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A Northerner in exile, Stuart Maconie goes on a journey in search of the North, attempting to discover where the clichés end and the truth begins. He travels from Wigan Pier to Blackpool Tower and Newcastle's Bigg Market to the Lake District to find his own Northern Soul, encountering along the way an exotic cast of chippy Scousers, pie-eating woollybacks, topless Geordies, mad-for-it Mancs, Yorkshire nationalists and brothers in southern exile. The bestselling *Pies and Prejudice* is a hugely enjoyable journey around the north of England. In 1903, Victorian composer Cecil Sharp began a decade-long journey to collect folk songs that captured the spirit of Great Britain. A century later, writer, presenter and journalist Will Hodgkinson sets out on a similar journey.

TOWNS OF THE 92 ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS by E R Neafcy takes the reader beyond the well known and much loved football clubs of England to the places and towns where the clubs have grown. These place names tell a tale of the diversity of people that lived there and their ways of life. This booklet covers the towns and settlements from which grew the 92 clubs of the English Football League. Some of the stories are surprising. The old

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English town of 'Northworthy' was later changed by Danish settlers to 'Derby'. The Normans found difficulty in pronouncing 'sn' and so changed 'Snotinghame' to 'Nottingham'. 16th century Spanish occupation of the Netherlands made Norwich first an asylum destination, then a world centre for canary breeding which accounts for the nickname and colours of the football club. The name London, the best known place-name in England, is conspicuously absent and does not appear in the name of any football club. Lots of the towns' coats of arms are of great antiquity. Often they indicate how the town sees itself, or used to. Not all of the town councils have registered a coat of arms with the College of Arms. Though the arms of many may be a faithful attempt to represent the town's story, a coat of arms need not be a solemn piece of work. The royal coat of arms appears in the nation's courts of justice. It features a unicorn, a fictitious animal! A word in a town's motto might suggest an image that has nothing to do with the town's story but is in some way funny, or is an 'in-joke' that locals understand. Why then not put that image in the heraldry, as Oldham, Rochdale, Sheffield and Wigan do?

A first-hand look into Britain's unlikely travel destinations In a mad adventure that took him from Hull to Hell, Tom Chesshyre visited secret spots of Britain in search of the least likely holiday

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destinations. He experienced the real Coronation Street in Salford, explored Blade Runner Britain in Port Talbot, discovered that everything's quite green in Milton Keynes, met real-life superheroes and many a suspicious landlady, and watched a football match with celebrity chef Delia Smith in Norwich. With a light and edgy writing style the author peels back the skin of the unfashionable underbelly of Britain, and embraces it all with the spirit of discovery.

Compiles career biographies of over 1,200 artists and rock music reviews written by fans covering every phase of rock from R&B through punk and rap. CMJ New Music Monthly, the first consumer magazine to include a bound-in CD sampler, is the leading publication for the emerging music enthusiast. NMM is a monthly magazine with interviews, reviews, and special features. Each magazine comes with a CD of 15-24 songs by well-established bands, unsigned bands and everything in between. It is published by CMJ Network, Inc. Lionel Bart was a writer and composer of British pop music and musicals, best known for creating the book, music and lyrics for *Oliver!* He also wrote the famous songs *Living Doll* (Cliff Richard) and *From Russia With Love* (Matt Munroe). He was unable to read music. He was a millionaire aged thirty in the Sixties, bankrupt in the Seventies and died in 1999. The authors gained exclusive access to Bart's

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personal archives – his unfinished autobiography, his letters and scrapbooks. They detail how he signed away the rights to Oliver! to finance his new musical Twang – based on Robin Hood - which flopped badly in the theatre. Reveal how his heavy drinking led to diabetes and how he died in 1999 aged 69 from liver cancer. They have interviewed his personal secretaries, friends, family, counsellors and many of the performers, musicians and producers who worked with him. Interviewees include Rocky Horror's Richard O'Brien and actors Dudley Sutton and Nigel Planer.

Compiles career biographies of over 1,200 artists and rock music reviews written by fans covering every phase of rock from R&B through punk and rap The guitarist for seminal female punk band The Slits traces the story of her influential career, recounting experiences from her creative endeavors with Sid Vicious and her tour with The Clash through her relationship with Mick Jones and the 2012 release of her solo debut.

Who knew that Paul McCartney originally referred to Yesterday as 'Scrambled Eggs' because he couldn't think of any lyrics for his heart-breaking tune? Or that Patti LaBelle didn't know what 'Voulez-vous couches avec moi ce soir?' actually meant? These and countless other fascinating back stories of some of our best-known and best-loved songs fill this book, a collection of the highly successful weekly The Life of a Song columns that appear in the FT Weekend every Saturday. Each

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600-word piece gives a mini-biography of a single song, from its earliest form (often a spiritual, or a jazz number), through the various covers and changes, often morphing from one genre to another, always focusing on the 'biography' of the song itself while including the many famous artists who have performed or recorded it. The selection covers a wide spectrum of the songs we all know and love - rock, pop, folk, jazz and more. Each piece is pithy, sparkily written, knowledgeable, entertaining, full of anecdotes and surprises. They combine deep musical knowledge with the vivid background of the performers and musicians, and of course the often intriguing social and political background against which the songs were created. Ewan MacColl is widely recognized as a key figure in the English folk revival, who tried to convey traditional music to a mass audience. Dominant in the movement during the 1950s and much of the 1960s, his position has come under attack in more recent years from some scholars. While it would be arrogant to claim to 'set the record straight', this book will contribute significantly to the debate surrounding MacColl's importance. MacColl gave two extended interviews with co-editor Giovanni Vacca in 1987 and 1988, not long before his death, and these provide the impetus for a re-examination of his methods, his politics and his aesthetic aims. The book also provides critical overviews of MacColl's activities in the revival and of his practices, particularly as writer and singer. The time is ripe for such a contribution, following Peter Cox's study of the Radio Ballads, and in the context of biographies by Joan Littlewood and Frankie

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Armstrong. The contributions locate MacColl in his own historical context, attempting to understand some of the characteristic techniques through which he was able to write and sing such extraordinary songs, which capture so well for others the detail and flavour of their lives. Great emphasis is placed on the importance of seeing MacColl as not only a British, but a European folk activist, through discussion of his hitherto barely known work in Italy, enabling a re-contextualization of his work within a broader European context. The interviews themselves are fluent and fascinating narrations in which MacColl discusses his life, music, and experiences in the theatre and in the folk music revival as well as with a series of issues concerning folk music, politics, history, language, art and other theoretical issues, offering a complete description of all the repertoires of the British Isles. Peggy Seeger contributes a Foreword to the collection.

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The extraordinary life and career of music legend Rod Stewart, in his own words for the first time. With his soulful and singular voice, narrative songwriting, and passionate live performances Rod Stewart has paved one of the most iconic and successful music careers of all time. He was the charismatic lead singer for the trailblazing rock and roll bands The Jeff Beck Group and The Faces, and as a solo artist, the author of such beloved songs as "Maggie May," "Tonight's the Night," "Hot Legs," "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?," "Young Turks," "Forever Young," and "You Wear It Well." Now after

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more than five decades in the spotlight, he is finally ready to take a candid and romping look back at his life both on and off the stage. From his humble British roots to his hell-raising years on tour with his bandmates, not forgetting his great loves (including three marriages and eight children) and decades touring the world, Rod delivers a riveting ride through one of rock's most remarkable lives.

75 MILLION FANS. AN ANNUAL INCOME OF MORE THAN £200 MILLION. AND A STORY THAT HAS NEVER FULLY BEEN TOLD - UNTIL NOW. 'A

wonderfully entertaining history' Sunday Telegraph

'When historians 1,000 years from now try to fathom the cult of Manchester United Football Club, White will be a

good place to start' Financial Times MANCHESTER

UNITED: THE BIOGRAPHY contains everything a

football fan needs to know about the club, from its birth in the smog-bound mud of Newton Heath to the Theatre of

Dreams. From the solid yeomanry of Lancelot Holliday

Richardson, through the gilded days of Law, Best and

Charlton, to the dazzling artistry of Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Averio and the pursuit of a record-equaling 18th

League title. Award-winning journalist and lifelong red

Jim White brings the history of this extraordinary club to

life - unofficial and unbiased, it is written with the passion of a true fan.

A dark jewel of a novella, this definitive edition of Caitlín

R. Kiernan's Black Helicopters is the expanded and

completed version of the World Fantasy Award-

nominated original. Just as the Signalman stood and

faced the void in Agents of Dreamland, so it falls to

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Ptolema, a chess piece in her agency's world-spanning game, to unravel what has become tangled and unknowable. Something strange is happening on the shores of New England. Something stranger still is happening to the world itself, chaos unleashed, rational explanation slipped loose from the moorings of the known. Two rival agencies stare across the Void at one another. Two sisters, the deadly, sickened products of experiments going back decades, desperately evade their hunters. An invisible war rages at the fringes of our world, with unimaginable consequences and Lovecraftian horrors that ripple centuries into the future. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

As lead singer of The Pogues and as a solo artist, Shane MacGowan is a defining figure of modern Irish music. Among the greatest songwriters of his generation, he has infused traditional Irish folk with the spirit of punk and a bleary-eyed romanticism to create a compelling and unique musical brew. Joe Merrick's biography is an incredible story, sometimes sad, sometimes wonderful, and often soaked in a mixture of alcohol and genius.

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This collector's edition contains 50 traditional Irish songs, all arranged for the unique wind instrument ocarina. Pieces from easy to advanced playable from the different areas of Irish folk music make the heart of every ocarina-playing Ireland-fan pound. For each song the corresponding lyrics are given. As a bonus a fingering chart for the 12-hole ocarina is also included. The following songs are included in this must-have music book: A Nation Once Again Bidly Mulligan, the Pride of the Coombe Boulavogue Brennan on the Moor Come Back to Erin Danny Boy Dicey Reilly Dirty Old Town Down by the Sally Gardens Finnegan's Wake Follow Me Up To Carlow Gartan Mother's Lullaby Glen of Aherlow God Save Ireland I'll Tell Me Ma It's a Long Way to Tipperary Kathleen Mavourneen Lanigan's Ball McNamara's Band Molly Brannigan Molly Malone Mountains O'Mourne Old Maid in the Garret Oró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile Peigín Leitir Moir Rakes of Mallow Robin Adair Rocky Road to Dublin Roddy McCorley Róisín Dubh Seven Drunken Nights She Moved Through the Fair Slievanamon Spencil Hill Star of the County Down The Bould Thady Quill The Foggy Dew The Galway Piper The Galway Shawl The Juice of the Barley The Moorlough Shore The Night That Paddy Murphy Died The Old Rustic Bridge by the Mill The Rare Old Mountain Dew The Rose of Tralee The Wild Rover Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral When Irish Eyes Are Smiling Whiskey in the Jar Whiskey You're the Devil

“Everything a really great music memoir should be.” —Colin Meloy The Pogues injected the fury of punk into Irish folk music and gave the world the troubled, iconic, darkly romantic songwriter Shane MacGowan. Here Comes Everybody is a memoir written by founding member and accordion player James Fearnley, drawn from his personal experiences and the series of journals and correspondence he kept throughout the band's career. Fearnley describes the coalescence of a disparate collection of vagabonds living in the squats of

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London's Kings Cross, with, at its center, the charismatic MacGowan and his idea of turning Irish traditional music on its head. With beauty, lyricism, and great candor, Fearnley tells the story of how the band watched helplessly as their singer descended into a dark and isolated world of drugs and drink, and sets forth the increasingly desperate measures they were forced to take. James Fearnley was born in 1954 in Worsley, Manchester. He played guitar in various bands, including The Nips with Shane MacGowan, before becoming the accordion player in The Pogues. Fearnley continues to tour with the band and lives in Los Angeles.

Get to know 'Not-so Great Britain' in this crackingly acerbic collection of insulting and downright offensive quotations about cities, towns and other locations in the British Isles. Towns, cities, counties and constituent countries all come in for a lambasting in this bad-tempered and thoroughly entertaining journey round the British Isles (or, as the Irish insist on calling them, the Hibernian Archipelago), from the nauseatingly Nordic Shetlands to the suspiciously Froggy Channel Islands, from 'the arse end of the world' (Wigan) to the 'heaving Sodom of the south coast' (Brighton). And it's not just the places that come in for a hammering - the people too are mocked and reviled, from the imbecilic, dimwitted folk of County Kerry to the inbred, turkey-fancying natives of Norfolk, from the tight-fistedness of the inhabitants of Aberdeen to the light-fingeredness and incessant whinings of the Scouser. And - unlike Boris Johnson of The Spectator - Mr Plinth will not be saying 'Oops. Sorry!'

Legacies of Ewan MacColl
The Last Interview
Routledge
Measures for Measure features once greatly-disturbed landscapes now largely reclaimed, physically at least, by post-industrial activity. Yet the surviving machines, buildings and housing of the original Industrial Revolution, founded mostly upon Coal Measures strata, still loom large over many parts

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of Britain. They do so nowadays in the family-friendly and informative context of industrial museums, reconstructed industrial settlements, preserved landscapes and historic townscapes. Our society and its creative core of literature, visual arts and architecture were profoundly affected by the whole process. The British Carboniferous legacy for wider humankind was profound and permanent, more so with the realisation over the last 60 or so years that the emission of carbon dioxide during human utilisation of fossil fuels has caused global warming with all its many unintended consequences. Coal, iron ore and other metallic ores and materials had been extracted from Carboniferous strata and traded for over five hundred years before the Industrial Revolution, notably since thirteenth century in the London Trade of coal from Tyneside. By contrast, the neighbouring island of Ireland had no great deposits of coal and ironstone, although with gold, copper, lead and zinc aplenty. What produced this abundance of fossil carbon preserved in the Carboniferous rocks of Britain? Why did the Industrial Revolution originate in Britain in the early- to mid-eighteenth century and not elsewhere in mainland Europe where coal was also abundant? Linked geological, economic and social factors combined to enable the formation, preservation, exposure and exploitation of neighbouring coal- and iron-bearing reserves. The principal features of the distinctive industrial regions that grew up are traced back to their landscapes and geology in a major section of the book. Great industrial cities became wonders of the world, their entrepreneurs and industrialists proud at what they had created. However, industrial workers in their mines, foundries, forges, factories and mills had to collectively fight for economic, political and social rights and then to cope with the many traumas of de-industrialisation and unemployment. Measures for Measure will appeal to all with

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an interest in the industrial history of Great Britain and its impact on the landscape, economy, social history and culture of the island.

In the summer of 1981 Will Traverse set out to walk across the city of Brisbane; a journey that took him from an Aboriginal bora ground in the Samford valley west of the city, through the city centre, and on to a midden on Stradbroke Island. At that time Brisbane, a small city under the yoke of an ultra-conservative state government, was transitioning from what many called that great big country town into what would become the two-hundred-kilometre city. Will's journey, through time and space, maps a unique portrait of a city and its people during this time of change. Along the way he met many characters, including the last Samford dairy farmer and his dog, a woman who told him things she'd held secret for too long, and an American soldier who'd been stationed in Brisbane during the Pacific Campaign. There were many strange encounters, including a drunken game of racing peanuts, a conversation with six cane toads, and monsters in the night. As he walked Will sometimes recalled events from his own past. Sometimes these memories were pleasant, some bitter-sweet, but there was one, concerning a visit to a place of evil, that haunted him.

To absorb Rum, Sodomy, and the Lash is to be taken on a wild voyage with a cast of downtrodden revolutionaries. This book discusses, in the form of a sea-faring narrative, the record's articulation of what it is to be magnificently trodden. It shows that what the Pogues created is far more than pub-room music created by drunken men wallowing in Irish nostalgia and pining for something subversive.

'Not since The Football Man has a book so captured the passion of the game. The Bottom Corner is a wonderful journey through life in the lower reaches of

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the football pyramid. A fascinating tale of a very different world of football from that of the overpaid stars of the television age' Barry Davies In these days of oligarch owners, superstar managers and players on sky-high wages, the tide is turning towards the lower reaches of the pyramid as fans search for football with a soul. Plucky underdogs or perennial underachievers, your local non-league team offers hope, drama or at least a Saturday afternoon ritual that's been going for decades. Nige Tassell spends a season in the non-league world. He meets the raffle-ticket seller who wants her ashes scattered in the centre-circle. The envelope salesman who discovered a future England international. The ex-pros still playing with undiluted passion on Sunday mornings. He spends time at clubs looking for promotion to the Football League, clubs just aiming to get eleven players on a pitch every week, and everything in between. One thing unites them: they all inhabit the heartland of the beautiful game.

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"This volume was first delivered at a conference organised by the Association for Industrial Archaeology in Nottingham in June 2004, and formerly constituted a special issue of Industrial Archaeology Review. The papers have the explicit intention of formulating a research framework for industrial archaeology in the 21st century and demonstrating how far industrial archaeology is now a fully recognised element of mainstream archaeology."

In an open and honest memoir chronicling his poetic life and times, one of the 1960s most popular folk artists describes how his unconventional and romantic lyrics and sound ushered in a new vibe to the folk genre of the sixties. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

In *Roots of the Revival: American and British Folk Music in the 1950s*, Ronald D. Cohen and Rachel Clare Donaldson present a transatlantic history of folk's midcentury resurgence that juxtaposes the related but distinct revivals that took place in the United States and Great Britain. After setting the stage with the work of music collectors in the

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nineteenth century, the authors explore the so-called recovery of folk music practices and performers by Alan Lomax and others, including journeys to and within the British Isles that allowed artists and folk music advocates to absorb native forms and facilitate the music's transatlantic exchange. Cohen and Donaldson place the musical and cultural connections of the twin revivals within the decade's social and musical milieu and grapple with the performers' leftist political agendas and artistic challenges, including the fierce debates over "authenticity" in practice and repertoire that erupted when artists like Harry Belafonte and the Kingston Trio carried folk into the popular music mainstream. From work songs to skiffle, from the Weavers in Greenwich Village to Burl Ives on the BBC, *Roots of the Revival* offers a frank and wide-ranging consideration of a time, a movement, and a transformative period in American and British pop culture.

Examines the work and the personalities behind British cultural icons, pulling out the key information in easily digested, entertaining chunks. The culture of everyday life is also revealed, exploring the variation between the English, Scots and Welsh, and dissecting how they approach life; how they eat, socialize, vote, dress and laugh.

THE INTER CITY JIBBERS. WHERE UNITED
WENT, THEY FOLLOWED. MAYHEM WAS NEVER

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FAR BEHIND. The Inter City Jibbers were the most notorious Manchester United hooligan crew of the last thirty years, and Colin 'Beaner' Blaney was up to his neck in it. His years as an ICJ and Wide Awake Firm (WAF) footsoldier saw him blacklisted as an 'Undesirable' by Interpol for smuggling Ecstasy, tearing through gangland warfare with rival crooks, and carrying out daring jewellery thefts as far afield as Taiwan and South Korea. Spurred on by the overwhelming acclaim for his first book, *Grafters*, Blaney's latest account includes stories originally deemed too risky to tell. This shocking, searingly honest new work from the core of the Inter City Jibbers tells of four attempted jailbreaks, and describes members of the ICJ's experiences in numerous hellish overseas jails. These include the gang rape of one WAF member in a Pakistani prison, a brutal time spent in a county lock-up in Virginia and a stint in a Yakuza-filled Japanese jail, as well as run-ins with gun-wielding foreign thugs. Above all, this is a chronicle of twenty-five years of life as an Undesirable, stealing anything that wasn't nailed down.

Don Whillans has an iconic significance for generations of climbers. His epoch-making first ascent of Annapurna's South Face, achieved with Dougal Haston in 1970, remains one of the most impressive climbs ever made - but behind this and all his other formidable achievements lies a tough,

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recalcitrant reality: the character of the man himself. Whillans carried within himself a sense of personal invincibility, forceful, direct and uncompromising. It gave him sporting superstar status - the flawed heroism of a Best, a McEnroe, an Ali. In his own circle, his image was the working-class hero on the rock-face, laconic and bellicose, ready to go to war with the elements or with any human who crossed his path on a bad day.

This title was first published in 2003. This work considers the post-war folk revival in Britain from a popular music studies perspective. Michael Brocken provides a historical narrative of the folk revival from the 1940s up until the 1990s, beginning with the emergence of the revival from within and around the left-wing movements of the 1940s and 1950s. Key figures and organizations such as the Workers' Music Association, the BBC, the English Folk Dance and Song Society, A.L. Lloyd and Ewan MacColl are examined closely. By looking at the work of British Communist Party splinter groups it is possible to see the refraction of folk music as a political tool. Brocken openly challenges folk historicity and internal narrative by discussing the convergence of folk and pop during the 1950s and 1960s. The significant development of the folk/rock hybrid is considered alongside "class", "Americana", radio and the strength of pop culture. Brocken shows how the dichotomy of artistic (natural) versus industry (mass-produced) music since the 1970s has led to a fragmentation and constriction of the folk revival. The study concludes with a look at the upsurge of the folk music industry, the growth of festivals and the implications of the Internet for the British folk revival. Brocken suggests the way forward should involve an acknowledgement that folk music is

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not superior to but is, in fact, a form of popular music. In *The Show I'll Never Forget*, writer Sean Manning has gathered an amazing array of unforgettable concert memories from a veritable A-list of acclaimed novelists, poets, biographers, cultural critics, and songwriters. Their candid, first-person recollections reveal as much about the writers' lives at the time as they do about the venues where the shows occurred or the artists onstage. Ishmael Reed on Miles Davis Luc Sante on Public Image Ltd. Heidi Julavits on Rush Daniel Handler and Andrew Sean Greer on Metric Diana Ossana on Led Zeppelin Maggie Estep on Einsturzende Neubauten Dani Shapiro on Bruce Springsteen Gary Giddins on *Titans of the Tenor!* Nick Flynn on Mink DeVille Susan Straight on *The Funk Festival* Rick Moody on *The Lounge Lizards* Jennifer Egan on Patti Smith Harvey Pekar on Joe Maneri Thurston Moore on Glen Branca, Rudolph Grey, and Wharton Tiers Chuck Klosterman on Prince Sigrid Nunez on Woodstock Jerry Stahl on David Bowie Charles R. Cross on Nirvana Marc Nesbitt on *The Beastie Boys* And many more . . .

No matter where your musical taste falls, these often funny, occasionally sad, always thought-provoking essays—all written especially for *The Show I'll Never Forget*—are sure to connect with anyone who loves, or has ever loved, live music.

The writer of such influential songs as “Pancho and Lefty,” “To Live’s to Fly,” “If I Needed You,” and “For the Sake of the Song,” Townes Van Zandt exerted an influence on at least two generations of Texas musicians that belies his relatively brief, deeply troubled life. Indeed, Van Zandt has influenced millions worldwide in the years since his death, and his impact is growing rapidly. Respected singer/songwriter John Gorka speaks for many when he says, “Pancho and Lefty’ changed—it unchained—my idea of what a song could be.” In this tightly woven, intelligently written book, Brian T. Atkinson interviews both well-known musicians

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and up-and-coming artists to reveal, in the performers' own words, how their creative careers have been shaped by the life and work of Townes Van Zandt. Kris Kristofferson, Guy Clark, Billy Joe Shaver, Rodney Crowell, Lucinda Williams, and Lyle Lovett are just a few of the established musicians who share their impressions of the breathtakingly beautiful tunes and lyrics he created, along with their humorous, poignant, painful, and indelible memories of witnessing Van Zandt's rise and fall. Atkinson balances the reminiscences of seasoned veterans with the observations of relative newcomers to the international music scene, such as Jim James (My Morning Jacket), Josh Ritter, and Scott Avett (the Avett Brothers), presenting a nuanced view of Van Zandt's singular body of work, his reckless lifestyle, and his long-lasting influence. Forewords by "Cowboy" Jack Clement and longtime Van Zandt manager and friend Harold F. Eggers Jr. open the book, and each chapter begins with an introduction in which Atkinson provides context and background, linking each interviewee to Van Zandt's legacy. Historians, students, and fans of all music from country and folk to rock and grunge will find new insights and recall familiar pleasures as they read *I'll Be Here in the Morning: The Songwriting Legacy of Townes Van Zandt*.

Which Blondie Top Five was originally a flop for a West Coast power pop band? Who wrote Alice Cooper's 1973 hit 'Hello Hurray', and which folk singer first recorded it? Who launched their career with a tear and a cover of a little known Prince song? Where was Joe Cocker sitting when he came up with the idea of covering 'With a Little Help from my Friends?'. Everybody likes a good song and a good story. The 100 Greatest Cover Versions traces the histories of some of the great songs you may know only as second-hand recordings and explores some unusual and creative takes on a few of pop's well-known tracks. Based on the Independent's popular

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long-running Story of the Song column, this collection features previously unpublished pieces alongside fully expanded, updated stories. Robert Webb details the background to each song how it was written, who first recorded it and how it came to be covered and explains how, in some cases, the cover version has become more popular than the original. Artists range from Patti Smith to the Happy Mondays, David Bowie to Florence + the Machine, and Stevie Wonder to Robert Wyatt. The book also includes additional further listening suggestions and a bonus track. Whether you download, rip from CD or stream your music, the Ultimate Playlist series provides the perfect accompaniment to your personal compilation. The series aims to guide listeners through large and often bewildering back catalogues of the major artists as well as key genres and styles in popular music. If you love music and you enjoy knowing more about the history behind some of pop's greatest songs, then you will love this book.

George is a recently widowed seventy-nine-year-old. He nearly made it as a rock star in the 1960s and he's not happy. Tara is his teenage granddaughter and she's taken refuge from her bickering parents by living with George. Toby is George's son-in-law and he wants George in a care home. Three cities, two years, one chance: from the author of the critically acclaimed debut *So It Is* — shortlisted for best first book at the Scottish Book Awards 2013 — comes the hard-hitting story of a young man determined to find his voice. Plucked from obscurity in Glasgow, Rab Dillon is about to become the next great protest singer. Seduced by promises of stardom, carrying only the guitar given to him by the girl who broke his heart, he travels down to London. There he records the debut album that will speak to the dispossessed, the disenfranchised and disheartened. One year later, he is sleeping rough on the streets of Brighton. A modern-day

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ballad set across three cities and two years, *The Busker* is a richly comic exposé of the music industry, the Occupy movement, homelessness, squatting — and failing to live up to the name you (almost) share with your hero. It is also the story of what survives when the flimsy dreams of fame fall apart.

Tommy's story begins in an impoverished Salford of a bygone time. It follows Tommy through his childhood and youth. This leads into the main part of the story about Tommy's experiences as a British soldier seeing combat in the Libyan Desert with the British 7th Armoured Division, which leads to capture and life as a prisoner of war and eventual escape and spectacular journey to reach freedom. The story has twists and turns that will keep the reader not knowing how it will finish until the end. It contains shocking first-hand accounts of war and the harshness of living in a war environment, but also moments of hope and endeavour, and the laughter of life and romance in the most bizarre of situations. The story travels between continents and countries, highlighting the importance of how a grasp of different languages can remove cultural barriers and, in Tommy's story, probably saved his life.

This is the ideal book for (multi-generational) fans of rock music and the band U2 in anticipation of their forthcoming album and world tour. A complete illustrated history of one of the world's most influential and legendary rock band, U2: *Revolution* is

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