



# Greatest Hits

by David Cohen

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A high-school dropout who ‘more or less accidentally’ discovered journalism as a career choice, David Cohen offers an unorthodox and often provocative take on the world he encounters.

*Greatest Hits* shoots a rocket through a galaxy of authors, outriders, rock stars and politicians, and cogitates on the literary life, the death of traditional journalism, the vanished city of Christchurch, and much else besides.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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#### SOUNDBITES:

- ‘How long, how long must they sing this song?’ on the band U2.
- ‘All hail the Hutt’ where the author reflects on the attractions of his birthplace.
- Encounters with authors Paul Auster and Alex Haley, photographer Marti Friedlander and former NZ Prime Minister David Lange, singers Joni Mitchell and John Rowles.
- ‘An open letter to Ahmed Zaoui’, on the media circus around a controversial refugee, ‘From Arkansas to the Oval Office’ on Bill Clinton, and Adelaide’s Human Zoo.

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