

Rough Guides Music

Describes the musical heritage of the United States and the development of styles such as jazz, rock, pop, country, folk, and blues

The complete guide to one of the most influential forms of music in the world, "The Rough Guide to Reggae" leaves no stone unturned when it comes to profiling such stars as Buju Banton, Lee "Scratch" Perry, and, of course, Bob Marley. From Ragga to Dub to Ska, all forms of the genre are covered.

Photos.

The updated Rough Guide to iPods, iTunes & music online is the ultimate companion to the defining gadget of the digital music era - and an essential guide to sounds on the Net, on your PC or Mac, and in your pocket. The new edition provides full coverage of the latest range rolled out from Apple HQ, including the iPod photo, Shuffle and new generation Minis. As in the previous edition, it explains how to select the right model and get the best deal, how to import your CDs and manage your music library, how to digitize music from vinyl or cassette and download from the best online sites and stores as well as much much more. Whether you already have an iPod or you're thinking of buying one, you need this book.

Provides information on the different variety of iPods and how to select the right model, includes

instructions on using iTunes, and shows how to manage a music library.

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. More than thirty years after they split, the Beatles remain the ultimate pop band - the most popular, the most respected, the most influential. This new Rough Guide covers the Fab Four from every angle, delving deep into their music and lyrics, their movies, their solo careers and much more. Features include:

- The Life and the Music: from Liverpool clubs to world domination, from Beatlemania to the break-up and beyond, here's the story of the recordings and the gigs, as well as the haircuts, girlfriends, scandals and psychedelia.
- The Canon: the inside track on the 50 essential Beatles songs.
- Beatles On Screen: the movies, the promos, the TV appearances.
- The Fifth Beatle: George Martin, Brian Epstein, 'Magic Alex' and others - the people closest to the Beatles.
- Beatle Country: the landmarks of Beatles lore.
- Beatleology: the best books, the weirdest cover versions, the most obsessive websites, the obscurest trivia.

All you need is this!

Irish traditional music remains one of the richest musical cultures in the western world, kept alive by a combination of historical, political, and cultural forces. Ireland goes worldwide in the Rough Guide to Irish Music, with the help of Clannad, Altan, Dolores Keane, and more. From the traditional songs and dances that are the heart of Ireland's music, to the pop

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and rock interpretations of new Celtic groups, this CD showcases the music that bridges Ireland's past and future. Sketches of classical composers and CD reviews.

Sporting shades and a feedback-heavy sounds, the Velvet straddled art and rock, changing popular music forever, and sowing the seeds for punk, grunge and thousands of countercultural four-chord wonders. The Rough Guide to The Velvet Underground explores: The Velvet Story: How Lou Reed, Sterling Morrison, John Cale and the others emerged from the New York scene, their successes and excesses and what happened to each in their solo years. Velvet Music: From their 1967 debut with Nico to their 1993 reunion with all the tales behind the tunes. Velvet Universe: Everybody who was anybody in the Velvet's world, taking in Andy Warhol, Edie Sedgwick, David Bowie, Delmore, Schwartsz and Brian Eno. Velvet Goldmine: The "Underground" on screen, the Velvet's New York, clubs, influences, covers, websites and more.

Sketches of opera composers, opera synopses, and CD reviews.

This new Rough Guide is devoted to pop music, the tacky, catchy yet enduring music we grew up listening to when we should have been listening to something more profound. We celebrate the hits, the singers, the impresarios and the songs which have made up the soundtrack to our lives. So come along pop pickers, put on your blue suede shoes (or your tartan trousers or puffball skirt, it's your call) and take a stroll down Electric Avenue. Not aarf! Features include: bull; The Stars A celebration of those performers, from Robbie Williams to Andy Williams (and Madonna to Mungo Jerry), who have had us singing along or, in the case of Dean Friedman and Kajagoogoo, left us wondering what the world is coming to. The Rough Guide to Reggae is the only book of its kind available. The first two editions of the Rough Guide to

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Reggae were the top-selling books on the subject, and widely acclaimed by the music press and fans alike. Illustrated throughout with over 400 pictures, many of them exclusive photos, the book also features exclusive interviews with reggae's top stars, and reviews over 500 albums. 2003 and 2004 have been the most successful years for reggae music on a global scale since the heyday of Bob Marley, with singers such as Sean Paul and Wayne Wonder regularly topping the UK and US pop charts. The new third edition of Rough Guide to Reggae is fully updated to cover this latest wave of Jamaican musicians, while not stinting on newly discovered recordings and reissues of classic albums of the past.

Through your computer you can listen to thousands of stations your radio cannot reach, and with The Rough Guide to Internet Radio you can begin to explore this astoundingly varied world. The Rough Guide gives you

The Rough Guide to World Music is the unchallenged work on sounds from around the globe. This third edition is even more comprehensive than ever- updated and expanded including playlists for all countries and new chapters on Bangladesh, Burma, Corsica, French chanson, Malta, Slovenia and New Zealand. Volume 2: Europe, Asia and the Pacific has full coverage of genres from Balkan brass to Bollywood song and from fado and flamenco to Filipino fusion. The guide includes articles on more than 60 countries from Albania to Wales and Afghanistan to Vietnam written by expert contributors, focusing on popular and roots music. You'll find discographies for each article, with biographical notes on thousands of musicians and reviews of their best CDs. The Rough Guide to World Music is packed with playlists of the greatest tracks from each country for your iPod and MP3 player.

This pocket handbook to the world's most incessant

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dancefloor grooves features all the key players and hottest labels, and includes career biographies of more than 160 producers, artists, and DJs, and discographies for each reviewing the best on vinyl and CD. Photos.

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.

Offers 16,000 critical biographies of jazz musicians and album reviews

Traces the growth of country music as an industry, and includes biographies of hundreds of performers, album reviews, and background stories of songs.

Cuba is home to some of the world's most vibrant popular music in the world, from son and rumba to salsa and chachacha. The Rough Guide to Cuban Music introduces the full range of Cuba's varied musical traditions and tells the story of their greatest performers, legends like Beny More, Celina Gonzalea alongside more recent stars such as Carlos Varela. Includes features on the origins and development of the various musical genres, a biographical directory of over 100 key artists, with dozens of photographs. Also draws up some critical discographies, recommending the pick of each artist's output.

The Rolling Stones are one of the ultimate rock band. This guide explores various aspects of the music, and charts how Mick, Keith and the boys invented rock stardom. It includes their story: from the blues clubs of 60s Chelsea to the world tours and millionaire mansions.

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The Beatles are the ultimate band the most popular, the most respected, the most influential. The Rough

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Guide to the Beatles covers every aspect of the Fab Four, delving deep into the Beatles music, lyrics, movies and the Beatles solo careers. Features include: The Story: from Liverpool clubs to Beatlemania. The Music: incisive reviews of every Beatles and solo album and new Beatle Music from George Martin's son Giles. The Canon: the inside track on the 50 greatest songs. On Screen: the movies, the promos and the TV appearances and new coverage of the upcoming Rock Band-style video game of Beatle music. The Fifth Beatle: George Martin, Yoko Ono, Magic Alex and other contenders as well as the resignation and death of Neil Aspinall. Beatleology: the best books, the weirdest covers, the most obsessive websites, the obscurest trivia. This updated edition includes new material on Cirque Du Soleil 's acclaimed Love Show the only officially endorsed Beatles theatrical presentation, Paul McCartneys albums Memory Almost Full, Ecce Cor Meum and Electric Arguments and the media circus surrounding the McCartney/ Mills divorce. All you need is this!

A guide to unknown music provides recommendations on over two hundred recordings that represent such genres as indie, soul, folk, jazz, and techno.

This work aims to be the definitive guide to the MCs, DJs, producers, labels, graffiti taggers, poppers, lockers and body-rockers involved in the hip-hop scene. From its origins as the urban folk music of the South Bronx in the mid-1970s to its present incarnation as the world best-selling genre, hip-hop has been one of the most vital - and often controversial - strands of global popular culture

in recent decades.

Guide to reading music tells you everything you need to know rather than everything there is to know. Features include: the basics of reading and writing music from simple pitch and rhythm to articulation; music theory, examples and a glossary. The Rough Guide to World Music Vol.1, 3rd edition- Africa, Europe and the Middle East has full coverage of everything from Congolese soukous to Greek rembetika, and biographies of artists from Thomas Mapfumo to Cheb Khaled to the Afro Celt Sound System. Features include- More than 80 articles from expert contributors, focusing on the popular and roots music. Extensive discographies for each country, with biography-notes on nearly 2000 musicians and reviews of their best CDs. Photos and album cover illustrations gathered from contemporary and archive sources. The guide includes a directory of World Music labels and specialist stores around the world and on the Internet.

Divided by region and subregion, this volume examines the indigenous music of different countries, its current status, major performers, and special instruments

This expanded and completely revised fourth edition is a unique handbook, spanning a thousand years of music from Gregorian chant via Bach and Beethoven to current leading lights such as Thomas Adès and Kaija Saariaho. There are concise biographical profiles of more than 200 composers and informative summaries of the major compositions in all genres, from chamber works to operatic epics. Topics such as the influence of jazz, notation, conducting, the madrigal, and why Stradivarius made such great violins are covered fully in feature boxes. The Rough Guide has been praised for its mix of well-known composers with more obscure, but interesting, figures (like Antoine Brumel and Barbara Strozzi), and for the way it takes contemporary music seriously.

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The Rough Guide To Techno covers 200 crucial figures in the diverse world of techno. The extensive reviews capture the drive and energy of the most innovative and exciting music of our time. Concentrating both on album artists and the likes of Kraftwerk and Cybotron who paved the way for them, the Rough Guide enforces its reputation for candid and authoritative writing in every arena.

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