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For my two favorite ladies, Carlene and Lila...  
All together now — G.E.

For Nicole, my biggest  
critic and biggest inspiration — J.T.

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## Who Were the Beatles?

They were known as the Fab Four. And they were so famous that if you just said John, Paul, George, and Ringo, people knew who you were talking about.

They looked different from most young guys in the early 1960s. They wore their hair longer. Reporters called them the “Mop Tops.” Their jackets, which buttoned all the way to the top. Their accents were different, too, because they were from England. Liverpool, England. Before that, all the biggest pop stars were American.



Most of all, their music sounded different. It was rock and roll, but not like anything kids had heard before. When the band came to the United States for the first time, concert stadiums sold out. People went wild. Girls fainted. Newspapers called it the “British Invasion.”

They were even bigger than Elvis. Then, when they were at their most popular, the Fab Four broke up. Yet today, forty years later, their songs still hit the top of the charts.



Who was this band? The Beatles, the greatest rock group ever. Here is their story.