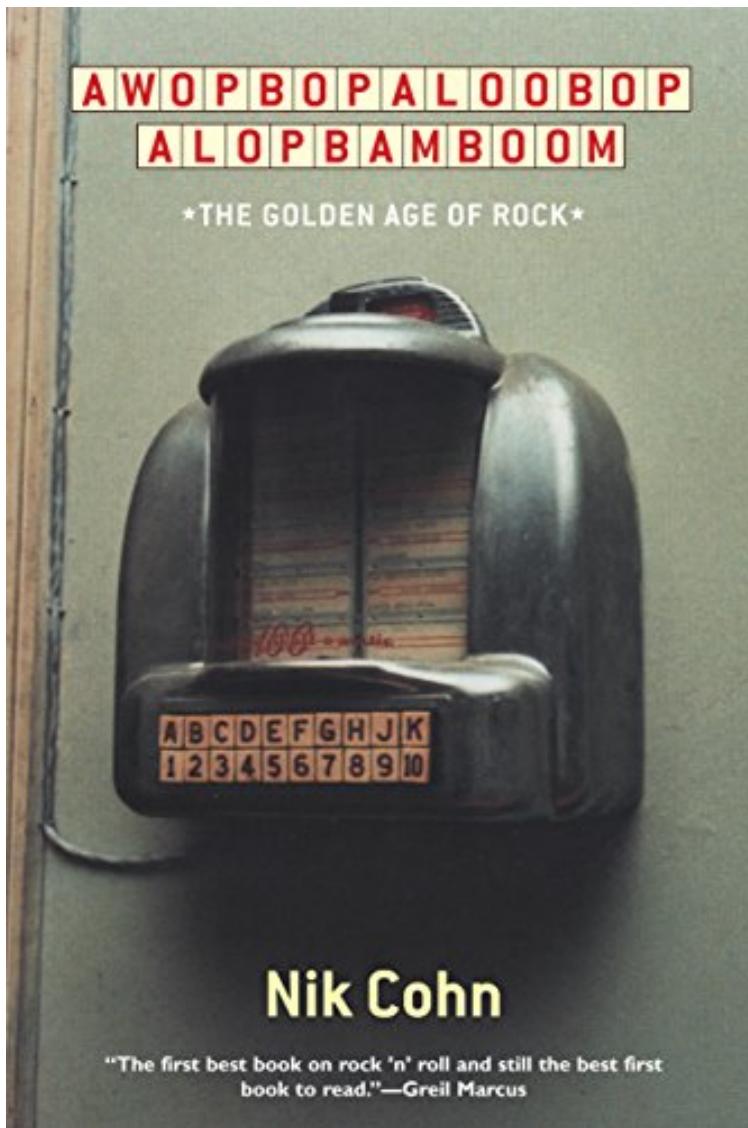


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Written in 1968 and revised in 1972, Awopbopalooobop Alopbamboom was the first book to celebrate the language and the primal essence of rock 'n' roll. But it was much more than that. It was a cogent history of an unruly era, from the rise of Bill Haley to the death of Jimi Hendrix. And while telling outrageous tales, vividly describing the music, and cutting through the hype, Nik Cohn would engender a new literary form: rock criticism. In his book's wake, rock criticism has turned into a veritable industry, and the world of music has never been the same. Now this seminal history of rock 'n' roll's evolution is available once moremdash;as riotous a spree as any in rock writing.

“The definitive history of rock ‘n’ roll.” -- Rolling Stone About the Author NIK COHN was brought up in Derry, Northern Ireland. His books include *I Am Still the Greatest Says Johnny Angelo*, *Ball the Wall*, *The Heart of the World*, and, most recently, *Need*. He also wrote the story that gave rise to *Saturday Night Fever* and collaborated on *Rock Dreams* with the artist Guy Peellaert. He lives in Shelter Island, New York, and Ardara, County Donegal.