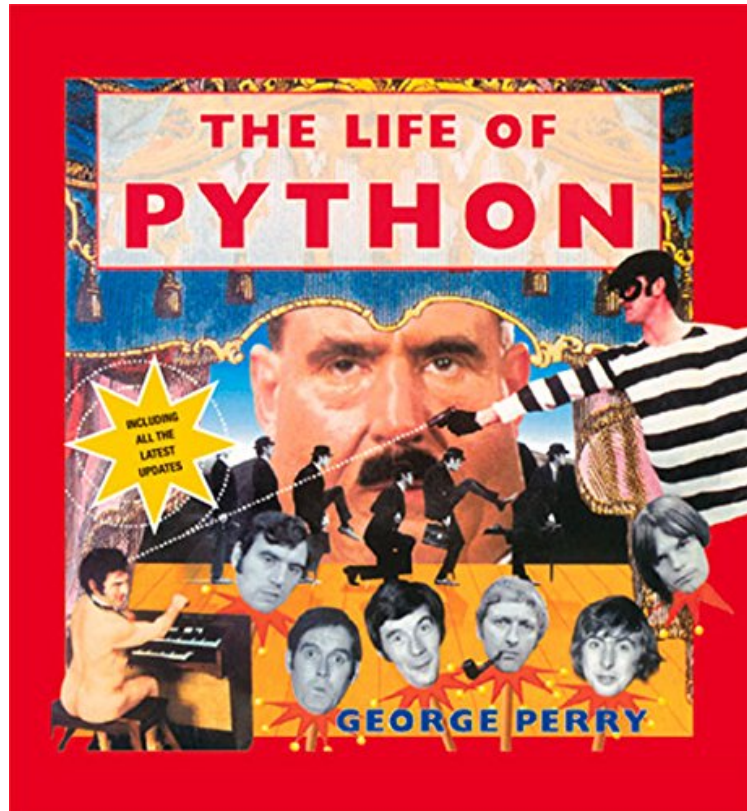


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George Perry : The Life of Python before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Life of Python:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. not completely different, but it's funBy M L HillLots of great info and pictures on the Python members and stages of Python. I actually got it to help me prep for a class I was teaching about Python and its predecessors, and it was very useful.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great illustrations and coverage but repetitiousBy Kevin W. ParkerAs a college student in the seventies, Monty Python's Flying Circus was part of my growing-up. Their brand of insane humor seems almost natural to me, since it was such a part of my life. This book, however, makes clear how revolutionary it really was.Mostly, though, it's a history of Python, from what led into it both on television and at Oxford and (particularly) Cambridge, how it came about, and what happened afterwards. It discusses who worked with whom throughout (including on the show, which is significant: Graham Chapman and John Cleese were one pairing, Terry Jones and Michael Palin were another, while Eric Idle and Terry Gilliam tended to work alone).It's copiously illustrated, including a demonstration of silly walks in the upper-right-hand corner that one can experience in motion by flipping the pages rapidly. My only quibble is that there seems to be an inordinate fondness for photographs from lesser-known efforts like Erik the Viking and The Missionaries.The text is good overall, though it could be better organized. Early chapters cover the careers of each of the Pythons individually, then return to their history as a group. Since many of the Pythons worked together after the

program went off, there's a significant amount of repetition as a result. Overall, though, this is an excellent overview and appreciation of the Pythons and their remarkable accomplishments in bringing us a new brand of comedy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative and entertaining By David Eide The author was a contemporary of the Pythons at Cambridge and is able to provide useful perspective and context for the pre-Python period. (I have not read the 2015 updated version. The version I read is from 1995.)

A revised and updated edition, this book charting the course of a comedic revolution will appeal to die-hard fans and new recruits alike Monty Python rides again. Those malicious rumors that they were washed up, pooped out, time expired (usually started by them) simply aren't true. With the launch of the sell-out show Monty Python Live (mostly), the great, hugely influential comedy group geared up anew, surprising even more generations. The world of Python, its ear finely tuned to the absurd, was that rare beast: absolute originality. This tribute to the inspired collective genius of John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin, and the late Graham Chapman, is based on personal reminiscences and exclusive interviews with each of them. It recounts, with many photos from the archives, their pre-Pythonic lives, their meeting, its impact, and the aftermath. They have come a long way over the years since then. Today, Gwen Dibley would hardly know them (were she still alive). The book is a faithful chronicle of the people and events who engendered a revolution in comedy.

About the Author George Perry, author, journalist, fellow Oxbridge graduate, and expert on all matters Pythonical, has revised and updated his biography of the phenomenal team whose ongoing influence changed the face of comedy forever.