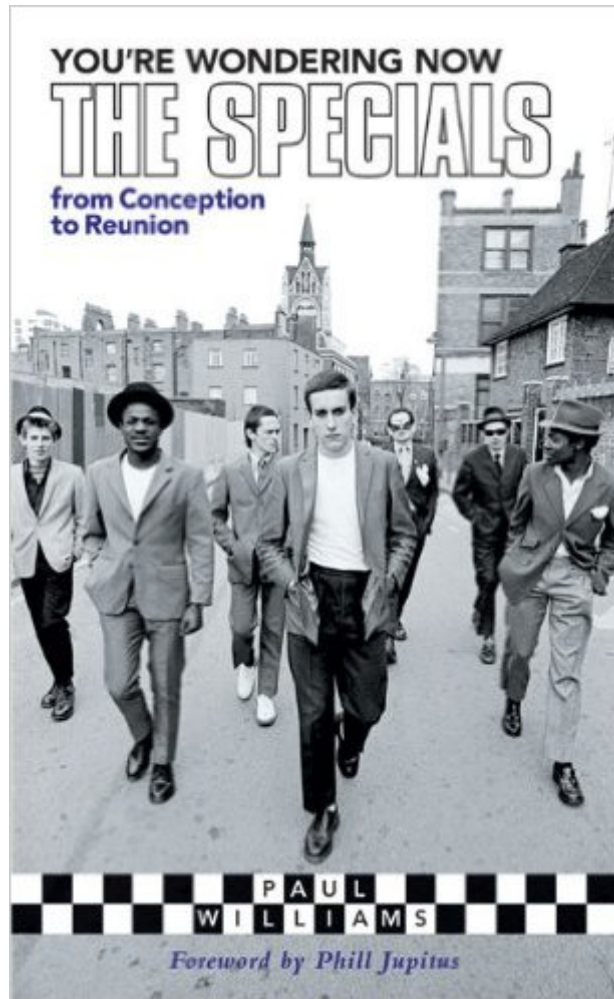


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# You're Wondering Now: The Specials From Conception To Reunion



## Synopsis

Against the backdrop of the demise of punk, social unrest, and the coming to power of Margaret Thatcher, the Specials burst onto the scene with their unique brand of music in 1979, sweeping up the nation's youth with their edgy, politically charged message and iconic 2 Tone branding. Thirty years later, as the band celebrate their anniversary with a reunion tour, their hard-hitting, poignant tales of teen pregnancy, knife crime, and racism are still as prevalent as they always were. This book sees the first publication of a full gig listing, complete discography, and an amazing collection of rare, unseen photographs from the band members themselves.

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This book rocks-in a SKA kind of way, of course ! Anybody who is (or was) into SKA or 2-Tone will be transported back to the late 70's-early 80's when The Specials ruled the charts and turntables ! Paul Williams has written a book with a depth that can only come from someone with a passion for the subject. The origin of The Specials is in line with the mood of England at that time- disenchanting youth, a hated government, teenage pregnancy and the battle against racism. They sang what every teenager was feeling back then, and the songs still hold up today. With (most) of The Specials back together and touring, this book is a great reminder of how important they were, and still are in the history of music, and people's lives. Read the book, see the band-enjoy yourself !

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