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**With their complex haunting
soundscapes and raw, soul-searching**

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lyrics, Radiohead are the natural heirs to Pink Floyd, Nirvana, U2, The Clash and REM as the thinking person's or college rock band of our time. Similarly maintaining an underground reputation at the very heart of the mainstream they combine many of the signature musical and lyrical qualities of their forbears in

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a thoroughly contemporary way. Karma Police, the latest in the series of music books by Carlton Books subtitled The Stories Behind Every Song, is a journey through Radiohead's history and recorded output to date, exploring the events and thinking behind every song and throwing light onto their

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lyrical and musical workings.

U2 and the Religious Impulse examines indications in U2's music and performances that the band work at conscious and subconscious levels as artists who focus on matters of the spirit, religious traditions, and a life guided by both belief and doubt. U2 is

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known for a career of stirring songs, landmark performances and for its interest in connecting with fans to reach a higher power to accomplish greater purposes. Its success as a rock band is unparalleled in the history of rock 'n' roll's greatest acts. In addition to all the thrills one would expect from

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entertainers at this level, U2 surprises many listeners who examine its lyrics and concert themes by having a depth of interest in matters of human existence more typically found in literature, philosophy and theology. The multi-disciplinary perspectives presented here account for the durability of U2's art

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and offer informed explanations as to why many fans of popular music who seek a connection with a higher power find U2 to be a kindred spirit. This study will be of interest to scholars and students of religious studies and musicology, interested in religion and popular music, as well as religion and

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popular culture more broadly.

In 1975, four teenagers from Mount Temple School in Dublin gathered in a crowded kitchen to discuss forming a band. More than thirty years later, Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr are still together, bound by intense loyalty, passionate

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idealism, and a relentless belief in the power of rock and roll to change the world. In an epic journey that has taken the band from the clubs of Dublin to the stadiums of the world, U2 has sold more than 130 million albums, revolutionized live performance, spearheaded political campaigns, and made music that defines

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the age in which we live. Told with wit, insight, and astonishing candor by the band members themselves and manager Paul McGuinness, with pictures from their own archives, U2 by U2 allows unprecedented access into the inner life of the greatest rock band of our times. A diverse collection of essays examines

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the work and influence of U2, covering such disciplines as literature, philosophy, music, culture, business, and theology.

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Healing in a Divided World

U2: Into the Heart

**Karma Police : the Stories Behind
Every Song**

Mad World is a highly entertaining
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Wave music phenomenon of the 1980s via new interviews with 35 of the most notable artists of the period. Each chapter begins with a discussion of their most popular song but leads to stories of their history and place in the scene,

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ultimately painting a vivid picture of this colorful, idiosyncratic time.

Mixtape suggestions, fashion sidebars, and quotes from famous contemporary admirers help fill out the fun. Participants include members of Duran Duran, New

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Order, The Smiths, Tears for Fears,
Adam Ant, Echo and the Bunnymen,
Devo, ABC, Spandau Ballet, A
Flock of Seagulls, Thompson Twins,
and INXS.

"The first great rock 'n' roll novel in
the English language." --The Times

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On Valentine's Day, 1989, Vina Apsara, a famous and much-loved singer, disappears in a devastating earthquake. Her lover, the singer Ormus Cama, cannot accept that he has lost her, and so begins his eternal quest to find her and bring her back.

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His journey takes him across the globe and through cities pulsating with the power of rock 'n' roll, to Bombay, London and New York. But around the star-crossed lover and his quest, the uncertain world itself is beginning to tremble and break.

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Cracks and tears are appearing in the very fabric of reality, and exposing the abyss beyond. And Ormus has to confront just how far he is willing to go for love. In this epic romance that stretches across whole lives, and even beyond death, Salman

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Rushdie's most accessible novel is also a vivid account of the intimate, flawed encounter between East and West, a remaking of the myth of Orpheus, and an exploration of the extremities of comedy, culture and desire. **The Ground Beneath Her**

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Feet is a gripping story that encapsulates the history, dreams and passions of the last half century as no other novel has done.

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value of shared experiences. A penguin has wings for a reason . . . doesn't he? Having a best friend with his own airplane is one thing, but actually experiencing what it feels like to fly by himself? Here is one penguin who believes this is

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precisely what he needs to feel complete. Only . . . if flying by himself is so wonderful, then why does he feel so empty? Because some experiences are better shared. (And penguins are much happier on the ground.) Oliver Jeffers delivers

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authors Margotin and Guesdon explore everything there is to know about every single song. No stone is left unturned across 670 pages, from the inspiration behind the lyrics and melody to the recording process and even the musicians and producers

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who worked on each track. Uncover the stories behind the music in this truly definitive book - a must-have for every Springsteen fan.

Killing Bono

The World and U2

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Written by the Fab Four

Exploring U2

The Complete Encyclopedia

Major Labels

Bjork is the most successful radical
rock experimentalist of her generation.
Contrary, inimitable, and gloriously her

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own, she has awed her famously dedicated fans for more than a decade with a swooping, querulous voice that has been likened to a glass not quite breaking. Bursting onto the Icelandic musical scene with a precocious album at the age of 11 and a series of releases in the 1980s that notably

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include her work with the Sugar Cubes, Bjork soon found herself gaining international renown as she released the jazzy Gling-Glo and her breakout solo album Debut. Since then the superstar wordsmith has continued to produce idiosyncratic, well-received works. In 1995 Bjork combined hit-

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making tunes with her maverick sounds to produce Post, and then after working with an army of collaborators, Telegram. Two years later, Homogenic took listeners on a compelling journey through the outer reaches of electronica. Again abruptly switching directions, Bjork starred as a blind

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mother in the critically acclaimed *Dancer in the Dark*, producing the renowned *Selmasongs* soundtrack. Returning to explorations of herself the next year, she produced *Vespertine*, an intimate and sensual fan favorite that continues to sell well. Drawing on years of experience covering Bjork and her

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industry, music journalist Ian Gittins explores and celebrates the creative processes and motivations behind her amazing career and musical history.

With 70 color and black-and-white photographs, Bjork is a must-have for her legions of devoted fans.

Fueled by an explosive mix of make-up,

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costumes, and attitude, Kiss burst on the music scene over 30 years ago and has become a rock institution. This rocking guide features an in-depth interview with founding members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, and also focuses on the special relationship the band enjoys with its audience.

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Drawing on extensive interviews with insiders—including studio presidents, music critics, politicians and childhood friends—an unauthorized biography and the first comprehensive account of the internationally renowned band in 25 years traces their rise from post-punk champions to political crusaders.

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Get an inside look at one the greatest rock bands of all time! They've frequently been described as the biggest band in the world. The Joshua Tree alone has sold more than 15 million copies worldwide. They hold the record for the most Grammy wins by a rock act. And their 360 tour, which

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started in 2009, attracted more than seven million fans and is one of the highest-grossing tours of all time. U2 has revolutionized the definition of rock band by staying true to its beliefs and passions, through meteoric success, public controversy, and an astounding forty-year working relationship. Now for

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the first time, get the complete photographic history of one of the world's most influential and legendary rock bands. Mat Snow's U2: Revolution is lushly illustrated with over 200 photos and 2 gatefold timelines exploring the band's incredible history. Starting with their roots in Dublin where the four

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teenaged friends first started playing together in Larry Mullen's kitchen, Snow follows the band through their debut album, *Boy*, their chart-topping albums of the 1980s, their record-breaking tours and global activism of the 1990s, and their reflective reconnection with core fans in the

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twenty-first century.

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Up and Down

Led Zeppelin

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The Rolling Stones All the Songs

Rattle and Hum

The newest addition to the

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best-selling All the Songs series details the unique recording history of Pink Floyd, one of the world's most commercially successful and influential rock bands. Since 1965,

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*Pink Floyd been recording
sonically experimental and
philosophical music,
selling more than 250
million records worldwide,
including two of the best-
selling albums of all time*

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Dark Side of the Moon and The Wall. While much is known about this iconic group, few books provide a comprehensive history of their time in the studio. In Pink Floyd All the

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Songs, authors Margotin and Guesdon describe the origin of their nearly 200 released songs, details from the recording studio, what instruments were used, and behind-the-

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scenes stories of the tensions that helped drive the band. Organized chronologically by album, this massive, 544-page hardcover begins with their 1967 debut album The

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Piper at the Gates of Dawn, the only one recorded under founding member Syd Barrett's leadership; through the loss of Barrett and the addition of David Gilmour;

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to Richard Wright leaving the band in 1979 but returning; to Roger Waters leaving in 1985 and the albums recorded since his departure, including their 2014 farewell album, The

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Endless River, which was downloaded 12 million times on Spotify the week it was released. Packed with more than 500 photos, *All the Songs* is also filled with stories fans

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treasure, such as Waters working with engineer Alan Parsons to employ revolutionary recording techniques for The Dark Side of the Moon at Abbey Road Studios in 1972 or

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*producer Bob's Ezrin's
contribution in refining
Water's original sprawling
vision for The Wall.
Celebrity philanthropy
comes in many guises, but
no single figure better*

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encapsulates its delusions, pretensions and wrongheadedness than U2's iconic frontman, Bono—a fact neither sunglasses nor leather pants can hide. More than a mere

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philanthropist—indeed, he lags behind many of his peers when it comes to parting with his own money—Bono is better described as an advocate, one who has become an

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*unwitting symbol of a
complacent wealthy Western
elite. The Frontman
reveals how Bono moved his
investments to Amsterdam
to evade Irish taxes; his
paternalistic and often*

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*bullying advocacy of
neoliberal solutions in
Africa; his multinational
business interests; and
his hobnobbing with Paul
Wolfowitz and shock-
doctrine economist Jeffrey*

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Sachs. Carefully dissecting the rhetoric and actions of Bono the political operator, The Frontman shows him to be an ambassador for imperial exploitation, a man who

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has turned his attention to a world of savage injustice, inequality and exploitation—and helped make it worse.

With complex, haunting soundscapes and raw, soul-

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*searching lyrics,
Radiohead has blazed an
uncompromising trail to
become one of the most
critically acclaimed,
socially aware, and
perennially popular rock*

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acts in the world. Like such predecessors as Pink Floyd, U2, and REM, the band has maintained its underground cred even while residing at the heart of the popular

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mainstream. Now writer and musicologist James Doheny reveals the inside story behind every Radiohead song in a comprehensive and insightful book no true fan will want to be

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without.

*The Irish rock band U2,
and especially its
frontman Bono, are among
the most effective
activists ever. U2 has
convinced wealthy*

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*governments to forgive
tens of billions of
dollars in loans while
spreading its activist
messages to billions of
people, helping save
millions of lives. So how*

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*did four boys from one of
the poorest countries in
the West achieve this? Who
and what influenced them?
What strategies did they
use to succeed as much as
they did as activists, and*

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*how did those strategies
change over time? In
particular, how did lead
singer Bono make the leap
into superstar lobbying?
And, with so much
attention on him, how has*

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*he handled critics who
have taken to task his
work on behalf of
developing countries? In
The World and U2: One
Band's Remaking of Global
Activism, Alan McPherson*

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*trains a historian's eye
on the evolution and
influence of the band's
activism from its
formation in 1976 to its
most recent album and
concert tour. Throughout*

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*its nearly four decades,
the band has held up a
mirror to the increasing
selfishness in the world
while at the same time
working to fill the void
left by those who have*

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*abandoned the world's poor
to their plight. From
raising awareness about
war and human rights in
the 1980s to engaging in
direct action in the 1990s
to moving mountains of*

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cash for the planet's poorest in the twenty-first century, the band, and especially Bono, have both raised the bar and set the example for other celebrity activists. But

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it is also a success that has brought a greater scrutiny to bear on U2's activism and initiated a healthy debate about the merits of Western development aid. The World

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*and U2: One Band's
Remaking of Global
Activism tells this story
of U2's successful
storming of the world's
philanthropic stage. It
will enchant the band's*

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*fans, engage its critics,
and offer lessons—and
warnings—to activists
seeking to change things
for the better.*

*A Book by and for the
Fanatics Among Us*

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*U2 and the Religious
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All The Songs

Led Zeppelin All the Songs

*The Story Behind Every
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An updated edition of the most comprehensive account of Bob Dylan's Nobel Prize-winning work yet published, with the full story of every recording session, every album, and every single released during his nearly 60-year career. *Bob Dylan: All the Songs* focuses on Dylan's creative

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process and his organic, unencumbered style of recording. It is the only book to tell the stories, many unfamiliar even to his most fervent fans, behind the more than 500 songs he has released over the span of his career. Organized chronologically by album, Margotin and Guesdon detail the origins of his

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melodies and lyrics, his process in the recording studio, the instruments he used, and the contribution of a myriad of musicians and producers to his canon.

Take a deep dive into the innovative recording history of Led Zeppelin, in this newest addition to the fan-favorite

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All the Songs series. Fifty years after their first practice in a Soho basement, Led Zeppelin continues to fascinate new generations of listeners. While their legendary back-stage debauchery has been written about extensively in other books, All the Songs is all about the music, detailing the studio magic and

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inspiration that made all nine albums go platinum, including Led Zeppelin IV which was certified x23 platinum and has sold more than 37 million copies worldwide. Studio stories will include their productive time at Headley Grange in Wales, a poorly-heated former poorhouse where they recorded

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parts of Led Zeppelin III, Led Zeppelin IV, Houses of the Holy and Physical Graffiti. And how the first album was recorded in three weeks but their second took six months, done while the band was on a world tour. They carried the masters of the recording session in a steamer trunk wherever they went. Out

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of these chaotic sessions came the "Whole Lotta Love," which was finished in New York with Hendrix engineer Eddie Kramer helping create the psychedelic middle part, as well as "The Lemon Song," which was cut live in the studio. Page worked feverishly with Kramer to mix the LP on a

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primitive 12-channel Altec board in a two-day span. Fans will also learn the genesis of their lyrics, the inspiration for their album covers, the instruments used, and the contributions of engineers such as Andy Johns, who helped create the iconic drum sound on "When the Levee Breaks" by recording Bonham at

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the bottom of a stairwell.

John Jobling takes readers beyond the myth in this unauthorized biography to present the first comprehensive account of the illustrious Irish rockers in 25 years. Drawing on extensive interviews with insiders including record label scouts, studio presidents, politicians,

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music critics, and childhood friends, Jobling investigates the U2's most personal relationships and controversial business practices, delivering a vivid portrait that traces the rock phenomenon from its conception to post-punk champions to political crusaders. Filled with captivating revelations,

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reader will learn: - How Bono, the Edge, and Larry Mullen, Jr. worshiped with a Charismatic Christian church that practiced speaking in tongues during the band's early days - Insider stories of the genesis and recording of classic albums such as The Joshua Tree and Achtung Baby - Creative tensions

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within the band and power struggles among management - How the disappointments of the Rattle and Hum film and PopMart Tour spurred the band to greater creative heights - Both the successes and controversies of Bono's wide-sweeping philanthropic and political ventures - The disconnect

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between the band's personal lives and public personas Sure to inspire debate with every music lover, U2: The Definitive Biography humanizes the band and paints an honest picture of a band's rise to the top, plunging into the heart and underlying soul of this iconic rock and roll band.

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Us is one of the more important books about climate change to have been written." —The Guardian United Nations Champion of the Earth, climate scientist, and evangelical Christian Katharine Hayhoe changes the debate on how we can save our future. Called "one of the nation's most effective

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communicators on climate change” by The New York Times, Katharine Hayhoe knows how to navigate all sides of the conversation on our changing planet. A Canadian climate scientist living in Texas, she negotiates distrust of data, indifference to imminent threats, and resistance to proposed

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to find shared values in order to connect our unique identities to collective action. This is not another doomsday narrative about a planet on fire. It is a multilayered look at science, faith, and human psychology, from an icon in her field—recently named chief scientist at The Nature Conservancy. Drawing on

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interdisciplinary research and personal stories, Hayhoe shows that small conversations can have astonishing results. Saving Us leaves us with the tools to open a dialogue with your loved ones about how we all can play a role in pushing forward for change.

Girls They Write Songs About

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Once in a Lifetime : the Stories Behind
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The Frontman
The Stories Behind Every Led Zeppelin
Song
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Longtime friend and reporter, Neil

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McCormick, reveals childhood and present day stories about Bono and his band, U2. Some are born great. Some achieve greatness. Some have greatness thrust upon them. And some have the misfortune to go to school with Bono. Everyone wants to be famous. But as a young punk in Dublin in the 1970s, Neil

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McCormick's ambitions went way beyond mere pop stardom. It was his destiny to be a veritable Rock God. He had it all worked out: the albums, the concerts, the quest for world peace. There was only one thing he hadn't counted on. The boy sitting on the other side of the classroom had plans of his own. Killing Bono is a story of

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divergent lives. As Bono and his band U2 ascended to global superstardom, his school friend Neil scorched a burning path in quite the opposite direction. Bad drugs, weird sex, bizarre haircuts: Neil experienced it all in his elusive quest for fame. But sometimes it is life's losers who have the most interesting tales to tell.

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Featuring guest appearances by the Pope, Bob Dylan, and a galaxy of stars, Killing Bono offers an extremely funny, startlingly candid, and strangely moving account of a life lived in the shadows of superstardom. “The problem with knowing you is that you've done everything I ever wanted to,” Neil once

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complained to his famous friend. “I’m your doppelganger,” Bono replied. “If you want your life back, you’ll have to kill me.” Now there was a thought...

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has made a deep study of how popular music unites and divides us, charting the way genres become communities. In *Major Labels*, Sanneh distills a career's worth of knowledge about music and musicians into a brilliant and omnivorous reckoning with popular music—as an art form (actually, a bunch of art forms), as a

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cultural and economic force, and as a tool that we use to build our identities. He explains the history of slow jams, the genius of Shania Twain, and why rappers are always getting in trouble. Sanneh shows how these genres have been defined by the tension between mainstream and outsider, between authenticity and

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phoniness, between good and bad, right and wrong. Throughout, race is a powerful touchstone: just as there have always been Black audiences and white audiences, with more or less overlap depending on the moment, there has been Black music and white music, constantly mixing and separating. Sanneh debunks cherished

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myths, reappraises beloved heroes, and upends familiar ideas of musical greatness, arguing that sometimes, the best popular music isn't transcendent. Songs express our grudges as well as our hopes, and they are motivated by greed as well as idealism; music is a powerful tool for human connection, but also for human

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antagonism. This is a book about the music everyone loves, the music everyone hates, and the decades-long argument over which is which. The opposite of a modest proposal, Major Labels pays in full.

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Beatles?from "Please Please Me" (U.S. 1963) to "The Long and Winding Road" (U.S. 1970)?is dissected, discussed, and analyzed by two music historians in this lively and fully illustrated work. All the Songs delves deep into the history and origins of the Beatles and their music. This first-of-its-kind book draws upon decades

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of research, as music historians Margotin and Guesdon recount the circumstances that led to the composition of every song, the recording process, and the instruments used. Here, we learn that one of John Lennon's favorite guitars was a 1958 Rickenbacker 325 Capri, which he bought for £100 in 1960 in Hamburg, Germany.

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We also learn that "Love Me Do," recorded in Abbey Road Studios in September 1962, took 18 takes to get right, even though it was one of the first songs John and Paul ever wrote together. And the authors reveal that when the Beatles performed "I Want to Hold Your Hand" on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964,

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John's microphone wasn't turned on, so viewers heard only Paul singing. All the Songs is the must-have Beatles book for the any true Beatles fan.

While other bands have fallen by the way side, Bono's U2 have continued to reinvent themselves: from early punk origins to the rootsy rock and soul of

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punk age. Fresh from the success of their new hit album, U2 will be touring the US in the summer of 2001.

Pink Floyd All the Songs

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Talking Heads

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internationally popular and critically acclaimed music. Included are original and revealing interviews with band members and the key people close to U2. The band's rich cultural and social context is fully

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explored, providing a colorful backdrop to the songs. U2: Into the Heart traces U2's meteoric rise from the early days of their career with Boy, their first album, to the spanning success of The Joshua Tree,

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Rattle and Hum, Achtung Baby, and Pop. U2 is a group that has become a world-class rock 'n' roll band; a band that continues to invent themselves and are not afraid to take chances with their craft—as well as

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make a unique impact in the world of music with their raw, emotional energy.

This is the ideal book for (multi-generational) fans of rock music and the band U2 in anticipation of their forthcoming album and world

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tour. A complete illustrated history of one of the world's most influential and legendary rock band, U2: Revolution is An intimate chronicle of the three-year "Zoo TV" world tour taken by the popular

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inspired the songs of the
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late- '70s New York punk scene based around CBGB's club. Led by guitarist-vocalist David Byrne, the band enjoyed major chart success on both sides of the Atlantic with

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*infectious, incendiary
singles like "Road to
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and "Once in a Lifetime."
During their influential
seventeen-year career,
Talking Heads assembled a*

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*body of raw yet
intellectual rock music
second to none. Then in
2002, having vowed to
never work together again,
the four original Heads
reconvened and played live*

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*when they were inducted
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entire output chapter by chapter and includes a complete set of printed lyrics to accompany each song, used with exclusive permission from the band's music publishers. Who was

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*the 'walrus' and what
inspired the lyrics to
Ringo's 'Octopus's
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*U2's significant career
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bands, with a prolific output of thirteen well-received studio albums and a sometimes relentless touring schedule. The band is famous for uniquely drawing together music,

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*art, faith, and activism,
all within a lucrative
career that has given each
of these elements an
unusual degree of social
and cultural resonance.
Broad-minded musically and*

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intellectually, U2's output is thematically rich, addressing a slew of topics, from questions of faith to anxieties about commercialism to outright political statements. With

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*one of the largest fan
bases in the history of
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work require
contextualization and
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Songs

***Rock 'n' Roll to Change
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Drooling fanatic, n. 1. One

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*who drools in the presence
of beloved rock stars. 2.
Any of a genus of rock-and-
roll wannabes/geeks who walk
around with songs constantly
ringing in their ears, own
more than 3,000 albums, and
fall in love with at least*

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one record per week. With a life that's spanned the phonographic era and the digital age, Steve Almond lives to Rawk. Like you, he's secretly longed to live the life of a rock star, complete with insane talent,

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Roll Will Save Your Life
traces Almond's passion from
his earliest (and most
wretched) rock criticism to
his eventual discovery of a
music-crazed soul mate and
their subsequent production
of two little superfans.

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Along the way, Almond reflects on the delusional power of songs, the awkward mating habits of drooling fanatics, and why Depression Songs actually make us feel so much better. The book also includes: • sometimes

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America's finest songwriters
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Graceland while stoned • a
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shattering endorsement of
Styx's Paradise Theater •*

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often choose to ignore • a
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Toto song "Africa" •
obnoxious lists sure to piss
off rock critics But wait,
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friendship, Girls They Write
Songs About is a thrumming,
searching novel about the
bonds that shape us more
than any love affair. We
moved to New York to want*

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undisturbed and unchecked. And what did we want? New York, 1997. As the city's gritty edges are being smoothed into something safer and shinier, two aspiring writers meet at a music magazine. Rose-brash

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*and self-possessed—is a
staff writer.*

*Charlotte—hesitant,
bookish—is an editor. First
wary, then slowly admiring,
they recognize in each other
an insatiable and previously
unmatched ambition. Soon*

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they're inseparable, falling into the kind of friendship that makes every day an adventure, and makes you believe that you will, of course, achieve extraordinary things.

Together, Charlotte and Rose

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*find love and lose it; they
hit their strides and
stumble; they make choices
and live past them. They say
to each other, "Don't ever
leave me." It's their
favorite joke, but they know
that they could never say a*

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truer thing. But then the steady beats of their sisterhood fall out of sync. They have seen each other through so much—marriage, motherhood, divorce, career glories and catastrophes, a million small but necessary

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choices. What will it mean if they have to give up dreaming together? That the friendship that once made them sing out now shuts them down? And even if they can reconcile themselves to the lives they've chosen, can

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*they make peace with the
ones they didn't? As smart
and comic as it is
gloriously exuberant,
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timeless story and turns it
into a pulsing, wrecking,*

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