

Rough Guides Music

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

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

The Beatles are the ultimate band - the most popular, the most respected, the most influential. The Rough 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 McCartney's albums Memory Almost Full, Ecce Cor Meum and Electric Arguments and the media circus surrounding the McCartney/ Mills divorce. All you need is this!

This second edition of the Rough Guide Book of Playlists contains more than 500 lists of which 50 are new to this edition. The lists are recommendations of ten songs (sometimes a couple more, sometimes a couple less), covering artists (Rufus Wainwright to Thelonius Monk, Al Green to Manu Chao, Glenn Gould to Julie Andrews), genres (Bebop Classics to Reggae Toasters to Punk Originals to Hot Club jazz), songs (10 best Dylan covers; 8 classic versions of Summertime; 10 love songs that don't cloy), quirks and silliness (Songs about Chickens and Insects; Who let the frogs out?; Big Pizza Pie crooners; Take this Job and Shove it!).

There's even a literary edge with playlists like '10 songs raved about in Murakami novels'. Each of the Playlists has a nugget about the song (why you want it on your iPod), and a listings of where it's from (remember CDs?).

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

The Rough Guide to Jimi Hendrix is a thorough reference book about the life and music of the greatest rock guitarist of all time. It covers all the key events throughout his metamorphosis; from a misfit youngster growing up in poverty to his rise to international stardom, and from his days as a starving backup musician in the early 1960s to his triumphant appearances at the Monterey Pop and Woodstock rock festivals, not to mention his mysterious and sordid death in 1970. Special chapters are devoted to vivid description and critical evaluation of all his important studio and live albums and best thirty songs, as well as all major live and documentary Hendrix videos; his myriad musical influences from blues, soul, rock, and jazz; Hendrix-related sites and shrines; and his spectacular arsenal of guitar techniques and effects. Also including special features on overlooked aspects of his art ranging from his love of Bob Dylan's music to his relationship with the Black Power movement, The Rough Guide to Jimi Hendrix documents all dimensions of this one-of-a-kind musical genius.

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

World MusicThe Rough Guide

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

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

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

Presents a collection of twenty-nine lullabies and rhymes that include lyrics reproduced in the original African language and translated into English.

The Rough Guide to Mexico is the ultimate travel guide to this fascinating nation. Discover Mexico's highlights with stunning photography and information on everything from Baja California's beaches and the silver towns of the Bajío to the jungle-smothered ruins of Oaxaca and Yucatán. Find detailed practical advice on what to see and do in Mexico City, relying on up-to-date descriptions of the best hotels, bars, clubs, shops, and restaurants for all budgets. The Rough Guide to Mexico also includes detailed itineraries covering the best of the country, as well as things not to miss and regional highlights detailing the most unforgettable experiences. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Mexico.

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

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The Rough Guide to Europe on a Budget is the ultimate guide to exploring this fascinating continent on a shoestring, with coverage of all the top sights, the clearest mapping of any guide and handy hints on how to save money. Discover the highlights of Europe, from the vibrant capitals of London, Paris and Rome to the great outdoors, whether skiing in the Alps, hiking in the Tatras or surfing on the Portuguese coast. Read about Europe's great attractions from the Sistine Chapel in Rome to the Aya Sofia in Istanbul. And with coverage of four new countries - Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Rough Guide to Europe on a Budget is more comprehensive than ever before. Find practical advice on travelling around Europe, whether by InterRail, Eurail or bus, and what to see and do in each country. With up-to-date descriptions of the best hostels and budget hotels in Europe, bars in Europe, cafés, cheap restaurants, and European shopping and festivals this guide is the budget-conscious traveller's must have item for European trips.

Sketches of classical composers and CD reviews.

This guide gives you the lowdown on all the grittiest singers, bottleneck guitarists, belt-it-out divas and wailing harmonica players that made the most influential music of last century. From music legend B.B. King to folk hero Robert Johnson, profiles are included of hundreds of artists and reviews of their best albums.

WILLIAMSON/BOB DYLAN 2ND EDITION

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

The Rough Guide to Pink Floyd is the ultimate companion to the band that changed the sound and scale of pop music forever. Features include: The Story: from the Syd Barrett era, the Dark Side Of The Moon phenomenon to their transformation into one of the world's biggest bands, The Music: 50 essential Floyd songs and the stories behind them, plus all the albums and recording sessions, side-projects and solo careers, Floyd On Film: the movies and film soundtracks from The Wall and More to Zabriskie Point and Pink Floyd at Pompeii, Floydology file: the cover versions, rarities, DVDs, books and websites. From the psychedelic "happenings" of 60s London to the arena gigs, world tours and Live 8 reunion – it's all here.

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.

Rock legends Led Zeppelin were a colossal musical force, with songs at once mystical, heavy, traditional and highly original. This Rough Guide tells the story of the life and afterlife of this extraordinary supergroup. It includes: The Story: From the first meeting of Plant and Page and the recruitment of John Paul Jones in 1968 to the untimely death of John Bonham - exploring all the magic, mayhem and excesses of the era ; The Music: All the albums and the band's fifty best songs are unpicked. Also covered are the band's blues influences, bootlegs, solo careers, the best Jimmy Page guitar solos and the most outstanding Robert Plant vocals ; The Passengers: Profiles of collaborators and colleagues including Roy Harper, Mickie Most and Jason Bonham ; The Cargo: Zeppelin films, places, myths and memorabilia, books, websites and the afterlife of "Stairway to Heaven". It's a whole lotta Zep...

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.

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.

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Discover this exciting destination with the most incisive and entertaining guidebook on the market. Whether you plan to take a boat trip through stunning Ha Long Bay, trek in the mountains around Sa Pa or browse Ho Chi Minh's markets, this new edition of The Rough Guide to Vietnam will show you the ideal places to sleep, eat, drink, shop and visit along the way. Inside The Rough Guide to Vietnam - Independent, trusted reviews written with Rough Guides' trademark blend of humour, honesty and insight, to help you get the most out of your visit, with options to suit every budget. - Full-colour maps throughout - navigate the tangle of streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter or Ho Chi Minh's Cho Lon district without needing to get online. - Stunning images - a rich collection of inspiring colour photography. - Itineraries - carefully planned routes to help you organize your trip. - Detailed regional coverage - whether off the beaten track or in more mainstream tourist destinations, this travel guide has in-depth practical advice for every step of the way. Areas covered include: Mekong Delta; Hanoi; Ho Chi Minh City and Hoi An; Da Lat; Nha Trang; My Son; Mui Ne; Da Nang; Hue; Cat Ba Island; Sa Pa. Attractions include: Ha Long Bay; Cu Chi Tunnels; Lak Lake; Tam Coc; Po Klong Garai; Cao Dai Great Temple; Bahnar villages; Dong Van Karst Plateau Geopark; The Citadel, Hue and Tet. - Basics - essential pre-departure practical information including getting there, local transport, accommodation, food and drink, health, the media, crime and personal safety, festivals and religious events, sports and outdoor activities, shopping, travelling with children and more. - Background information - a Contexts chapter devoted to history, religion and beliefs, Vietnam's ethnic minorities, environmental issues, music and theatre, books, movies and film, plus a handy language section and glossary. About Rough Guides: Escape the everyday with Rough Guides. We are a leading travel publisher known for our "tell it like it is" attitude, up-to-date content and great writing. Since 1982, we've published books covering more than 120 destinations around the globe, with an ever-growing series of ebooks, a range of beautiful, inspirational reference titles, and an award-winning website. We pride ourselves on our accurate, honest and informed travel guides.

The ideal handbook on classical music. Both a CD guide and who's who, it covers a thousand years of music-- from Gregorian chant via Mozart and Schubert to contemporaries such as John Adams and Judith Weir.

This pocket handbook to the world's most incessant 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.

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.

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.

The Rough Guide to Reggae is the only book of its kind available. The first two editions of the Rough Guide to 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.

Lists and describes one hundred of the best classical music compact discs, from Hildegard of Bingen's "Canticles of Ecstasy" to Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"

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 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.

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.

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