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Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay

By Simon Napier-Bell

Unbound. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay, Simon Napier-Bell, Simon Napier-Bell is a legend in the music business. Not only was he the manager of The Yardbirds, T Rex, Japan, and Wham!, and co-writer of the hit song You Don't Have to Say You Love Me but he also wrote one of the most lauded books ever written about post-war British pop music, Black Vinyl, White Powder. But Simon wasn't satisfied. He decided to tackle the whole history of the music industry, right from the beginning; from 1713 when the British parliament gave writers the right of ownership in what they wrote, until to today, when the worldwide industry is worth 100 billion pounds and is entirely owned by the Russians, French and Japanese. And it's brilliant. Bursting with memorable anecdotes and the kind of witty asides that only a real insider could make, among the many things you will learn along the way are: How a formula for writing hit songs devised in the 1900s created over 50,000 of the best-known songs ever; Why the 'music industry' became the 'song racket', the 'singles business', and then the 'record industry'. But is now the 'music industry' again; Why Jewish immigrants...



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