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From the concert stage to the dressing room, from the recording studio to the digital realm, SPIN surveys the modern musical landscape and the culture around it with authoritative reporting, provocative interviews, and a discerning critical ear. With dynamic photography, bold graphic design, and informed irreverence, the pages of SPIN pulsate with the energy of today's most innovative sounds. Whether covering what's new or what's next, SPIN is your monthly VIP pass to all that rocks.

A Cure For Gravity  
A Musical Pilgrimage  
Da Capo Press

Covers over 1000 important figures in the history of rock, including complete discographies of all featured artists, chart positions for every album and single, and biographies, style analysis, and recommended albums of all artists listed

Christine Cameron is at a crossroads. Again. She has survived the murder of her lover and found new romance. She has won the challenge of a hostile takeover of her company and made it thrive. Now all she has to do is repeat the process all over again. But this time her life will hang in the balance. Evidence suggests her girlfriend is cheating. At work, an evil power monger is trying to cut Chris out of power. Chris decides, after nearly dying on a hiking trip in the Mojave Desert,

that she needs to hone her survival skills and reflect on her relationship. And she wants to do it in the company of an exciting new woman she meets while recovering from her accident. Little does she know the secrets that will be uncovered in a modern day ghost town and the danger that waits as she seeks a compass for her life. Finding Polaris is about adventure, love, integrity and survival. Borrowing from recent history, the novel is set in the rugged desert bordering Joshua Tree National Park and is loosely based on events that happened to the one time flourishing town of Eagle Mountain, now an abandoned monument to the ambition of a pioneer in the art of corporate profiteering. In this “highly entertaining snapshot of a wild-frontier moment in pop culture” (Rolling Stone), discover the wild and explosive true story of the early years of MTV directly from the original VJs. Nina Blackwood, Mark Goodman, Alan Hunter, and Martha Quinn (along with the late J. J. Jackson) had front-row seats to a cultural revolution—and the hijinks of pop music icons like Adam Ant, Cyndi Lauper, Madonna, and Duran Duran—as the first VJs on the fledgling network MTV. From partying with David Lee Roth to flying on Bob Dylan’s private jet, they were on a breakneck journey through a music revolution. Boing beyond the compelling behind the scenes tales of this unforgettable era, VJ is also a coming-of-age story about the 1980s, its excesses, controversies, and everything in

between. “At last—the real inside story of the MTV explosion that rocked the world, in all its giddy excess, from the video pioneers who saw all the hair, drugs and guitars up close. VJ is the wild, hilarious, addictive tale of how one crazy moment changed pop culture forever” (Rob Sheffield, New York Times bestselling author).

(Book). This entertaining book presents the U.S. and U.K. Top 20 charts side by side, month by month showing how rock and pop developed on each side of the Atlantic. Fully updated, it lists the hits from 1954 through 2003. Alongside every song listing, readers will find important facts such as the artist's name and nationality, current and previous month's chart position, record label, weeks on the chart, and simultaneous position on the other side of the pond. Includes an alphabetical listing of song titles with artists, and an alphabetical listing of artists with song titles and chart-entry dates, enabling easy cross-referencing to help you track down any Top 20 record since 1954.

In its 114th year, Billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. Billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends. "You have to bear in mind that [Questlove] is one of the smartest motherf\*\*\*\*\*s on the

planet. His musical knowledge, for all practical purposes, is limitless." --Robert Christgau

MO' META BLUES The World According to Questlove Mo' Meta Blues is a punch-drunk memoir in which Everyone's Favorite Questlove tells his own story while tackling some of the lates, the greats, the fakes, the philosophers, the heavyweights, and the true originals of the music world. He digs deep into the album cuts of his life and unearths some pivotal moments in black art, hip hop, and pop culture. Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson is many things: virtuoso drummer, producer, arranger, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon bandleader, DJ, composer, and tireless Tweeter. He is one of our most ubiquitous cultural tastemakers, and in this, his first book, he reveals his own formative experiences--from growing up in 1970s West Philly as the son of a 1950s doo-wop singer, to finding his own way through the music world and ultimately co-founding and rising up with the Roots, a.k.a., the last hip hop band on Earth. Mo' Meta Blues also has some (many) random (or not) musings about the state of hip hop, the state of music criticism, the state of statements, as well as a plethora of run-ins with celebrities, idols, and fellow artists, from Stevie Wonder to KISS to D'Angelo to Jay-Z to Dave Chappelle to...you ever seen Prince roller-skate?!? But Mo' Meta Blues isn't just a memoir. It's a dialogue about the nature of memory and the idea of a post-modern black man saddled with some post-modern blues. It's a book that questions what a book like Mo' Meta Blues really is. It's the side wind of a one-of-a-kind mind. It's a rare gift that gives as well as takes. It's a record that keeps going around and around.

(Piano Vocal). This sheet music features an arrangement for piano and voice with guitar chord frames, with the melody presented in the right hand of the piano part as well as in the vocal line.

Since the release of his first best-selling album *Look Sharp* in 1979, Joe Jackson has forged a singular career in music through his originality as a composer and his notoriously independent stance toward music-business fashion. He has also been a famously private person, whose lack of interest in his own celebrity has been interpreted by some as aloofness. That reputation is shattered by *A Cure for Gravity*, Jackson's enormously funny and revealing memoir of growing up musical, from a culturally impoverished childhood in a rough English port town to the Royal Academy of Music, through London's Punk and New Wave scenes, up to the brink of pop stardom. Jackson describes his life as a teenage Beethoven fanatic; his early piano gigs for audiences of glass-throwing skinheads; and his days on the road with long-forgotten club bands. Far from a standard-issue celebrity autobiography, *A Cure for Gravity* is a smart, passionate book about music, the creative process, and coming of age as an artist.

The reader is placed in the head of a young man suffering from manic depression and experiences both the highs and lows of the disease

Some describe Tom's obsession with music as "unhealthy." Growing up in the 1970s and early '80s middle England, developing his love for music and building a record

collection to rival that of people twice his age, Tom becomes fascinated by the musical cultures of the day. In 1989 he turns eighteen and becomes part of his own culture, the Rave scene, selling all his beloved record collection along the way to fund his new lifestyle. After a while, he decides it is time to regain his lost collection. He makes a list, and at the top is a small list of rarities he regrets selling the most. As he follows the trails of the records he sold, each one reveals alarming information involving a close friend and a group of people he thought he had left behind. But to what extent is Tom involved?

Provides profiles of solo performers, bands, producers, and record labels from the alternative rock movement, ranging from the mid-1970s to the present, and includes discographies, album reviews, and photographs.

(Book). Based on the official Top 20 charts from Billboard in the US and NME/Music Week in the UK, this entertaining book shows at a glance the monthly international status of the hits. The fully updated and revised fourth edition lists the charts since they began in January 1954 all the way through December 2000. Each song is listed with artist name and nationality, current and previous month's chart position, record label, weeks on the chart, and simultaneous position on the "other side of the pond." Special symbols indicate million-sellers, plus artists' first and most recent hits. All stars and songs are indexed separately, making it especially easy to pinpoint any Top 20 hit. Includes 200 photos, plus new pop trivia and star gossip!

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From the James Beard Award-winning author of *Bitters and Amaro* comes this poignant, funny, and often elegiac exploration of the question, What is the last thing you'd want to drink before you die?, with bartender profiles, portraits, and cocktail recipes. **JAMES BEARD AWARD FINALIST • WINNER OF THE TALES OF THE COCKTAIL SPIRITED AWARD® • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST COOKBOOKS OF THE YEAR BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE** Everyone knows the parlor game question asked of every chef and food personality in countless interviews: What is the last meal you'd want to eat before you die? But what does it look like when you pose the question to bartenders? In *Last Call*, James Beard Award-winning author Brad Thomas Parsons gathers the intriguing responses from a diverse range of bartenders around the country, including Guido Martelli at the Palizzi Social Club in Philadelphia (he chooses an extra-dry Martini), Joseph Stinchcomb at Saint Leo in Oxford, Mississippi (he picks the Last Word, a pre-Prohibition-era cocktail that's now a cult favorite), and Natasha David at Nitecap in New York City (she would be sipping an extra-salty Margarita). The resulting interviews and essays reveal a personal portrait of some of the country's top bartenders and their favorite drinks, while over 40 cocktail recipes and stunning photography make this a keepsake for barflies and cocktail enthusiasts of all stripes. Praise for *Last Call* “[Parsons] captures the people and places through stunning photographs and prose. Like a perfectly balanced cocktail, it is equal parts cocktail recipes, travelogue and mixtape.”—*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* “Measure equal parts travelogue, tell-all, discography, and cocktail companion—in service of an obituary of all patrons—and you have *Last Call*; Brad Thomas Parsons’s best book yet. Through soulful photos and gritty interviews, he and photographer Ed Anderson capture the rawness, vulnerability, and ecstasy of the metamorphosis between the end of a guest’s night

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and the beginning of a bartender's."—Jim Meehan, author of Meehan's Bartender Manual and The PDT Cocktail Book "This book is a delight. Last Call shows us the sense of community evoked by bartenders across the country, whose wisdom and tenderness are captured here both in words and beautiful photographs. It made me—an erstwhile bartender and faithful customer—happy to remember that we all have nights when we unexpectedly hear the words 'last call,' and that noble and fascinating bartenders are out there waiting to share it with us."—Alan Cumming

As the producer of the Grammy Awards show, author Ken Ehrlich has seen it all. From Barbra Streisand to Bono, he has dealt with every major super-talent in music, making key decisions, solving problems, and putting on the most spectacular awards ceremonies in the history of television. For the first time he tells his story - the best and the worst of the rock stars, the divas, and the flash in the pans; the tear-jerkers and heartbreakers; the near-disasters; and of course the wild successes that are all part of Music's Biggest Night.

This text presents a comprehensive and up-to-date reference work on popular music, from the early 20th century to the present day.

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.

First Published in 2005. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Twenty one stories and one novella from Chuck Palahniuk, literature's favorite transgressive

author, *Make Something Up* is a compilation that disturbs and delights in equal measure. In "Expedition," fans will be thrilled to find to see a side of Tyler Durden never seen before in a precursor story to *Fight Club*. And in other stories, the absurdity of both life and death are on full display; in "Zombies," the best and brightest of a high school prep school become tragically addicted to the latest drug craze: electric shocks from cardiac defibrillators. In "Knock, Knock," a son hopes to tell one last off-color joke to a father in his final moments, while in "Tunnel of Love," a massage therapist runs the curious practice of providing 'relief' to dying clients. Funny, caustic, bizarre, poignant; these stories represent everything readers have come to expect from Joe Jackson. Two schoolgirls in Bolton take acid just before their English class. A film journalist shares tea and a KitKat with Marcel Proust, more or less, during a long train journey. An afterparty turns into a crime scene. Colleagues, maybe in love, have lunch and don't quite talk about their relationship. A woman flees to New Orleans and finds unexpected treasures there. In her electric debut, Anna Wood skips through the decades of a woman's life, meeting friends, lovers, shapeshifters, and doppelgangers along the way. Delights and regrets pile up, time becomes non-linear, characters stumble and shimmy through moments of rupture, horror, and joy. Written with warmth, wit, and swagger, these stories glide from acutely observed comic dialogue to giddy surrealism and quiet heartbreak, and always there is music – pop songs as tiny portals into another world. *Yes Yes More More* is packed with friendship, memory, pleasure, and love.

Felix Romsey's *Afterparty* is a rock festival with a big difference. Put it this way: this year's lineup includes Elliott Smith, Minnie Riperton, Serge Gainsbourg, Kurt

Cobain, Whitney Houston, Michael Hutchence and, making only his second live appearance since his death: John Lennon. It's the Glastonbury of the Afterlife; the place where dearly departed music fans can let off steam to the sounds that soundtracked their lives, and where late rock stars can be rock stars again. Flamboyant, acerbic promoter Felix Romsey and his amiable assistant Adrian "Podge" Jones frantically ride the anticipation among the capacity crowd and a backstage area chockful of celebs; with the stakes this high, they'd be anxious even if everything were running smoothly. But lately, things have most definitely NOT been running smoothly. The recently-arrived David Bowie has been snagged by a rival promoter, and Felix has reason to believe that a plot to oust him as the Afterlife's preeminent rock impresario is afoot. And when headliner John Lennon, just as he's drawing breath to sing his first note onstage, vanishes - no, I mean really vanishes - Felix and Podge have no choice but to find out who's behind the sabotage, and to try and rescue their star attraction - and their festival's reputation - before it's too late. Early in their search they run into the inscrutable Jane Brown, who at first encounter seems little more than a Lennon superfan, but proves to be invaluable, introducing Felix and Podge to the chilling possibility that their quarry mightn't be up here, but in fact, down there... Felix Romsey's Afterparty is a novel for anyone who's ever heard the cliché "the

great rock festival in the sky” and spent a few fleeting moments wondering what said celestial festival – and indeed, the reality it inhabits – might really be like. There are hundreds of records that I have loved over the course of my life. Some of these records have faded into the depths of my subconscious. Fortunately, most of them have stayed with me year after year remaining fresh in my memory, alive in my heart. I compiled my first “Favorites List” in 1983, and it contained about 600 recordings. Most of the records on the original list are still there today. My current list consists of about 900 recordings. And the list is still growing as I continue to be introduced to more music. You may be familiar with Rolling Stone’s 2004 cover story, “The 500 Greatest Songs of All-Time.” This is certainly a comprehensive compendium on the subject, so why should I bother writing this book? Because I’m taking a different approach, a personal approach. There’s a difference between the “greatest songs” as determined by professional music critics, and someone’s “favorite records.” I’m not a music critic or a musicologist. I’m just a guy who loves good music. Nonetheless, I believe my opinions have value because of the strong connection I have with each record. The primary purpose of this book is to draw us together using our favorite music as the catalyst. In the process of getting to know someone, a commonly asked question is: “What kind of music do you like?” His or her

answer usually reveals something about their personality. Not only will you learn what my favorite records are, you will learn about me, why I like these songs and how I came to discover them. I'm hoping to create conversations, not only between you and I, but between all American music lovers. Thousands upon thousands of songs have been recorded over the past 60 years. I've been an avid listener for most of my life, but there are still a lot of "hidden treasures" out there I'd love to find. I'm hoping you, by sharing your favorites with me, will help me to find them. I'm also hoping that I will inspire you to listen to some of my favorites. There is a treasure trove of great music out waiting to be enjoyed!

What happens when a lost man finds Christ, only to lose his soul? Set in the early 1980's it follows four years in the life of Drew, a pot smoking, thieving, womanizer who's coming to terms with his violent upbringing by an alcoholic father, a man who may not be his biological father. Twenty-one years old and new to Mammoth he continually brawls with a powerful Olympic ski racer but has an even more dangerous nemesis inside his head.

**SOUND OF THE CROWD: A DISCOGRAPHY OF THE '80s** is the ultimate record collector's guide to the 1980s. In the era of multi-formatting, picture discs, coloured vinyl, multiple remixes, funny shaped records and tiny CDs you could lose down the back of the sofa, this book lists every format of every single, EP

and album released in the UK in the 1980s by over 140 of the decade's biggest acts, from ABBA to Paul Young. This fourth edition has been fully revised and expanded to include even more acts than ever before, with additional sections to cover Band Aid-style charity congregations and compilation albums from the early '80s K-Tel efforts through to the Now That's What I Call Music series and its competitors. Compiled by Steve Binnie, editor of the '80s music website Sound of the Crowd and writer, producer and co-host of the unconventional '80s chart show Off The Chart, broadcast weekly on Mad Wasp Radio.

The field of Popular Music Studies is growing, but still lacks some basic reference materials. The Chronology of American Popular Music, 1899-2000 fills this gap by offering a comprehensive overview of the field. It will be a must-own for libraries and individuals interested in this growing field of research.

Discovering a good song is like finding hidden treasures. A particular song may kindle your memory and connect you to the past. Try "Gnarls Barkley - Crazy" (2006) ? Or "Duran Duran - Ordinary World" (1993) ? How about "Starship - Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now" (1987) ? These are only a few examples.

"Billboard Top Ten Hits 1980-2015 With Video Links" presents all 2548 songs that reached Billboard Hot 100 Chart Top 10 positions, from 1980 to 2015. All songs come with direct links of Youtube music videos. Just 1-Click away to enjoy

music! This book will be a wonderful journey. Let's travel back through time again, along with all these beautiful songs and memories. This book has two smart views - By Year view and By Artist view. By Year view lists all Top 10 hits by year. By Artist view groups the Top 10 hits by each artist. Every Song comes with detailed information such as peak position, peak date, week counts in Top 10, artist Top 10 hits info, view counts of Youtube music video (which measures the song's lasting popularity), and more.

Armed with a keen eye and a terrible singing voice, writer Brian Raftery sets out across the globe, tracing karaoke's evolution from cult fad to multi-million dollar phenomenon. In Japan, he meets Daisuke Inoue, the godfather of karaoke; in Thailand, he follows a group of Americans hoping to win the Karaoke World Championships; and in New York City, he hangs out backstage with the world's longest-running heavy-metal karaoke band. Along the way, Raftery chronicles his own time as an obsessive karaoke fan, recalling a life's worth of noisy relationships and poor song choices, and analyzing the karaoke-bar merits of such artists as Prince, Bob Dylan and Fugazi. Part cultural history, part memoir, *Don't Stop Believin': How Karaoke Conquered the World and Changed My Life* is a hilarious and densely reported look at the liberating effects of a good sing-along.

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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 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 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 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 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).

This masterful survey covers all genres of popular music, from pop, rock, soul, and country to jazz, blues, classic vocals, hip-hop, folk, gospel, and ethnic/world music. Collectors will find detailed discographical data while music lovers will appreciate the detailed commentaries and deep research on the songs, their recording, and the artists.

In the middle 1960s a Black astrophysics student discovers how to control gravity but tells no one. Instead, he gathers a small group of his friends together in secret, they build a space

craft, travel to the back side of the moon, the side that never shows toward earth, and build an underground colony well before Neil Armstrong shows up. Over the next forty years they secretly bring 2000 additional African Americans to the moon and develop a Utopian society with advanced science and medicine; they are healthier and live longer than their cousins on earth. Discoverys story begins in 2001, and tells of the circumstances that lead the United States of America to discover that these African Americans have been living on the moon for nearly half a century, and what happens in this country as a result.

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Are you a Telly addict or do you know someone who is? Do you think you know more about TV trivia than your friends? Well, why not find out who really has the greater knowledge and quiz your way to TV knowledge success with this book. There's something for everyone - from new

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to old, from documentaries to cartoons. All the questions are in this book!

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In this book, John Mulhern III writes about traveling a total of 7,694 miles in 18 days-a route through eighteen widely (and wildly) different states including not only stops in the the cities of Chicago, Santa Fe, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle, but also nights in the small towns of Claremore, Point Arena, and Murdo. Adventures on the road (multiple encounters with both high winds and snow) yield to visits with friends old and new, encounters with various other Corvettes and other vehicles of interest, and more than a few great restaurants, sometimes in the most unexpected places. This is a book for travel lovers and most certainly for Corvette lovers, but most of all for devotees of the stunning beauty and endless variety of America. It includes several detailed maps of the route, an annotated bibliography, and over 150 color photos.

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