



CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

Elton John's Stellar Trip
through the '70s
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- The first book to trace Elton John's meteoric rise in the wild 1970s, to a global sensation with sales of 200 million albums worldwide
- Publication to coincide with his seventieth birthday
- Based on one-on-one interviews
- With a supporting cast that includes John Lennon, Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Groucho Marx, Katherine Hepburn, Princess Margaret and Elvis Presley

'The go-to guy if you want to coax confessions from a superstar' – *Mojo* on Tom Doyle

SUMMARY

In August 1970 Elton John achieved overnight fame after a rousing performance at the Troubadour in Los Angeles; over the next five years he was unstoppable, scoring seven consecutive number 1 albums and sixteen Top 10 singles in America. But behind his outré image and comedy glasses lay a desperately shy individual, conflicted about his success, his sexuality, and his narcotic indulgences. In 1975, at the apex of his fame, John attempted suicide yet, after announcing his retirement in 1977 at the age of thirty as well as coming out as a gay man, he gradually found his way back to music.

Captain Fantastic is an intimate look at the rise, fall and rise again of John's fame-and-drug fuelled decade, with a final section bringing his life up to the present.

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