The First New Leonard Cohen Book In Over A Decade......

LEONARD COHEN - HALLELUJAH

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A major recording artist since the release of his first album in 1967, the legend that is Leonard Cohen has had a revival of religious proportions during the past two years. After spending the best part of the previous decade living in a monastery and meditating 12 hours a day, music's most eloquent poet rose again in the late noughties, and in the process grabbed a whole new fan-base from generations barely aware of his huge body of work up to that point.

This book tells Cohen's entire, fascinating story. From his years growing up in Quebec in a middle class Jewish family, through a decade as a budding poet and author - following the publication of his first collection in 1956 - his relocation to NYC and entry into the world of folk and rock [at the age of 37] and his successful career as a singer-songwriter whose own recordings have regularly competed with versions by other vocalists. The story continues through the Cohen revival and the wholly unexpected position he found himself in, in December 2008, when 2 cover versions of the song with which this book shares a title competing for the coveted UK Christmas Number one single spot. The book goes on to include details of his newest material – his first for a decade – currently being recorded alongside more live performances.

This work includes many new interviews with key Cohen associates, brand new research and the most updated material available.

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