

Shortcuts To Hit Songwriting 126 Proven Techniques For Writing Songs That Sell

You can hum it, but can you write it down? When most people think of a composer, they picture a bewigged genius like Mozart or Beethoven frenetically directing mighty orchestras in the ornate palaces of Vienna. While that may have been the case once upon a time, modern composers make themselves heard far beyond the classical conservatoire and concert hall. These days, soundtracks are in high demand in industries such as TV, film, advertising, and even gaming to help create immersive and exciting experiences. Whatever your musical ambitions—composing a dark requiem in a beautiful Viennese apartment or producing the next great Star Wars-like movie theme in LA—the fully updated *Music Composition For Dummies* hits all the right notes to help you become confident in the theory and practice of composition. To help you translate your musical ideas from fleeting tunes in your head to playable bars and notation on paper, professional composer and instructor Scott Jarrett and music journalist Holly Day take you on a friendly step-by-step journey through the process of musical creation, including choosing the right rhythms and tempos, creating melodies and chord progressions, and working with instruments and voices. You'll learn how to match keys and chords to mood, use form to enhance your creativity, and write in different styles from pop to classical—and you'll even learn how to keep hammering away when inspiration eludes you. Organize and preserve your musical ideas Formalize your knowledge with professional vocabulary Get familiar with composition apps and software Make a demo and market on social media Filled with musical exercises to help you acquire the discipline you need for success, *Music Composition For Dummies* has everything you need to turn your inner soundtrack into a tuneful reality!

The Must-Have Guide for Songwriters *Writing Better Lyrics* has been a staple for songwriters for nearly two decades. Now this revised and updated 2nd Edition provides effective tools for everything from generating ideas, to understanding the form and function of a song, to fine-tuning lyrics. Perfect for new and experienced songwriters alike, this time-tested classic covers the basics in addition to more advanced techniques. Songwriters will discover:

- How to use sense-bound imagery to enhance a song's emotional impact on listeners
- Techniques for avoiding clichés and creating imaginative metaphors and similes
- Ways to use repetition as an asset
- How to successfully manipulate meter
- Instruction for matching lyrics with music
- Ways to build on ideas and generate effective titles
- Advice for working with a co-writer
- And much more

Featuring updated and expanded chapters, 50 fun songwriting exercises, and examples from more than 20 chart-topping songs, *Writing Better Lyrics* gives you all of the professional and creative insight you need to write powerful lyrics and put your songs in the spotlight where they belong.

Wildly fun and full of laugh-out-loud antics, this interactive sing-along is a zany romp sure to capture fans of Giraffes Can't Dance and Dragons Love Tacos. Shell we dance? Taco-bout irresistible! Jam out to the catchy, toe-tapping tune "Raining Tacos" from YouTube sensation Parry Gripp, featuring everyone's favorite treat! This spec-taco-ular, goofy song, with new, never-before-sung lyrics, is perfect for sharing, so grab a few friends—young or old—and get ready to crunch your way to a good time! It's raining tacos, from out of the sky. Tacos, no need to ask why. Just open your mouth and close your eyes. It's raining tacos!

(Berklee Press). Learn the fundamental techniques behind today's hit songs, with easy-to-follow exercises so you can immediately apply these tools to your own songs. Quit wrestling with writer's block, and learn to make the songwriting process easy, fun, and intuitive. Kachulis covers a variety of topics, including: colors of chords and keys * chord embellishments and progressions to enrich your palette of colors * dozens of ways to modify your harmonies and progressions * the most common chord progressions used in hit songs * and more. Practice your songs with the online audio accompaniment tracks!

Practical Recording Techniques

Music Marketing for the DIY Musician

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All You Need to Know About the Music Business, Seventh Edition

Dialectic of Pop

The Art of Digital Audio Recording

'The Art of Songwriting' is a comprehensive guide to life, art and making great songs. It's not about chasing a hit song. It's not about theories that are interesting but no use filling the blank page. And most of all -- it's not just about the craft of songwriting. It's about how to create, think and live like a songwriter. It's about being resilient, innovative and passionate about what you make. It's about how artists can change the world -- and why they should.

No one understands the music industry--from the technology, to the legalities, to the new industry practices--better than veteran music lawyer Donald Passman. In this completely revised and updated seventh edition of All You Need To Know About the Music Business, which the Los Angeles Times called "the industry bible" and which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies, Passman offers executives and artists, experts and novices alike the essential information they need not only to survive in these volatile and exciting times,

but also to thrive. Drawing on his unique, up-to-the-minute experience as one of the most trusted advisors in the business, Passman offers advice concerning: - The Copyright Royalty Board's latest decisions regarding online transmissions. - The developing new customs concerning new technologies such as streaming on demand, ringtones, and digital downloads. Passman also gives guidance on other fundamental issues such as how to: - Select and hire a winning team of advisors--personal and business managers, agents, and attorneys--and structure their commissions, percentages, and fees in a way that will protect you and maximize these relationships. - Master the big picture and the finer points of record deals. - Navigate the ins and outs of songwriting, music publishing, and copyright law. - Maximize concert touring and merchandising deals. Almost everyone in the music business, from musicians and songwriters to entertainment lawyers and record company executives, are scrambling to sort out what is going to happen next, and Passman is right in the thick of these changes. Here is a book for anyone interested in a music career: a comprehensive and crucial guide to making it in one of the world's most dynamic industries.

Your greatest desire is for your original songs to be recorded, released, and broadcast. But do you have a realistic plan to make this dream your reality? Author and hit tunesmith Rand Bishop draws from 40 years of on-the-job experience while visiting with some of the most-honored song crafters of the last five decades, unveiling a long-term strategy for building a career composing hit songs. The lessons, essays, quotations, and profiles in this book reveal how a Song Dog becomes Top Dog.

This is a compelling study of the often controversial role and meaning of the new media and digital cultures in contemporary society. Three decades of societal and cultural alignment of new media yielded to a host of innovations, trials, and problems, accompanied by versatile popular and academic discourse. "New Media Studies" crystallized internationally into an established academic discipline, which begs the question: where do we stand now; which new issues have emerged now that new media are taken for granted, and which riddles remain unsolved; and, is contemporary digital culture indeed all about 'you', or do we still not really understand the digital machinery and how it constitutes

us as 'you'. From desktop metaphors to Web 2.0 ecosystems, from touch screens to blogging to e-learning, from role-playing games to Cybergoth music to wireless dreams, this timely volume offers a showcase of the most up-to-date research in the field from what may be called a 'digital-materialist' perspective.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Music Theory

Artful Teaching

Songwriting Without Boundaries

Including New Songs from the '90s

Harmony and Theory

A Holistic Approach to Writing Captivating, Memorable Hit Songs. with 317 Proven

Commercial Techniques and 331 Examples, Incl Rather Be, Happy and All of Me

Chronicles the life of the famous wrestler, from his early days with his brother as a tag team duo to his suspension later in his career.

A leading authority on abusive relationships offers women detailed guidelines on how to improve and survive an abusive relationship, discussing various types of abusive men, analyzing societal myths surrounding abuse, and answers questions about the warning signs of abuse, how to identify abusive behavior, how to know if one is in danger, and more. Reprint.

Practical Recording Techniques, Second Edition is a hands-on, practical guide for beginning and intermediate recording engineers, producers, musicians, and audio enthusiasts--anyone who wants to make better recordings by understanding recording equipment and techniques. The book prepares the reader for work in a home studio, small professional studio, or an on-location recording session. The book offers up-to-date information on the latest recording technology, such as digital tape recording, hard-disk recording, keyboard and digital workstations, SMPTE, and MIDI. It also guides the beginner through the basics, showing how to make quality recordings with the new breed of inexpensive home-studio equipment. Other topics include: Choosing and operating recorder mixers based on cassette, Mini-Disc, and hard disk; Hum prevention; The latest monitoring methods; Microphone selection and placement; Audio-for-video techniques; Troubleshooting bad sound; guidelines for good sound. With its step-by-step approach and easy-to-read format, this is the ideal book for anyone who wants to create professional sound recordings.

Infuse your lyrics with sensory detail! Writing great song lyrics requires practice and discipline. Songwriting Without Boundaries will help you commit to routine practice through fun writing exercises. This unique collection of more than 150 sense-bound prompts helps you develop the skills you need to: •

tap into your senses and inject your writing with vivid details • effectively use metaphor and comparative language • add rhythm to your writing and manage phrasing Songwriters, as well as writers of other genres, will benefit from this collection of sensory writing challenges. Divided into four sections, *Songwriting Without Boundaries* features four different fourteen-day challenges with timed writing exercises, along with examples from other songwriters, poets, and prose writers.

The Addiction Formula

The Craft and Business of Songwriting

How to Write Songs on Guitar

6 Steps to Songwriting Success

The Science of a Human Obsession

Creating and Executing a Plan of Attack on a Low Budget

Everyone dreams of placing a song on the Top-40 charts, but few know how to take this dream and make it a reality. This book takes the beginning songwriter from music basics through creating complete songs in rock, country, RandB, and theatrical forms. The author uses real, current hit songs as examples; recorded by noted songwriters and artists including. Book jacket.

To make money, song-writers need a firm, realistic grasp of how songs generate income. This volume demystifies the process of doing business as a songwriter. It walks the reader step-by-step through the process of starting and operating a publishing company, teaches how to pitch songs to publishers, and more.

With this book discover techniques and help grow as a songwriter so you can pursue your ultimate calling, being productive. You'll be surprised how much more you will be able to achieve. An Organized Songwriter.

This powerhouse best-selling text remains the most comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the music industry. The breadth of coverage that Music Business Handbook and Career Guide, Eleventh Edition offers surpasses any other resource available. Readers new to the music business and seasoned professionals alike will find David Baskerville and Tim Baskerville's handbook an indispensable resource, regardless of their specialty within the music field. This text is ideal for introductory courses such as Introduction to the Music Business, Music and Media, and Music Business Foundations as well as more specialized courses such as the record industry, music careers, artist management, and more. The fully updated Eleventh Edition includes coverage of key topics such as copyright, licensing, songwriting, concert venues, and the entrepreneurial musician. Uniquely, it provides career-planning insights on dozens of job categories in the diverse music industry.

Tools and Techniques for Writing Hit Songs

The Reset : Returning to the Heart of Worship and a Life of Undivided Devotion

Duke Ellington and His World

A Practical Guide for Home and Studio

The Songwriter's Workshop: Harmony

101 Songwriting Wrongs and How to Right Them

(Musicians Institute Press). This book is a step-by-step guide to Musicians Institute's well-known Harmony and Theory class. It includes complete lessons and analysis of: intervals, rhythms, scales, chords, key signatures; transposition, chord inversions, key centers; harmonizing the major and minor scales; and more! The most thorough guide to songwriting for the amateur musician. Written by an Oscar-winning and Grammy and Tony award nominated author, this is the most comprehensive book for today's amateur musician who is interested in creating and writing his or her own songs. It reveals everything the reader needs to know, including coming up with ideas, rhyming schemes, hooks, melodies, and lyrics; selling songs; working in the industry; and even coming up with titles.

Do it yourself and succeed! More and more artists are taking advantage of new technologies to try and build successful careers. But in this expanding competitive marketplace, serious do-it-yourself musicians need structured advice more than ever. In Music Marketing for the DIY Musician, veteran musician and industry insider Bobby Borg presents a strategic, step-by-step guide to producing a fully customized, low-budget plan of attack for marketing one's music. Presented in a conversational tone, this indispensable guide reveals the complete marketing process using the same fundamental concepts embraced by top innovative companies, while always encouraging musicians to find their creative niche and uphold their artistic vision. The objective is to help artists take greater control of their own destinies while saving money and time in attracting the full attention of top music industry professionals. It's ultimately about making music that matters, and music that gets heard! Updates include: New interviews highlighting current marketing strategies for the new music market Info on how to leverage digital marketing and streaming playlists Updated stories and examples of current music marketing principles Future forecasts and trends into music marketing New and revised services, tools, references, and contacts that can help musicians further their careers New marketing plan samples for bands/solo artists and freelance musicians and songwriters

Give Your Songwriting a Competitive Edge This book takes you on the songwriter's journey from the first inspiration for a song to the collection of worldwide royalties. Experienced songwriters Pat and Pete Luboff point out the stumbling blocks you'll encounter along the way, and how to turn them into stepping stones to songwriting success. In 101 fun and easy-to-read chapters, you'll find tips on: building solid, marketable song structures creating the perfect lyrics accompanied by moving melodies forming productive and profitable collaboration ventures producing effective demos that you can pitch tracking your royalty collection You'll also discover how new technology is changing songwriting and how to use that to your advantage. Plus, you'll get insider tips on traveling to and living in the songwriting centers of the country-Los Angeles, New York

City, and Nashville. Everything you need to live and succeed at the songwriter's life can be found in this great resource.

Lyric Writing Exercises for Finding Your Voice

Jeff Hardy

A Comprehensive Source for All Musicians

Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men

Composing Digital Music For Dummies

The Comprehensive Guide to Writing and Marketing Hit Songs

Describes how the arts provide an entry point for gaining insight into why and how students learn. It includes rich and lively examples of public school teachers integrating visual arts, music, drama, and dance with subject matter, including English, social studies, science, and mathematics to provide a deeper understanding of why and how to use the arts every day, in every school, to reach every child.

Author Jennifer MacKay focuses on songwriting from a craft standpoint. Because the lyrics themselves are only one part of songwriting, she also covers melody, tempo, and rhythm, and explains how this can differ between genres. A few key influential singers and songwriters are discussed along with the general craft.

Of songs artists write for themselves and those that are typically recorded by artists who do not write their own material. Discover The Songwriting Technique Used In 97% Of All Hit Songs How To Use Subtle Psychological Triggers To Captivate ANY Audience. "Writing Pop, Rock, RnB or Hip Hop has never been easier or more fun." Master The Art Of Writing Addicting Songs Music is a tough industry to break into. With production gear being affordable for the first time in history, it seems like EVERYONE is making music these days. Getting noticed in the continuous stream of information that is the internet seems almost impossible. BUT: There is a technique designed specifically to captivate and hook an audience and with The Addiction Formula, you can learn it in a couple of hours. You will learn all about Lyric-Less Storytelling, a technique used by the most successful songwriters of our time. If you've always wanted to know how to write songs that stick out and speak to a large audience, this is the book for you. The Songwriting Book For A New Generation Of Songwriters The 60s are OVER! Songwriting today is a very different experience than it was when the Beatles were on the air. By combining Arrangement, Harmony, Melody, Rhythm, Lyrics and Production in one deviously simple technique it is the first songwriting book that speaks to an all-writing, all-producing DIY generation. Includes over 317 Techniques You Will Be Able To Use INSTANTLY Part 2 of The Addiction Formula is almost like a dictionary of hit songwriting techniques. All the tools are hand-picked from hit songs of the past 30 years. But this book is far more than just a list of tips and tricks: The Addiction Formula also shows you how the techniques can be applied to your songs. It puts all of what you learn into perspective and shows

you how they all fit together. With 331 Examples Incl. Songs By Rihanna, Katy Perry, Drake and Maroon 5 Are you sick and tired of being taught techniques based on some old County song you've never heard of? One of my guidelines for writing this book was to only include hit songs from the past 30 years. Every single technique in The Addiction Formula is proven with one or more examples to show it in action and to help you learn it quickly and easy. I mean, hey, you get to learn by listening to the songs you listen to anyways! It's fun, quick and practical. Scroll up and get your copy NOW!

The Art of Songwriting

This Business of Songwriting

Music Composition For Dummies

Music Business Handbook and Career Guide

How to Create Space to Write Your Best Songs

One Hundred and Twenty-six Proven Techniques for Writing Songs that Sell

This book gives both aspiring and seasoned songwriters a powerful new approach to writing songs, focusing on common obstacles in the songwriting process and techniques to help songwriters overcome them. Each chapter goes to the root of a specific songwriting problem and provides exercises to help readers over the hurdles and put their new skills to work. Topics include writing approach, purpose, structure, melodic significance and construction, basic music theory, word meaning, word design and arrangement, chords, and how they are all pieced together. Along the way, a song is created to act as a case study and a demonstration of what each exercise can result in. The lessons are fun, informal, and include fresh suggestions and exercises born out of the author's experience in teaching songwriting at the college level. The book's companion website provides audio clips to accompany the relevant exercises and examples presented in the book. Based on lengthy interviews with Ellington's bandmates, family, and friends, Duke Ellington and His World offers a fresh look at this legendary composer. The first biography of the composer written by a fellow musician and African-American, the book traces Ellington's life and career in terms of the social, cultural, political, and economic realities of his times. Beginning with his birth in Washington, DC, through his first bands and work at the legendary Cotton Club, to his final great extended compositions, this book gives a thorough introduction to Ellington's music and how it was made. It also illuminates his personal life because, for Ellington, music was his life and his life was a constant inspiration for music. (Musicians Institute Press). This book/CD package is for the singer, songwriter, or musician who wants to create a lead sheet or chord chart that is easy to follow. The CD includes over 70 demo tracks. The instruction covers: song form, transposition, considering the instrumentation, scales, keys, rhythm, chords, slash notation, and other basics, beaming, stemming, syncopation, intervals, chord symbols, sample songs, common terms, and important tips. It also includes sample songs, common terms, and important tips for anyone putting music on paper!

Explains how to create songs to be played on guitar, including advice on such basics of songwriting as structure, rhythm, melody, and lyrics.

Bound for Glory

The Absolute Essentials of Songwriting Success

The Organized Songwriter

Songwriting For Dummies

How to Create, Think and Live Like a Songwriter

Integrating the Arts for Understanding Across the Curriculum, K-8

Proven techniques for songwriting success This friendly, hands-on guide tackles the new face of the recording industry, guiding you through the shift from traditional sales to downloads and mobile music, as well as how you can harness social media networks to get your music "out there." You get basic songwriting concepts, insider tips and advice, and inspiration for writing — and selling — meaningful, timeless songs.

Songwriting 101 — get a grip on everything you need to know to write a song, from learning to listen to your "inner voice" to creating a "mood" and everything in between Jaunt around the genres — discover the variety of musical genres and find your fit, whether it's rock, pop, R&B, gospel, country, or more Let the lyrics out — master the art of writing lyrics, from finding your own voice to penning the actual words to using

hooks, verses, choruses, and bridges Make beautiful music — find your rhythm, make melodies, and use chords to put the finishing touches on your song Work the Web — harness online marketing and social networks like Facebook, Twitter, and others to get your music heard by a

whole new audience Open the book and find: What you need to know before you write a single note Tips on finding inspiration Ways to use poetic devices in lyrics Computer and Web-based shortcuts and technologies to streamline songwriting A look at famous songwriting

collaborators Writing for stage, screen, and television How to make a demo to get your song heard Advice on how to make money from your music Learn to: Develop your songwriting skills with tips and techniques from the pros Use social networking sites to get your music out to the

public Break into the industry with helpful, how-to instructions

Music industry veteran Frederick discusses 126 shortcuts and techniques used by today's top songwriters to give their tunes the power and edge that make listeners want to hear them over and over again.

A philosophical exploration of pop music that reveals a rich, self-reflexive art form with unsuspected depths. In the first major philosophical treatise on the subject, Agnès Gayraud explores all the paradoxes of pop—its inauthentic authenticity, its mass production of emotion and personal resonance, its repetitive novelty, its precision engineering of seduction—and calls for pop (in its broadest sense, encompassing all genres of popular recorded music) to be recognized as a modern, technologically mediated art form to rank alongside cinema and photography. In a thoroughgoing engagement with Adorno's fierce critique of "standardized light popular music," *Dialectic of Pop* tracks the transformations of the pop form and its audience over the course of the twentieth century, from Hillbilly to Beyoncé, from Lead Belly to Drake. Inseparable from the materiality of its technical media, indifferent and intractable to the perspectives of high culture, pop subverts notions of authenticity and inauthenticity, original and copy, aura and commodity, medium and message. Gayraud demonstrates that, far from being the artless and trivial mass-produced pabulum denigrated by Adorno, pop is a rich, self-reflexive artform that recognises its own contradictions, incorporates its own productive negativity, and often flourishes by thinking "against itself." *Dialectic of Pop* sings the praises of pop as a constitutively impure form resulting from the encounter between industrial production and the human predilection for song, and diagnoses the prospects for twenty-first century pop as it continues to adapt to ever-changing technological mediations.

A few years ago, a magazine sponsored a contest for the comment most likely to end a conversation. The winning entry? "I teach English

grammar." Just throw that line out at a party; everyone around you will clam up or start saying "whom." Why does grammar make everyone so nervous? Probably because English teachers, for decades — no, for centuries — have been making a big deal out of grammar in classrooms, diagramming sentences and drilling the parts of speech, clauses, and verbals into students until they beg for mercy. Happily, you don't have to learn all those technical terms of English grammar — and you certainly don't have to diagram sentences — in order to speak and write correct English. So rest assured — English Grammar For Dummies will probably never make your English teacher's top-ten list of must-read books, because you won't have to diagram a single sentence. What you will discover are fun and easy strategies that can help you when you're faced with such grammatical dilemmas as the choice between "I" and "me," "had gone" and "went," and "who" and "whom." With English Grammar For Dummies, you won't have to memorize a long list of meaningless rules (well, maybe a couple in the punctuation chapter!), because when you understand the reason for a particular word choice, you'll pick the correct word automatically. English Grammar For Dummies covers many other topics as well, such as the following: Verbs, adjectives, and adverbs — oh my! Preposition propositions and pronoun pronouncements Punctuation: The lowdown on periods, commas, colons, and all those other squiggly marks Possession: It's nine-tenths of grammatical law Avoiding those double negative vibes How to spice up really boring sentences (like this one) Top Ten lists on improving your proofreading skills and ways to learn better grammar Just think how improving your speaking and writing skills will help you in everyday situations, such as writing a paper for school, giving a presentation to your company's big wigs, or communicating effectively with your family. You will not only gain the confidence in knowing you're speaking or writing well, but you'll also make a good impression on those around you!

Lead Sheet Bible

Writing Music for Hit Songs

Digital Material

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Songwriting

This Is Your Brain on Music

Melody in Songwriting

Even as the sound of modern worship has grown louder, the heartbeat of true worship has grown faint. This is a call for those whose hearts burn to see it revived— who burn with reformation ' s fire. Who long to see the purity of worship restored and the Lord ' s house of prayer once again reflect the fullness of His glory and the wonders of His heart. The Reset is not simply a book on worship, it ' s an appeal to the broader worshiping community to once again re-order their lives and practices in accordance with the sacred and priestly calling they were given and zealously return to the heart of worship.

Yes, you can turn those great melodies and smokin ' grooves in your head into stunning digital music! And you don ' t have to be a musical genius or a computer geek to do it! Composing Digital Music For Dummies shows you everything you need to know to compose great tunes using the hottest digital tools. This friendly, plain-English guide explains all of the digital music basics, including how to work with the latest hardware and software, use templates from the companion CD-ROM to make a quick start, build your first tune, and save it in different formats. You ' ll also find out how to add instruments to your score, set tempos and keys, create chord symbols and show fretboards, add lyrics to your tune, and much more. Discover how to: Write and arrange digital music Determine what — if any — equipment you need Create your own ringtones and mp3s Compose with a MIDI controller, or a mouse Work with notation software Use keyboard shortcuts Publish your

creations on the Internet Build your own tune from scratch Extract parts from your score for each instrument The companion CD-Rom also includes a demo of Sebelius 5, the most popular music notation software, as well as audio files for all music examples in the book. With this step-by-step guide and your computer, you ' ll have everything you need to start writing, arranging, and publishing your own digital music — immediately! Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Published in 1992, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Music Theory* has proven itself as one of Alpha's best-selling books and perhaps the best-selling trade music theory book ever published. In the new updated and expanded second edition, the book includes a special CD and book section on ear training. The hour-long ear-training course reinforces the basic content of the book with musical examples of intervals, scales, chords, and rhythms. Also provided are aural exercises students can use to test their ear training and transcription skills. The CD is accompanied by a 20-page section of exercises and examples.

Paul McCartney and John Lennon described him as the Beatles' "favorite group," he won Grammy awards, wrote and recorded hit songs, and yet no figure in popular music is as much of a paradox, or as underrated, as Harry Nilsson. In this first ever full-length biography, Alyn Shipton traces Nilsson's life from his Brooklyn childhood to his Los Angeles adolescence and his gradual emergence as a uniquely talented singer-songwriter. With interviews from friends, family, and associates, and material drawn from an unfinished autobiography, Shipton probes beneath the enigma to discover the real Harry Nilsson. A major celebrity at a time when huge concerts and festivals were becoming the norm, Nilsson shunned live performance. His venue was the studio, his stage the dubbing booth, his greatest triumphs masterful examples of studio craft. He was a gifted composer of songs for a wide variety of performers, including the Ronettes, the Yardbirds, and the Monkees, yet Nilsson's own biggest hits were almost all written by other songwriters. He won two Grammy awards, in 1969 for "Everybody's Talkin'" (the theme song for *Midnight Cowboy*), and in 1972 for "Without You," had two top ten singles, numerous album successes, and wrote a number of songs--"Coconut" and "Jump into the Fire," to name just two--that still sound remarkably fresh and original today. He was once described by his producer Richard Perry as "the finest white male singer on the planet," but near the end of his life, Nilsson's career was marked by voice-damaging substance abuse and the infamous deaths of both Keith Moon and Mama Cass in his London flat. Drawing on exclusive access to Nilsson's papers, Alyn Shipton's biography offers readers an intimate portrait of a man who has seemed both famous and unknowable--until now.

How to Craft and Sell Your Songs

Writing Better Lyrics

Tracing New Media in Everyday Life and Technology

The Life of a Singer-Songwriter

English Grammar For Dummies

Why Does He Do That?

In this groundbreaking union of art and science, rocker-turned-neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin explores the connection between music—its performance, its composition, how we listen to it, why we enjoy it—and the human brain. Taking on prominent thinkers who argue that music is nothing more than an evolutionary accident, Levitin poses that music is fundamental to our species, perhaps even more so than language. Drawing on the latest research and on musical examples ranging from Mozart to Duke Ellington to Van Halen, he reveals:

- How composers produce some of the most pleasurable effects of listening to music by exploiting the way our brains make sense of the world
- Why we are so emotionally attached to the music we

listened to as teenagers, whether it was Fleetwood Mac, U2, or Dr. Dre • That practice, rather than talent, is the driving force behind musical expertise • How those insidious little jingles (called earworms) get stuck in our head A Los Angeles Times Book Award finalist, This Is Your Brain on Music will attract readers of Oliver Sacks and David Byrne, as it is an unprecedented, eye-opening investigation into an obsession at the heart of human nature. Discover songwriting techniques from the hit makers! This comprehensive guide unlocks the secrets of hit songs, examining them, and revealing why they succeed. Learn to write memorable melodies and discover the dynamic relationships between melody, harmony, rhythm, and rhyme. Fine-tune your craft and start writing hits!

Music is a universal language, and John Braheny speaks it eloquently as he helps prepare us for our big musical break--by teaching us the craft of songwriting and revealing secrets of the music business. Includes anecdotes, exercises, and examples from dozens of songwriters, such as Harry Chapin, Paul McCartney, and many others.

The Art of Digital Audio Recording teaches readers what they really need to know in order to make great sound recordings with computers - both the practical and the technical information. --from publisher description.

It's Raining Tacos!

Righting Wrongs in Writing Songs