

Neil Young *Heart of Gold*

by Harvey Kubernik

On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the ultimate tribute to one of rock music's true giants.

MONTCLAIR, N.J. – From his debut with local bands in his native Canada to the release of his 36th studio album, *The Monsanto Years*, this summer, a collaboration with Promise of the Real, Neil Young's career spans more than 50 years of rock-music history. Through his time with the seminal West Coast band Buffalo Springfield, collaborations with Crosby, Stills & Nash, his solo years starting in the late 1960s, and subsequent tours and albums as a singer-songwriter, Young's work has uniquely reflected the shifting musical styles of five decades, including rock, punk, electro-pop, and the retro vision of Americana.

In time for Young's 70th birthday in November, veteran music writer and pop culture historian Harvey Kubernik, explores every aspect of Young's remarkable life and career in ***Neil Young: Heart of Gold*** (November 2015, Backbeat Books, \$34.99). Kubernik's exclusive interviews with fellow musicians, record producers, engineers, music journalists, film directors, and loyal fans combine with a wealth of photographs, many previously unpublished, to create a unique tribute to a true rock legend.

Among those featured are musicians and singers Randy Bachman, Graham Nash, Clem Burke, Nils Lofgren, Ian Hunter, Peter Lewis, Dan Kessel, Al Jardine, Don Randi, Rick Rosas, Merry Clayton, Chris Darrow, Jim Keltner, Steve Wynn, Jonathan Wilson, Bill Mummy, Robbie Robertson, Howard Kaylan and Richie Furay; filmmakers Jim Jarmusch and Stanley Dorfman; record producers Denny Bruce, Kim Fowley, Richard Bosworth, Elliot Mazer, Jack Nitzsche, and Niko Bolas; sound engineers Stan Ross and Bill Halverson; artist managers/producers and promoters Brian Stone, Bill Graham and Andrew Loog Oldham; and photographers Henry Diltz and Nurit Wilde, in addition to previous Young chroniclers from Canada, America and England, along with many more contributor voices.

With a retrospective commentary on Neil Young's studio and live albums, a complete discography, and photographs and memorabilia from throughout his career, ***Neil Young: Heart of Gold*** places Young's musical achievements within the context of his life – an essential and timely celebration.

About the Author

Harvey Kubernik is a writer, editor, journalist, and liner note essayist whose work has appeared in *Melody Maker*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Crawdaddy!*, *Musician*, *Goldmine*, *Billboard*, *Variety*, *Record Collector News Magazine*, *MIX*, *The Los Angeles Free Press*, *MOJO*, and *Ugly Things*. He is the author of eight books, including *Leonard Cohen: Everybody Knows* (2014), *Turn Up The Radio! Rock, Pop and Roll in Los Angeles 1956-1972* (2014), *It Was 50 Years Ago Today: The Beatles Invade America and Hollywood* (2014), and *Canyon of Dreams: The Magic and Music of Laurel Canyon* (2009). A former West Coast Director of A&R man for MCA Records, in the past 40 years he has appeared in many books and music documentaries. He lives in Southern California.