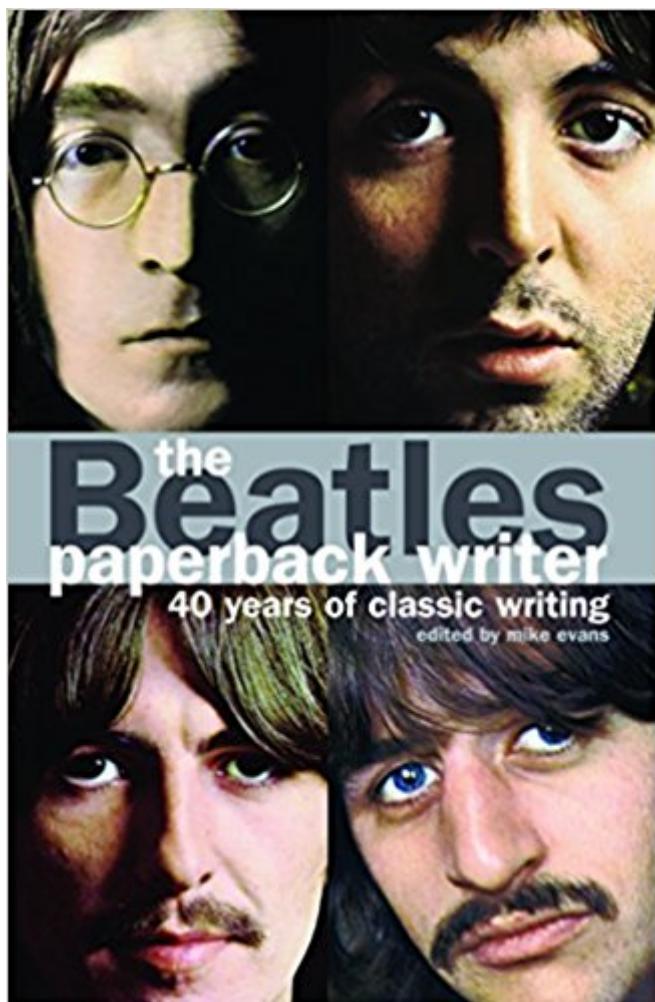


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# The Beatles: Paperback Writer: 40 Years Of Classic Writing



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