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Review

"Sumner's tell-all is the one we've been waiting for." ?*Esquire*

"No one is better positioned to tell this story than Sumner, the guitarist who shifted sideways into Curtis' role as singer and who became the primary motivator in the shift into the electronic dance music that has made New Order a popular mainstay. ... Given the author's previous reticence, fans of both bands will find this memoir revelatory." ?*Kirkus Reviews*

"A must for Joy Division and New Order fans." ?*Irvine Welsh*

"[*Chapter and Verse*] has the mild-mannered charms of Sumner's vocals." ?Rob Sheffield, *The New York Times Book Review*

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Bernard Sumner was a founding member of Joy Division and, after the death of Ian Curtis in 1980, became lead singer and guitarist of New Order.

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