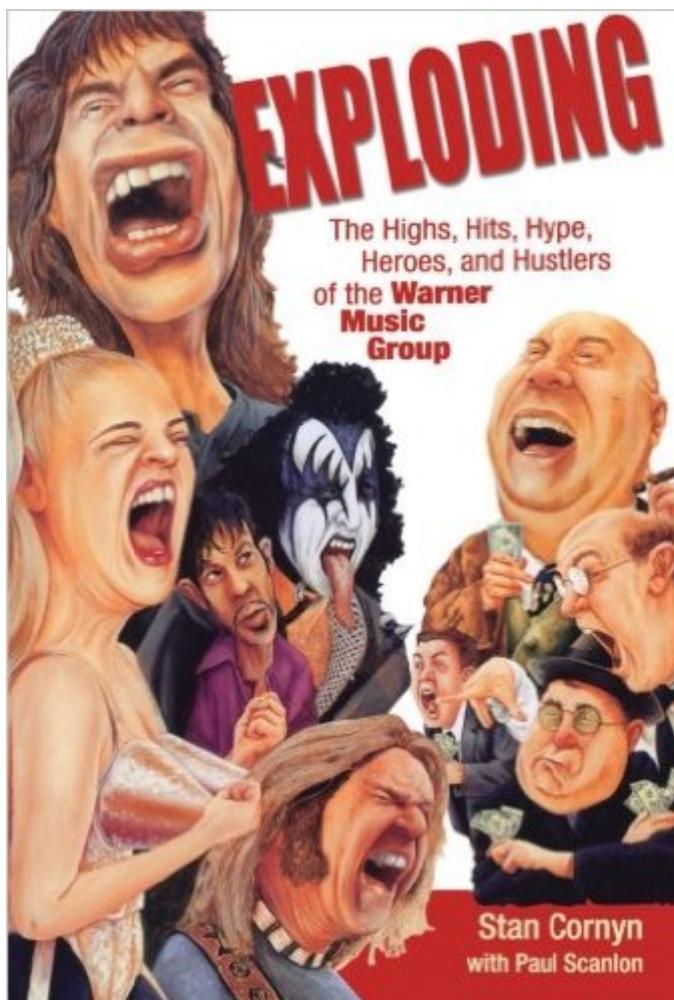


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# Exploding: The Highs, Hits, Hype, Heroes, And Hustlers Of The Warner Music Group



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Stan Cornyn -- a key creative force behind the rise of the Warner Music Group -- experienced the ultimate highs and lows of the company for more than thirty years. Now, get the inside scoop on top executive decisions, wild stories on iconic musicians, and the outrageous steps Warner took to produce a hit. Populated by celebrities like Dr. Dre, Frank Sinatra, the Grateful Dead, Madonna, Lil' Kim, Jimi Hendrix, Alice Cooper, Joni Mitchell, and dozens more, *Exploding* reveals the music business as you've never seen it before.

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Brothers Music from its founding in the Fifties, through its heyday as the world's biggest music label group in the Seventies and Eighties, to its later decline. Not only that, but he became a major executive within the company but was a creative, music person and not a 'Suit'. I first noticed him as a writer of Frank Sinatra's liner notes (for which he won Grammy awards) and also of delightfully over-the-top notes for Petula Clark's LP's. He went on as head of Warner's advertising and promotion to be a major creator of a label whose atmosphere appealed to the new crowd of singer-songwriters and rock stars who wanted to sign with this label and not its stodgy competitors.

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