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The Pop
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*"I don't know
where he's
buried, but if I
did I'd piss on
his grave."*

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—Jerry Wexler,
best friend and
mentor Here

*Comes the Night:
Bert Berns and
the Dirty
Business of
Rhythm and Blues
is both a
definitive
account of the
New York rhythm
and blues world
of the early*

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'60s, and the
harrowing,

ultimately

tragic story of
songwriter and
record producer

Bert Berns,

whose meteoric
career was

fueled by his
pending doom.

His heart

damaged by

rheumatic fever

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*as a youth,
doctors told
Berns he would
not live to see
twenty-one.*

*Although his
name is little
remembered
today, Berns
worked alongside
all the greats
of the era—Jerry
Leiber and Mike
Stoller, Ahmet*

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*Ertegun and
Jerry Wexler,
Burt Bacharach,
Phil Spector,
Gerry Goffin and
Carole King,
anyone who was
anyone in New
York rhythm and
blues. In seven
quick years, he
went from nobody
to the top of
the pops -*

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producer of
monumental R&B
classics,

songwriter of
"Twist and
Shout," "My Girl
Sloopy" and
others. His fury
to succeed led
Berns to use his
Mafia

associations to
muscle Atlantic
Records out of a

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partnership and
intimidate new
talents like

Neil Diamond and
Van Morrison he
signed to his
record label,
only to drop
dead of a long
expected fatal
heart attack,
just when he was
seeing his
grandest plans

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and life's
ambitions

frustrated and
foiled.

This fun-to-
read, easy-to-
use reference
has been
completely
updated,
expanded, and
revised with
reviews of over
12,000 great

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*albums by over
2,000 artists
and groups in
all rock genres.
50 charts.*

*Discusses the
evolution of
rock music from
its earliest
origins to
today's most
influential
musical styles
and performers*

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*Lists and
Histories And
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reviews rock and
soul singles

*from rock, pop,
rhythm and
blues, disco,
country, rap,
and reggae music*

*Thomas McClary
Founder of The
Commodores*

*More Wisconsin P
op/rock/soul/cou
ntry in the 50's*

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& 60's

*The Blues, Rock
& Soul in*

Music's Hometown

Otis Redding

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Soul*

*An Unfinished
Life*

*The Encyclopedia
of Pop, Rock &
Soul*

**"Popular music
grew out of**

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ragtime,
vaudeville and
the blues to
become global
mass
entertainment.
Yet nearly
eighty years
after Ma Rainey
and Bessie Smith
first blazed the
trail, have
their female
successors

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achieved the
recognition and
affirmation they
deserve?" "The
first hands-on
history of women
in rock, pop and
soul, She Bop
tells it like it
is - on stage,
on camera and
working in a
male-dominated
industry. Adding

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a feminist
perspective to
her incredibly
detailed
knowledge of the
stars and their
music, and
including an
abundance of
personal
interviews, Lucy
O'Brien tells
these women's
stories and

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their struggle
not only for
acceptance, but
also for
recognition and
success, in a
culture they are
still striving
to call their
own. She Bop
traces the
different stages
of women's
progress in the

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music industry,
from the early
years of ragtime
and the Jazz Age
up to the
present." - -BOOK

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popular music,
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chart positions,
and influences
on the music

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white
photographs.

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to Monk, Hole in

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and Meaning in

American Popular

Music traces

popular music

back to its

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roots in jazz,
blues, country,
and gospel

through the rise
in rock 'n' roll
and the

emergence of
heavy metal,
punk, and rap.

Yet despite the
vigor and

balance of these
musical origins,

Martha Bayles

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**argues,
something has
gone seriously
wrong, both with
the sound of
popular music
and the
sensibility it
expresses.**

**Bayles defends
the tough,
affirmative
spirit of Afro-
American music**

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against the
strain of
artistic

modernism she
calls

'perverse.' She
describes how
perverse
modernism was
grafted onto
popular music in
the late 1960s,
and argues that
the result has

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been a cult of
brutality and
obscenity that
is profoundly
anti-musical.
Unlike other
recent critics
of popular
music, Bayles
does not blame
the problem on
commerce. She
argues that
culture shapes

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**the market and
not the other
way around.**

**Finding
censorship of
popular music
"both a
practical and a
constitutional
impossibility,"
Bayles insists
that "an
informed shift
in public tastes**

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may be our only
hope of
reversing the
current
malignant mood."

Daryl Franklin
Hohl (born
October 11,
1946), better
known by his
stage name Daryl
Hall, is an
American rock,
R&B, and soul

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**singer;
keyboardist,
guitarist,
songwriter, and
producer, best
known as the co-
founder and lead
vocalist of Hall
& Oates (with
guitarist and
songwriter John
Oates).**

**The Cambridge
Companion to Pop**

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diverse streams
of American
popular music
from the 1920s
to the present,
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addresses such
questions as:

How did the
musicians who
made the music
explain it? Who
listened to
popular music
and why? What
was the major
impression
made by it on

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society at
large? Why do
some types of
popular music
still matter
today? In this
richly textured
and
chronologically
organized
anthology, well-
known scholar
David Brackett
brings together

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more than 100
readings from a
diverse range of
sources and by
writers who have
played an
integral part in
the development
of popular music
criticism. He
includes
articles
from mainstream
and specialized

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magazines,
scholarly
journals, and
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styles, and genres--and including groundbreaking criticism on disco, hip-hop, rap, and techno--the selections introduce students to important social and cultural issues raised by

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the study of
popular music.

Topics covered
include the role
of race, class
conflict, gender
roles, regional
differences in
the reception of
popular music,
and the relative
value of
artistry versus
commerce. Extensi

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ve editorial
introductions
and headnotes
supply context
for the
selections,
provide links
between
different eras
and genres,
clarify the
issues raised by
the documents,
and explain

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their historical
significance. An
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also be of
interest in
courses on
American music,

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American
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Debates,
studies, media
studies,
history, and
sociology.

Given the
phenomenal fame
and commercial
success that the
Beatles knew for
the entire
course of their
familiar career,
their music per

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se has received surprisingly little detailed attention. Not all of their cultural influence can be traced to long hair and flashy clothing; the Beatles had numerous fresh ideas about melody, harmony,

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counterpoint,
rhythm, form,
colors, and

textures. Or
consider how
much new ground
was broken by
their lyrics
alone--both the
themes and
imagery of the
Beatles' poetry
are key parts of
what made (and

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still makes)
this group so
important, so
popular, and so
imitated. This
book is a
comprehensive
chronological
study of every
aspect of the
Fab Four's
musical
life--including
full

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examinations of
composition,
performance
practice,
recording, and
historical
context--during
their
transcendent
late period
(1966-1970).

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are interwoven through a documentary study of many thousands of audio, print, and other sources.

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analyzing the
nuts and bolts
that have been
used to
construct the
music -
songform, vocal
techniques,
instruments,
machines and
production
methods - the
book drills down
into the heart

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of soul music
and reveals how
it has evolved,
changed and
retained its
meaning through
countless
changes in
style, from jazz
soul to nu-
classic soul,
from soul funk
to hip-hop soul.
He shows how

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soul musicians
are increasingly
inventive and
how they subvert
the standard
soul template
originally
inherited from
gospel to create
new stranger
sounds. The
tension between
these two states
of tradition and

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innovation is
fascinatingly
put under the
microscope by Le
Gendre. The book
is not just
about the music,
but also the
culture of soul.
Le Gendre shows
how the
mythology and
ideals of soul
are to be found

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in lifestyle,
attitudes, dress
sense, cooking
and it's here
that one really
gets a handle on
what soul is and
how strange some
strange souls -
we're talking
pill-popping,
gun-toting, S&M
loving, codpiece
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and sisters -

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maps the world of
pop and rock,
pinpointing the
most significant
moments in its
history and
presenting the key
issues involved in
understanding
popular culture's
most vital art form.
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chart the changing
patterns in the

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production and consumption of popular music, the emergence of a vast industry with a turnover of billions and the rise of global stars from Elvis to Public Enemy, Nirvana to the Spice Girls. They trace the way new technologies - from

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the amplifier to the
internet - have
changed the
sounds and
practices of pop
and they analyse
the way maverick
entrepreneurs
have given way to
multimedia
corporations. In
particular they
focus on the
controversial

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issues concerning
race and ethnicity,
politics, gender
and globalisation.

Contains full
profiles of a
selection of figures
from the pop and
rock world.

When we think of
Otis Redding, we
remember his
classic hits, from
'The Dock of the

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'Bay' and 'Shake' to
'Try a Little

Tenderness' and

'Respect, ' a song

we often forget

that he penned

before Aretha

Franklin made it

famous. We know

his music, yet we

know very little

about his life,

which ended

tragically at the

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age of 26, at the height of his career. According to Jonathan Gould, that knowledge gap is a shame because, while Redding might not have been as gifted as Ray Charles or as smooth as Sam Cooke, Otis - not Marvin Gaye, not James Brown, not

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Stevie Wonder - is
'the purest
distillation of what
we talk about
when we talk
about 'soul.' Now,
in this biography,
we'll finally get a
fitting look at the
unfinished life of
the man some call
'the King of Soul.'
That said, this
book is not just

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about Redding and his music; it is also about the times from which they emerged

"If You Don't Know Me By Now," "The Love I Lost," "The Soul Train Theme," "Then Came You," "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now"--the distinctive music that became

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known as Philly
Soul dominated the
pop music charts
in the 1970s. In *A
House on Fire*,
John A. Jackson
takes us inside the
musical empire
created by Kenny
Gamble, Leon
Huff, and Thom
Bell, the three men
who put
Philadelphia Soul

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on the map. Here is the eye-opening story of three of the most influential and successful music producers of the seventies.

Jackson shows how Gamble, Huff, and Bell developed a black recording empire second only to Berry Gordy's Motown, pumping

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out a string of
chart-toppers from
Harold Melvin &
the Blue Notes, the
Spinners, the
O'Jays, the
Stylistics, and
many others. The
author
underscores the
endemic racism of
the music business
at that time,
revealing how the

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three men were
blocked from the
major record
companies and
outlets in
Philadelphia
because they were
black, forcing them
to create their own
label, sign their
own artists, and
create their own
sound. The sound
they created--a

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sophisticated and
glossy form of
rhythm and blues,
characterized by
crisp, melodious
harmonies backed
by lush, string-
laden
orchestration and
a hard-driving
rhythm
section--was a
glorious success,
producing at least

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twenty-eight gold
or platinum albums
and thirty-one gold
or platinum
singles. But after
their meteoric rise
and years of
unstoppable
success, their
production
company finally
failed, brought
down by payola,
competition, a

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tough economy,
and changing
popular tastes.

Funky, groovy,
soulful--Philly Soul
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this remarkable
musical
phenomenon.

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development of
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music and the
important social and
cultural issues raised

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legendary artist Bob
Marley and reggae
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Modern pop began in
1952 when the first
British chart was
published and the
first 7" singles were

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released. It ended
(perhaps) in 1995
when Robson and
Jerome reached the
top of the charts with
the first number one
not to be available on
vinyl since 1953.

The internet age
ushered in the death
rites of over 40 years
of pop. A Complete

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History Pop
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describes the journey
that leads from

'Rock Around the
Clock' to 'Crazy in
Love'. Raw, thrilling,
surprising and
sometimes
downright
dangerous, the Pop
moment almost
always clocks in

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under 3:30 and is
initially, immediately
recognised by a
teenage listener.

Billy Fury. Chuck
Berry. Sonny and
Cher. The Troggs.
Glen Campbell. Bee
Gees. Roxy Music.
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Pistols. Adam and
the Ants. Pet Shop

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Madonna. Bob
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Pop documents the
rich soundtrack of
the last six decades
as it has been heard
on radios and
jukeboxes across the
land. There have
been many books on

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author Evelyn
"Rock" Ragland.
exudes the essence
of home entertaining

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and radiates as a
renaissance woman
preserving the

remarkable African-
American culture
represented in soul
food cooking.

Having traveled
around the world to
over thirty (30)
countries, Rock has
cooked Soul Food

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meals in various
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countries and shared
with new found
friends near and
far. On any given
holiday or weekend,
when she is not
traveling, you'll find
"Rock" at home
spoiling her family
and friends with
amazing soul food

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cuisine. Dining at Rock's always includes introduction to a new dish, wine or dessert, but that's not all. Rock often surprises her guests with wonderful gifts of treasures from around the world or a unique piece of her custom designed

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natural gemstone
jewelry.

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vitality of pop music
are captured in a
study that brings
together
examinations of pop
music by pioneers in
the study of pop
music, pivotal
critics, as well as

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musicians active in
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the riot grrl and rock
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Race and America
A Contribution to an
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Glossary of Pop,
Rock and Soul
Music
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1962) * Oh, Pretty
Woman (Roy
Orbison 1964) *

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Tears (Miracles
1965) * A Place in
the Sun (Stevie
Wonder 1966) *

Aquarius/Let the
Sunshine In (5th
Dimension 1969).

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of Haitian

American musician

Jean Beauvoir, a

member of the

legendary New

York City punk

band the

Plasmatics Jean

Beauvoir joined

the Plasmatics in

1979, playing bass

and keyboards for

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the most notorious band to emerge out of the New York City punk scene. By 1982, he was a member of Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul, a retro-rock revival act headed by Steven Van Zandt. The

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Disciples of Soul
videos played on
MTV during the
network's earliest
years, making
Beauvoir one of
the first Black
recording artists to
cross the start-up
music channel's
"color line."

Beauvoir went on

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to become a multi-platinum artist, producer, and songwriter. *Bet My Soul on Rock 'n' Roll* follows his ride through the American music industry, detailing his encounters with rock stars such as Bruce

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Springsteen, Paul

Stanley, Gene

Simmons, and Lita

Ford, as well as

the actor Sylvester

Stallone, the

billionaire

executive Richard

Branson, and even

Donald Trump.

Beauvoir also

considers the

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manner in which
his Haitian
heritage has

shaped his public
image, his music,
and his role as an
activist for the
dispossessed and
the poor.

Beauvoir's collabor
ations—and
stories—span

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genres, including
work with KISS,
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Gaga.

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*hard-edged riffs of
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metal, 90's grunge,
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is written in a
refreshing, captivating
style that pulls the
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music history. Picture
the various musical
styles as locations on
a giant unfolding road*

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*map. As you open the
map, you travel from
place to place,
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it. Enjoy your trip. We
promise it will be a
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musicians, singers,
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out of ragtime,
vaudeville and the
blues to become
global mass*

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entertainment. Women like Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith were the original pop divas, yet eighty years after they blazed a trail, have their successors achieved the recognition and affirmation they deserve? Or has the only way to success been to slot into

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story of women as
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and soul - on stage, on
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behind the scenes in a
male-dominated
industry. This edition*

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contains an extra

chapter and

interviews covering

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Here Comes the Night
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hearted journey through
the life and musical
career of Thomas
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man who unselfishly
sacrificed himself in the
name of music and
erasing hatred with love.
"Blues, being the
wellspring of all
American music for
over a century, is always

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worth studying. Robert
does it right." --Keith

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map of musical

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know these characters,
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Costello "Robert

Gordon's book is proof
that Southern heritage is
American heritage, and
all sorts of

people--black and white,

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familiar and strange,
dead and alive--are what
it is." --Greil Marcus

Profiles and stories of
Southern music from the
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Records and the Soul
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city of Memphis has
been essential to
American music--home
of the blues, the
birthplace of rock and

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roll, a soul music capital. We know the greatest hits, but celebrated author Robert Gordon takes us to the people and places history has yet to record. A Memphis native, he whiles away time in a crumbling duplex with blues legend Furry Lewis, stays up late with barrelhouse piano player Mose Vinson, and sips

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homemade whiskey at
Junior Kimbrough's
churning house parties.

A passionate listener, he
hears modern times
deep in the grooves of
old records by Lead
Belly and Robert
Johnson. The
interconnected profiles
and stories in Memphis
Rent Party convey more
than a region. Like mint
seeping into bourbon,

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Gordon gets into the wider world. He beholds the beauty of mistakes with producer Jim Dickinson

(Replacements, Rolling Stones), charts the stars with Alex Chilton (Box Tops, Big Star), and mulls the tragedy of Jeff Buckley's fatal swim.

Gordon's Memphis inspires Cat Power, attracts Townes Van

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Zandt, and finds James Carr always singing at the dark end of the street. A rent party is when friends come together to hear music, dance, and help a pal through hard times; it's a celebration in the face of looming tragedy, an optimism when the wolf is at the door. Robert Gordon finds mystery in the mundane, inspiration

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in the bleakness, and
revels in the
individualism that
connects these diverse
encounters.

'Classic English
humour, with all the
slapstick, twists and dry
observations you could
hope for' The Times The
Discworld is very much
like our own - if our
own were to consist of a
flat planet balanced on

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the back of four
elephants which stand
on the back of a giant
turtle, that is . . . 'This is
a story about sex and
drugs and Music With
Rocks In. Well... ...one
out of three ain't bad.'
Being sixteen is always
difficult, even more so
when there's a Death in
the family. After all, it's
hard to grow up
normally when

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Grandfather rides a white horse and wields a scythe. Especially if he decides to take a well-earned moment to uncover the meaning of life and discover himself in the process, so that you have to take over the family business, and everyone mistakes you for the Tooth Fairy. And especially when you have to face the new and

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addictive music that has entered Discworld. It's lawless. It changes people. It's got a beat and you can dance to it. It's called Music With Rocks In. And it won't fade away.

The Discworld novels can be read in any order but Soul Music is the third book in the Death series.

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□A winning look at the stories behind 45 pop, punk, folk, soul and country classics□ in the words of Mick Jagger, Stevie Wonder, Cyndi Lauper and more (The Washington Post).

Every great song has a fascinating backstory. And here, writer and music historian Marc Myers brings to life five decades of music

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through oral histories of
forty-five era-defining
hits woven from
interviews with the
artists who created
them, including such
legendary tunes as the
Isley Brothers' Shout,
Led Zeppelin's Whole
Lotta Love, Janis
Joplin's Mercedes Benz,
and R.E.M.'s Losing My
Religion. After
receiving his discharge

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from the army in 1968,
John Fogerty did a
handstand and reworked
Beethoven's Fifth
Symphony to come up
with Proud Mary. Joni
Mitchell remembers
living in a cave on Crete
with the mean old daddy
who inspired her 1971
hit Carey. Elvis Costello
talks about writing (The
Angels Wanna Wear
My) Red Shoes in ten

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minutes on the train to
Liverpool. And Mick
Jagger, Jimmy Page,
Rod Stewart, the Clash,
Jimmy Cliff, Roger
Waters, Stevie Wonder,
Keith Richards, Cyndi
Lauper, and many other
leading artists reveal the
emotions, inspirations,
and techniques behind
their influential works.
Anatomy of a Song is a
love letter to the songs

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that have defined
generations of listeners
and a rich history of
both the music industry
and the baby boomer
era (Los Angeles
Times Book Review).

Encyclopedia of Pop,
Rock and Soul

Michael Jackson

Reflections on the Band
in Black Popular Music

The Definitive History
of the Most Important

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