altalenanti didascalie. Essenziale e riassuntivo, complice un infimo livello di scrittura e una pessima traduzione in lingua italiana

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### Roxanne says

This is a Goodreads win review. This is the history of the metal band Black Sabbath. I have always been a metal head even as I have gotten older I still love metal. They were the first metal band to come along and forge the way for other metal bands. Loved this book.

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## **Parsley says**

I'd rather say "introductory" than "complete", but still, great history of Black Sabbath... for beginners... not much more than you'd find in Wikipedia. If you really want to know much about the band, check Iommi's autobiography first (or next).

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## **wesley e wills says**

### **Pretty good read.**

The early years were very interesting. All of the band member changes get a little monotonous. Reading about Ozzy through the years was also interesting. Hope someday he gets to work with Paul McCartney.

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