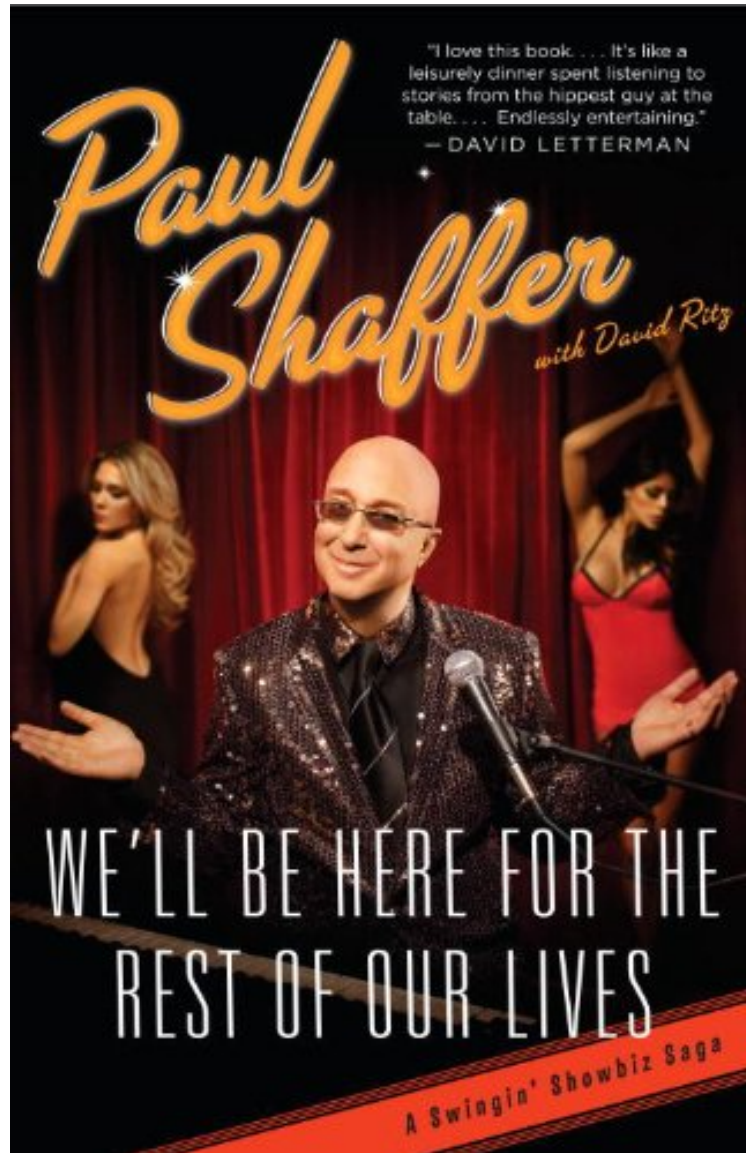


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mister Chops Takes Center Stage - Buy the Book!By Albert J. MoraI recommend that you buy this book!Paul Shaffer is of my generation and I viscerally connect to everything about him. He grew up in a close family. Me too. His parents loved entertainment and exposed him to an immense variety of high-quality music. Me too. Paul's first love is performing music. Me too. Paul is a cheerful creature who is

too busy loving all the groovy things in life to have a bad day. Me too. I've loved Paul on everything from his Saturday Night Live days up to the last Letterman episode, and I've enjoyed the forays into movies, sitcoms, benefits, award shows, albums, etc. with which Paul's life has been filled. I've enjoyed many of Paul's interviews, where he is shown to be quick-witted, extremely articulate, and as happy a creature as you'll ever see. Paul takes every opportunity to acknowledge Dave Letterman's immense talent, which shows he gets it, and his generosity. In my case, because I'm a musician, the thing I love most about Paul is how he plays keyboards. Paul might never be inducted to the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame because he has had very little direct connection to hit songs, but in my opinion he should be. Watch videos of Paul playing and, especially if you're a musician, you'll appreciate Paul's encyclopedic knowledge of material and his immense vocabulary of (what we call in the music biz) chops. Paul has as many chops as any cat who ever touched any instrument. In short, I'm a huge Paul Shaffer fan. Back to the book. In the book, we see that Paul has led the ultimate charmed life. And in the book we see that the great thing is that he knows it and appreciates it. Thanks for sharing your story Paul! Write another one in a few years! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Strangely Informative By JJ Morley In as much as Shaffer grew up in Thunder Bay Canada right across the border from my home state of Minnesota, and also being close to the same age and of musical taste and persuasion I thought I knew quite a bit about Shaffer's professional career. The book was very informative and really portrayed Shaffer in a mostly positive but strangely nerdy light. One thing that was increasingly obvious is that sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. Shaffer has mostly lived a charmed life it would seem and if not for being in the right place at the right time and coming from a wealthy family his story could have been much different. The guy is a geek and the book clearly establishes that fact. Having the backing of a pronounced Jewish networking contingent from Canada, New York, L.A. and other places did not hurt his career any either! He has enjoyed having a very astute manager and truth be known Shaffer is better known in the business for being a better businessman than as a the mostly average professional musician he is. Still it was refreshing to find out he wasn't a real druggie or a flaming alcoholic and is considered a good husband and family man. If you aren't really a Shaffer fan I wouldn't bother with the book though. I bought the book used and did not get hurt too bad on it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

The Music Man By Eddie Wannabee Paul Shaffer comes across exactly as how I imagined him to be. His caliber as a musician is undisputed, for he has played in so many important dates that he surely deserves the recognition. This book is fun and easy to read, I found myself skipping quite a few pages that really did not have enough interesting value. Apparently Mr. Paul Shaffer is a very happy man, and there is nothing wrong with that. He briefly mentions various names, which is the correct way to say I Know Them!, but really he does not say much besides letting the reader know how incredibly lucky, and respected musician he is. I guess I am so used to hear about chaos in the life of musicians, and with Paul Shaffer that does not happen. Just a clean cut kid that grew up to become a staple in late night television, plus his glory days with Saturday Night Live. There is very little to dislike about his career, and much to admire. Still, the book did not have a lot of oomph, and it became easier and easier to skip to the more pertinent parts, which were far and few in between. I bought it, will pass it to the next interested party, but will not say is outstanding by any stretch of the imagination. Great musician, a little boring on the side. 3.5 Stars.

Paul Shaffer—born and bred music junkie and longtime leader of David Letterman's Late Show band—opens up in this candid, endearing, hilarious, and star-studded memoir. From playing seedy strip joints in Toronto, to being the first musical director of Saturday Night Live and helping to form the Blues Brothers, to being onstage every night with David Letterman and playing with the greatest musicians of our time, Shaffer has lived the ultimate showbiz life. Now—dishing on everyone from John Belushi and Jerry Lewis to Mel Gibson and Britney Spears—Paul gives us the full behind-the-scenes story of his life, from banging out pop tunes on the piano at the age of twelve to leading the band every night at the Sullivan Theater. From the Trade Paperback edition.