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### Review

"The pictures offer a behind-the-scenes view of both the splendor and tedium of life on the road. We see Cohen dropped to his knees, performing to an empty theater during soundcheck. In another shot he's on a tarmac waiting to board a plane, his guitar strapped to his back in a soft case. "

**-The Boston Globe**

"...captures the enigmatic musician and her longtime collaborator in a series of rare, intimate images"

**-Vogue**

"Like many of the intimate iPhone shots taken by Robinson over five years while touring with Cohen, they show a singular artist, nearly always in a suit and hat, exploring the world making music."

**-The Los Angeles Times**

### About the Author

**Sharon Robinson** has been associated with Leonard Cohen since touring with him as a singer in 1979-80. She co-wrote and produced Cohen's 2001 album, *Ten New Songs*, (one of *Rolling Stone's* "Top 100 Albums of the Decade"), and co-authored the Cohen classics, "Everybody Knows" and "Waiting for the Miracle." A Grammy winning songwriter, Robinson's work has been covered by artists as diverse as Patti LaBelle, Don Henley, Aaron Neville, and Roberta Flack to name a few. Robinson's solo album, *Everybody Knows* (2008), garnered wide critical acclaim, as have her recent performances on the Cohen World Tour. Sharon once worked as the staff photographer at the world-famous Coconut Grove nightclub in Los Angeles. Sharon is currently working on a new album that will be released in early 2015.

**Leonard Cohen** is one of the most distinguished poets, novelists, and singer-songwriters of our time.

**Larry "Ratso" Sloman** is one of America's great counter culture writers and contemporary biographers.

Bob Dylan referred to Sloman's account of the 1975 Rolling Thunder Revue, *On the Road with Bob Dylan*, as, '...the War and Peace of Rock and Roll.' He has been a friend of Leonard Cohen's for 40 years.

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