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#### Review

The book is an astute take on the music industry at the time, the Police's place in it and Miles Copeland's manipulation of both. Campion should be applauded for not pulling any punches, even when the hits are self-imposed by the Police themselves.

--Stephen Slayburgh, Agit Reader (agitreader.com)

Chris Campion reframes the story of the Police into the wider world of 1980s rock... and the culture war that took place between the fall of disco and the rise of MTV. --Los Angeles Times, Brand X

#### From the Inside Flap

Ambition brought the Police together. It also tore them apart - but not before they became the biggest band in the world and the first supergroup of the 1980s. In *Walking the on the Moon*, British writer Chris Campion tells the full, uncensored story of the spectacular rise of the Police.

The story of the Police is the story of a band struggling to balance commercial ambitions with the desire for artistic credibility. Campion uses this framework as a filter to examine the broader cultural shifts that occurred during the late 1970s and early 1980s, a period in which the music business went from bust to boom and struggled to reassert itself against the nihilistic threat of punk rock, the most significant artist-driven music movement since the baby boomer pop music explosion of the mid- to late 1960s.

The book provides a new view of the emergence and importance of new wave, the music that emerged from the punk era, examining its avant-garde roots and how it became an unwitting player in the collapse of communism. *Walking on the Moon* tells an epic tale of 1980s rock and the role played within it by one of the biggest names in the music world.

#### From the Back Cover

"Chris Campion strips away the myth and treats the Police not as superheroes but as beat cops- cracking their cases gig by gig, hit by hit, van ride by van ride as they worked their way into legend."

--**Ian Christe**, author of *Sound of the Beast* and *Everybody Wants Some*

"Chris Campion's recounting of the Police saga is well researched and often very funny. It's a great book about a great band."

--**Stephen Davis**, author of *Hammer of the Gods*

The Police came seemingly from nowhere and took the world by storm. Then, at the height of their fame, they were suddenly gone. *Walking on the Moon* tells the unvarnished tale of their meteoric rise and the intense conflicts that led the group to disband and provides a look at the larger-than-life personalities that surrounded them in the strange and fascinating world of new wave rock.

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