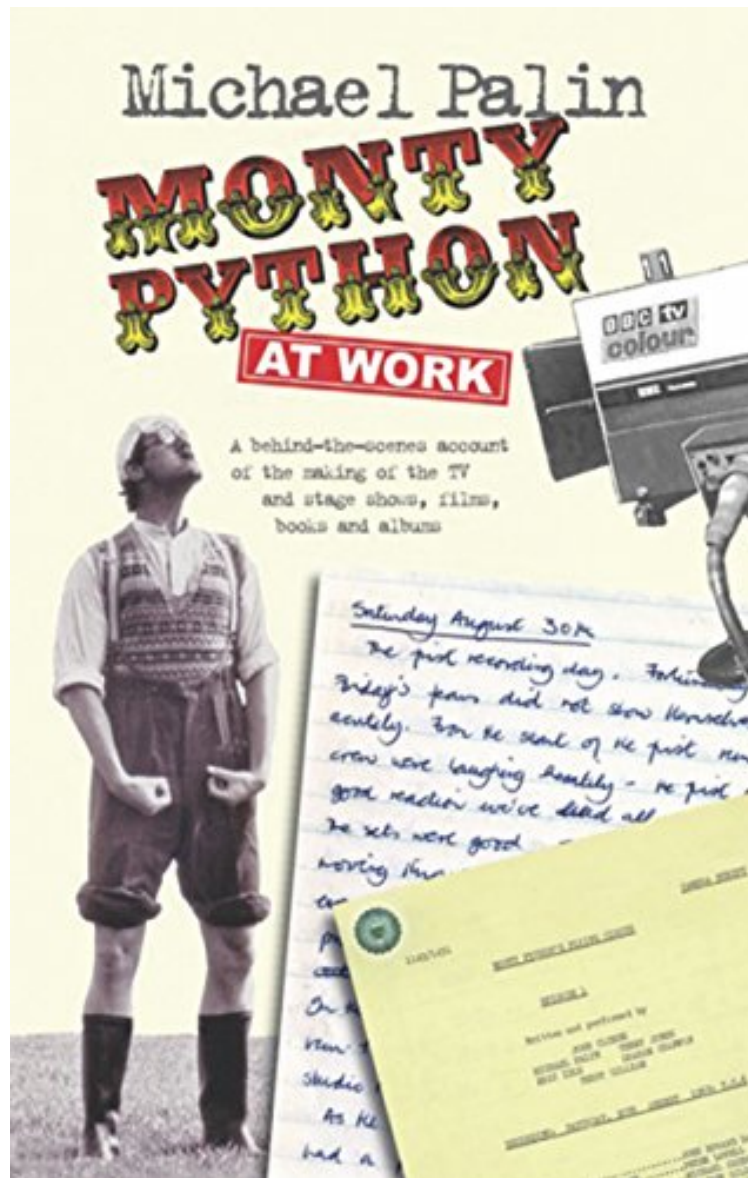


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Michael Palin : Monty Python at Work before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Monty Python at Work:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. - I love it. By Able Crooke It's Michael Palin's Diary (started right before the formation of Python). It goes through the years. If you're a python fanatic it's a must have. If you're only a little into them you might look for a more comprehensive book. This book is Specific. - I love it.

Drawn from his published diaries, this is Michael Palin's account of the making of the Monty Python TV and stage shows, films, books and albums. *Monty Python at Work* opens on 8th July 1969 with Michael Palin's diary entry for the first day of filming on the very first episode of Monty Python's *Flying Circus*. The diary entries that follow up until the opening of their final feature film, *The Meaning of Life*, in 1983 chart the tumultuous story of how the now famous shows and films were conceived and brought to life. Palin records the evolution of Monty Python's comic style, the moments of creative inspiration as well as discord, the persistent self-doubt, and the happy accidents that shaped what are now classic comedy moments. He captures too the group's many anarchic exploits (John Cleese in a bikini; driving a Budget Rent-a-Van up Glencoe in full chainmail; filming Scott of the Sahara on the beach at Torquay), as well as their battles with BBC suits, budget-conscious film producers and self-appointed censors. Thanks to Palin's as-it-happened accounts, we are taken behind the scenes to watch with unrivalled intimacy the creative processes that led to the finished work, seeing how it was actually put together. By distilling everything about the Pythons at work, this edition of Palin's diaries serves as an intimate guide to the legendary shows, films, books and albums. It will delight Python fans everywhere, and be a source of instruction and inspiration to those who seek to follow in their footsteps. "Michael Palin's rollercoaster account of Python's glory years." - *The Stage* "Palin is a natural diarist and this amusing and barmy collection of day-by-day extracts gives a peek into the creative process of the comedy troupe." - *Daily Mail* Michael Palin established his reputation with Monty Python's *Flying Circus* and *Ripping Yarns*. His work also includes several films with Monty Python, as well as *The Missionary*, *A Private Function*, an award-winning performance as the hapless Ken in *A Fish Called Wanda*, *American Friends* and *Fierce Creatures*. His television credits include two films for the BBC's *Great Railway Journeys*, the plays *East of Ipswich* and *Number 27*, Alan Bleasdale's *GBH*, and the three-part BBC drama, *Remember Me*. He has written books to accompany his eight very successful travel series, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Pole to Pole*, *Full Circle*, *Hemingway Adventure*, *Sahara*, *Himalaya*, *New Europe* and *Brazil*. He is also the author of a number of children's stories, the play *The Weekend*, and the novels *Hemingway's Chair* and *The Truth*. Michael's three volumes of diaries are *1969-1979: The Python Years*, *1980-1988: Halfway to Hollywood* and *1988-1998: Travelling to Work*. In 2014, Michael and his fellow Pythons performed a ten-night sell-out show called *Monty Python Live at the O2 Arena*, London. Between 2009 and 2012, Michael was President of the Royal Geographical Society.

About the Author MICHAEL PALIN is a comedian, actor, writer and television presenter best known for being one of the members of the comedy group Monty Python. Palin appeared in some of the most famous Python sketches, including *Dead Parrot*, *The Lumberjack Song*, and *The Spanish Inquisition*. He also appeared in several films directed by fellow Python Terry Gilliam and made notable appearances in other films such as *A Fish Called Wanda*. After Python, he began a new career as a travel writer and documentarian. His journeys have taken him across the world. In 2000 Palin was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to television.