In listing my top 10 Beatles books, I’ve omitted most of the best-known full biographies. One reason is that they’re often by American authors who combine greilnicking with laughable ignorance of British culture. (In Bob Spitz’s the Beatles, for example, teenage John Lennon learns of his mother Julia’s tragic death from police arriving by “squadcar”, whereas in late-50s Liverpool it would just have been a lone copper on a bike.) Most of my choices are peripheral works, illuminating a specific era or personality. 162 books based on 40 votes: Revolution in the Head: The Beatles Records and the Sixties by Ian MacDonald, The Beatles Anthology by The Beatles, The Beat... A book’s total score is based on multiple factors, including the number of people who have voted for it and how highly those voters ranked the book. All Votes Add Books To This List. 1. Revolution in the Head: The Beatles Records and the Sixties by Ian MacDonald. 4.26 avg rating — 4,793 ratings. The Beatles Book (also known as Beatles Monthly) was a fanzine dedicated to the English rock band the Beatles, founded in 1963. It was first published in August 1963 and continued for 77 editions until it stopped publication after the December 1969 edition. It was revived in 1976, and ceased publication in 2003.