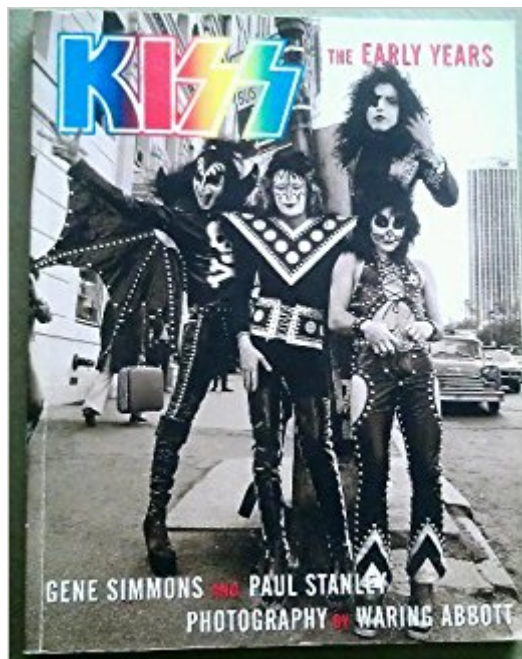


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# KISS: The Early Years



## Synopsis

Join Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley as they take you on a wild ride through the early years of kiss with rock photographer Waring Abbott. With 250 photos of the hottest band in the world! Rare, behind-the-scenes pics of Gene, Paul, Ace, Peter, and Eric! Stories from Gene and Paul about life on the road, makeup tips, publicity stunts, and much more!

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## Customer Reviews

GENE SIMMONS and PAUL STANLEY cofounded KISS in 1973. They live in Los Angeles.

WARING ABBOTT is one of the music industry's premier photographers. He worked closely with KISS for eight years and has photographed many other high-profile musicians, including Lou Reed, Bob Dylan, and Elvis Presley. He lives in upstate New York.

If you buy this book be prepared to get more of Paul and Gene's bashing Ace and Peter, more self-indulgence and lots of Gene's "we are the greatest band in the world" and Paul's "Women love my hairy chest" and all that stuff. On the good side, the pictures presented here are amazing. From a walk on Central Park in full makeup! circa. 1975, to a session of facials the band got in a beauty parlor, the rare pics are worth the price of the book alone. You will read this book in an hour and certainly will enjoy the dozens of pictures Waring Abbott shot from 1974 to 1981. I would have liked for the leaders of the band and writers of the book to comment more on each individual photo and also invite Ace and Peter to give their two cents on the shots. Anyway, a good book on Kiss at a not

so high price. Great for any fan of the band.

If you love pictures of kiss this is the book to buy

Perfect for die hard original KISS fans. A Must- Have !!!!

Great book detailing the early years of KISS.

These photos capture the essence of the band !

This is a great book for fans of Pre-Lick It Up KISS. It's got some AWESOME pics from the early 70's. It was obviously approved by the 2 Leaders (Gene and Paul) because they don't really go too deep into info about Ace or Peter except to say how much they screwed up. Another GREAT book is KISS FAQ. That one goes deep behind the scenes and tells many truths. It's actually amazing how much KISS got over on us back in the days. I just always assumed that if a KISS album was out, it was ONLY KISS playing. Nope. KISS was the Hard-Rock Steely Dan...lol

Like many other fans, I had seen many of these photos already. But some were new to me, and going through the pictorial history with the commentary from Gene and Paul -- which was, as always, interesting, yet self-aggrandizing -- was well worth the six or seven bucks I paid for this used. Another reviewer noted that Gene's eyes are blacked out in many of the photos. I noticed that as well, and I'm not sure what the story is there, but it certainly doesn't ruin the book, as that reviewer claimed. In fact, some of the photos look kind of cool. In short, I would not recommend paying full price for this in a bookstore (\$24.95), but I would say "Why not?" at it's price of \$16.47, and definitely worth it for less than that if you get it used. Enjoy!

I got this for my husband. He is a huge Kiss fan since he was a child. He loves this and it goes nicely with his collection.

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