

My comments on a book by Dawn Molloy

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In her forthcoming book "Not Fade Away: A Mother's Heartbreak", Dawn Molloy-Young gives a rather accurate account about her experiences as a single-mother in the '60s, staying in a *Mother and Baby Home*, and being forced to have her son John put up for adoption.

What makes her story quite unique, is that she gives candid details of her (then) boyfriend and father to their son: Brian Jones of The Rolling Stones.

Further into her relationship with Brian, she discovered that he had also been seeing a girl called Linda, and had a child from her too. On top of that, Dawn was forced by the management of The Rolling Stones not to see Brian any longer, and this for her was a very traumatic experience.

I particularly love this book because Dawn writes great depictions of the early 60s and of the fashions, and of the Mods and The Rockers, and the terrifying experiences of being locked up in a dressing room with The Rolling Stones, planning how to run through the crowds of screaming girls who would pull out their hair and ripped their clothing.

One of the reasons why I have written about this to Walthamstow Memories is because I knew Dawn Molloy from meeting her on the bus to Leyton Baths, and a little conversation that I had with her about The Stones.

I remember her as an attractive well-educated, classy girl who worked at Vidal Sassoon's and, believe it or not, she writes a pretty good description of me as I appeared 50 years ago, which I am thrilled about. Will Dawn reunite with her son John? When? Where?

Dawn's book is one of the few book, that – in my opinion - depicts the 60s as I saw them too: a worthwhile read! I enclose a link to Amazon where readers can read more about it.

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