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My Cross to Bear By Gregg Allman

Read by L.J. Ganser. Reading time 11 hours, 43 minutes

Rock musician Gregg Allman describes growing up in Nashville, forming the Allman Brothers Band, coping with the death of his older brother Duane, and struggling with addiction. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

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Janis Joplin Rise Up Singing By Ann Angel

Read by Kimberly Schraf Reading time 3 hours, 19 minutes

Biography of Janis Joplin (1943-1970) chronicles her successful music career and provides insight into her personal life and emotional vulnerabilities.

Discusses Joplin's drug and alcohol addictions and death of an overdose at age twenty-seven. For junior and senior high and older readers. YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction. 2010.

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Lips Unsealed a Memoir By Belinda Carlisle

Read by Theresa Conkin

Reading time 9 hours, 49 minutes

Autobiography of lead singer from the 1980s all-girl group the Go-Gos. Carlisle describes enduring a troubled childhood in California, discovering punk rock, forming the chart-topping band, marrying and having a son, and recovering in 2005 from her longtime addiction to cocaine and alcohol. Some strong language. 2010.

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Bruce By Peter Ames Carlin

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 19 hours, 33 minutes

Author of *Catch a Wave* (DB 63773) examines the life of rock-and-roll legend Bruce Springsteen (born 1949). Discusses Springsteen's family roots and his friendships, musical influences, and romantic relationships. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

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Clapton the Autobiography By Eric Clapton

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 12 hours, 53 minutes

Autobiography of rock musician Eric Clapton, who performed with the Yardbirds, Cream, and Blind Faith until going solo. Describes his childhood in rural England, rise to stardom, alcohol and drug addictions, affairs and marriages, and personal road to recovery. 2007.

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Big Man Real Life & Tall Tales By Clarence Clemons

Read by Ray Childs

Reading time 13 hours, 2 minutes

Clarence "Big Man" Clemons, saxophonist with Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, and writer/producer Don Reo present a memoir of Clemons's career in music and reminisce about musicians he's worked with. They include their favorite "legends," or fictional accounts of life on the road. Foreword by Bruce Springsteen. Strong language. 2009.

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Neon Angel a Memoir of a Runaway By Cherie Currie

Read by Mare Trevathan Reading time 11 hours, 39 minutes

The lead singer of the 1970s teen-girl rock band the Runaways describes her dysfunctional upbringing, short singing and acting career, drug use, and eventual sobriety after leaving the band. Inspired the 2010 movie The Runaways. Foreward by Joan Jett. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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The Man who Sold the World David Bowie and the 1970s By Peter Doggett

Read by Steven Carpenter Reading time 15 hours, 48 minutes

Music writer examines the life and work of David Bowie (born 1947) between 1969 and 1980. Includes commentary on each Bowie song from the period, paying special attention to his albums Space Oddity and Ashes to Ashes and the ways they reflected 1970s popular culture. 2011.

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Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'n' Roll By Marc Dolan

Read by Bill Wallace Reading time 22 hours, 48 minutes

Biography explores the life of Bruce Springsteen (b. 1949) from 1964 to 2009, through the lens of his music. Discusses his influence on the development of rock and roll and the genres that followed. Also covers the socio-political sensibilities he infused into his brand of music. Strong language. 2012.

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Heaven and Hell My Life in the Eagles By Don Felder

Read by David Hartley-Margolin Reading time 12 hours, 53 minutes

Guitarist Don Felder reminisces about his impoverished childhood in Gainesville, Florida; his early musical career; and his 1974 induction into the already established rock-and-roll band the Eagles. Discusses the sordid side of the music business and the rivalry among band members that unraveled the group. Some strong language. 2008.

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Can't Buy Me Love: the Beatles, Britain, and America By Jonathan Gould

Read by George Holmes Reading time 31 hours, 37 minutes

Biography of the Beatles includes social commentary and musical and lyrical analysis. Explains the revolutionary effect the band had on the 1960s music industry and popular culture. Examines the group's transformation into an international phenomenon and discusses the 1980 murder of John Lennon that dashed reunion hopes. 2007.

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Red My Uncensored Life in Rock By Sammy Hagar

Read by Mike Stefanelli Reading time 7 hours, 26 minutes

Autobiography of Sammy "the Red Rocker" Hagar (born 1947) begins with his childhood and early bands in Fontana, California. Discusses his work in the 1970s with the rock group Montrose, solo career, years with Van Halen--including their 2004 reunion tour--and his Mexican tequila business. Strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Corn Flakes with Lennon and Other Tales from a Rock 'n' Roll Life By

Robert Hilburn

Read by Gregory Gorton Reading time 9 hours, 14 minutes

Los Angeles Times critic reveals behind-the-scenes anecdotes from his decades of covering music. Mixes details from encounters with Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Michael Jackson, U2, and others with analysis of their cultural impact. Introduction by Bono. Some strong language. 2009.

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Wild Tales a Rock & Roll Life By Graham Nash

Read by Gregory Maupin Reading time 12 hours, 8 minutes

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member for his work with the Hollies and Crosby, Stills & Nash details his life and fifty-year career. Discusses the 1960s and 1970s music scene in England and the United States, his romance with singer Joni Mitchell, and his philanthropic efforts. Strong language. 2013.

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I Am Ozzy By Ozzy Osbourne

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 15 hours, 14 minutes

Autobiography of British heavy metal rock star born John Osbourne in 1948, who was the lead singer for Black Sabbath before beginning a solo career.

Describes the music scene and provides details about his marriages, scandals, drug use, and reality show. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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Robert Plant a Life By Paul A. Rees

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 12 hours, 36 minutes

Music journalist profiles Led Zeppelin front man, Robert Plant (born 1948).

Details his childhood in England, musical influences and early bands, years with Led Zeppelin, and his life after the death of his friend and fellow band member John Bonham. Strong language. 2013.

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Life By Keith Richards

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 23 hours, 48 minutes

Autobiography of the Rolling Stones guitarist (b. 1943). Recounts his wartime London childhood, his education, and the beginnings of the group in 1962.

Discusses bandmates including Mick Jagger, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood, and Brian Jones as well as his lover Anita Pallenberg and wife Patti Hansen. Strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

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Break on Through the Life and Death of Jim Morrison By James Riordan

Read by Ray Foushee

Reading time 18 hours, 46 minutes

In a series of interviews with former intimates of Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors, the authors portray his brief life which ended with an overdose of heroin in 1971. Morrison's notoriety as an attention-seeking performer often overshadowed his talent as a poet and song writer. But after his death, the music he created attracted a cult-like following. Some strong language.

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Hendrix on Hendrix Interviews and Encounters with Jimi Hendrix By

Stephen Roby

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 8 hours, 43 minutes

Presents fifty-seven interviews with Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970) from news articles and radio transcripts, conducted from December 1966 to just before his death in September 1970. Also includes court testimony excerpts. Hendrix discusses his musical influences, the social issues of the day, and his drug use. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075941

KISS and Make-Up By Gene Simmons

Read by John Lescault

Reading time 9 hours, 1 minute

Memoir by singer who founded the world-famous rock band KISS in 1973.

Simmons describes his early childhood in Israel, his move to Queens at age eight, and his development as a musician. Reminisces about his love affairs with Cher and Diana Ross, among others. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2001.

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Also available on cassette RC058819

On the Road with Bob Dylan By Larry Sloman

Read by Ramiz Monsef

Reading time 15 hours, 58 minutes

Journalist chronicles his travels with Bob Dylan's 1975 Rolling Thunder Revue.

Offers behind-the-scenes glimpses of Dylan, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Robbie Robertson, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Allen Ginsberg, and others, along with anecdotes of Sloman's efforts to be accepted. Revised, with a 2002 introduction by Kinky Friedman. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 1978.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB077606

Just Kids By Patti Smith

Read by Mare Trevathan

Reading time 7 hours, 46 minutes

Singer/songwriter's memoir of her relationship with photographer Robert Mapplethorpe (1946-1989). Smith (born 1946) reminisces about their 1967 meeting in New York City, where they lived together at the Hotel Chelsea, started their artistic careers, and befriended other creative types. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB070750

Rod the Autobiography by Rod Stewart

Read by George Holmes Reading time 15 hours, 48 minutes

The singer, born in war-torn London in 1945, describes growing up in a close-knit family, being discovered at eighteen, and achieving stardom with the band Faces. Discusses his aborted football career, his train-modeling hobby, and his girlfriends, wives, and children. Some strong language. 2012.

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Who I Am a Memoir By Pete Townshend

Read by Gregory Maupin Reading time 15 hours, 24 minutes

Guitarist and songwriter (born 1945) chronicles the development of his interest in music, his early bands, and his work with The Who. Includes reminiscences of musicians and industry professionals Townshend collaborated with in the 1960s and 1970s. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

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Nirvana the Biography By Everett True

Read by Celeste Lawson Reading time 30 hours, 51 minutes

British rock music journalist's comprehensive history of the 1990s grunge band Nirvana. Through interviews with musicians, friends, and associates, True provides an insider's account of the relationships among band members, Kurt Cobain's marriage to Courtney Love, and Cobain's suicide in 1994. Strong language. 2006.

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Does the Noise in My Head Bother You? a Rock 'n' Roll Memoir By Steven Tyler

Read by Erik Sandvold Reading time 16 hours, 18 minutes

Aerosmith lead singer and American Idol judge, born in 1948, reminisces about his childhood in the Bronx as the son of a classical pianist, early musical career, and the rise and fall of the band that made him a rock star. Strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Waging a Heavy Peace a Hippie Dream By Neil Young

Read by Andy Pyle

Reading time 12 hours, 43 minutes

Singer-songwriter Young (born 1945) chronicles his career, including stints with rock bands Buffalo Springfield, Crazy Horse, and Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. Provides vignettes of his family life and discusses people he has worked with in the music industry. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

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