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#### About the Author

John Lennon was born in Liverpool in 1940. A singer, songwriter, and musician, he was one of the cofounders of The Beatles. He died in 1980.

Hunter Davies is the author of over 40 books and has written for *The Guardian* (London), *New Statesman*, and *The Sunday Times* (London). He is married to the novelist and biographer Margaret Forster and they live in London.

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