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a terrific biography of a rock innovator that hums with juicy detail and wincing truth page after page groans with the folly of the 60s drug culture the tragedy of talent toasted before its time the curse of wealth and the madness of wasted opportunity the atlanta journal constitution named one of the best books of the year by the los angeles times named one of the five best rock books of the year by rolling stone as a singer and songwriter gram parsons stood at the nexus of countless musical crossroads and he sold his soul to the devil at every one his intimates and collaborators included keith richards william burroughs marianne faithfull peter fonda roger mcguinn and clarence white parsons led the byrds to create the seminal country rock masterpiece sweetheart of the rodeo helped to guide the rolling stones beyond the blues in their appreciation of american roots

music and found his musical soul mate in emmylou harris parsons solo albums gp and grievous angel are now recognized as visionary masterpieces of the transcendental jambalaya of rock soul country gospel and blues parsons named cosmic american music parsons had everything looks charisma money style the best drugs the most heartbreaking voice and threw it all away with both hands dying of a drug and alcohol overdose at age twenty six in this beautifully written raucous meticulously researched biography david n meyer gives parsons mythic life its due from interviews with hundreds of the famous and obscure who knew and worked closely with parsons many who have never spoken publicly about him before meyer conjures a dazzling panorama of the artist and his era praise for twenty thousand roads far and away the most thorough biography of parsons skewers any number of myths surrounding this endlessly mythologized performer los angeles times the definitive account of gram parsons life and early death from the country rock pioneer s wealthy wildly dysfunctional family through his symbiotic friendship with keith richards meyer deftly illuminates one of rock s most elusive figures rolling stone meticulously researched though meyer answers a lot of long burning questions he preserves parsons legend as a man of mystery entertainment weekly meyer gives parsons a thorough peter guralnick like treatment new york post

piano vocal guitar artist songbook ranked among the 100 greatest artists of all time by rolling stone this legendary country rock guitarist played with the byrds and the flying burrito brothers among others 14 songs from parsons tragically short career are included here blue eyes brass buttons christine s tune drug store truck drivin man hickory wind in my hour of darkness 100 years from now return of the grievous angel a song for you more

a biography of the controversial country rock star gram parsons member of the byrds and the burrito brothers it describes his life from his early days to his death at the age of 26 when his drug and booze filled corpse was torched by his friends in the californian desert

gram parsons was a contradiction in some respects most country stars are born into poverty but parsons was born to a wealthy family he briefly studied theology at harvard but embarked on a life of drink and drugs that was to destroy him although he died in 1973 aged only 26 his influence has been enormous with u2 elvis costello tom petty and the rolling stones amongst his biggest fans gram parsons god s own singer looks at the man and his music including his relationship with emmylou harris and the bizarre events surrounding his death

this compelling portrait of gram parsons superbly evokes the tumultuous musical era that he worked in his personal mystique and above all the magic of his music and is the only gram biography to adequately explain why the legend lives on this

is a new edition including a new epilogue from the author of a work that is rightly regarded as a classic of its kind blessed with fabulous riches charisma good looks a wealth of music business contacts and a unique songwriting gift gram parsons still somehow ended his life overdosing in a motel his charred remains scattered in the desert and his music virtually unknown however nearly 50 years on from his untimely demise the man the myth and the music endure ben fong torres s hickory wind is the landmark biography of perhaps the greatest enigma in american music combining meticulous research perceptive criticism and key testimony from gram s contemporaries including chris hillman emmylou harris and keith richards

old roots new routes takes an in depth look at the many influences meanings and identities of this contemporary music form because the definition of the term alt country changes continually even the genre s own mouthpiece the site nodepression com declared its terrain to be alternative country whatever that is despite alt country s murky parameters its origins indeed its patron saints are generally acknowledged to range from the carter family and hank williams as interpreters of traditional american country to the country rock fusions of gram parsons and steve earle just as other musical genres before it have distanced themselves from the popular and commercial center from the start alt country has positioned itself as a different kind of music than the slick country sounds emanating from nashville hit machines such as garth brooks and shania twain and yet alt country s embrace of authenticity and disdain for commercialism while simultaneously injecting into a traditional working class music form an often cosmopolitan flavor and generation x values has resulted in a fascinating hybrid full of contradictions in old roots new routes pamela fox and barbara ching bring together a range of scholars to investigate as never before this significant contemporary music form providing in addition new ways to approach the worlds of country and alternative music more generally individual essays explore the work of a variety of artists including neko case jay farrar justin treviño and alt country hero gram parsons along with promotional rhetoric album art advertising and fan sites to offer readers a comprehensive understanding of how alt country functions as a distinct musical form pamela fox is associate professor of english and currently the director of the women s and gender studies program at georgetown university she is the author of class fictions shame and resistance in the british working class novel 1890 1945 barbara ching is associate professor at the university of memphis her previous books include wrong s what i do best hard country music and contemporary culture and knowing your place rural identity and cultural hierarchy coedited with gerald creed

born to a wealthy southern gothic family of alcoholics and suicides parsons possessed an outsized appetite for self destruction and a singular genius for the

american sound he led the byrds to create the first country rock album founded the acclaimed flying burrito brothers and taught the joys of american roots music to mick jagger keith richards and emmylou harris his second solo album grievous angel remains a masterpiece of country soul before it was released parsons aged 26 brilliant glamorous and doomed died of a heroin overdose twenty thousand roads paints an unprecedented portrait of the man who brought together country music and rock and roll dispelling the myths and telling a story even wilder than the mythology drawing on profound knowledge of the era s music and hundreds of interviews many with friends musical partners and lovers who have never spoken before author david meyer creates a compelling biography and a rich history of a crucial period in american style drugs and rock music meticulously researched and masterfully told twenty thousand roads is a dazzling evocation of an artist his music and his times

an insightful and wide ranging look at one of america s most popular genres of music walking the line country music lyricists and american culture examines how country songwriters engage with their nation s religion literature and politics country fans have long encountered the concept of walking the line from johnny cash s i walk the line to waylon jennings s only daddy that ll walk the line walking the line requires following strict codes respecting territories and sometimes recognizing that only the slightest boundary separates conflicting allegiances however even as the term acknowledges control it suggests rebellion the consideration of what lies on the other side of the line and perhaps the desire to violate that code for lyricists the line presents a moment of expression an opportunity to relate an idea image or emotion these lines represent boundaries of their kind as well but as the chapters in this volume indicate some of the more successful country lyricists have tested and expanded the boundaries as they have challenged musical social and political conventions often reevaluating what country means in country music from jimmie rodgers s redefinitions of democracy to revisions of southern christianity by hank williams and willie nelson to feminist retellings by loretta lynn and dolly parton to masculine reconstructions by merle haggard and cindy walker to steve earle s reworking of american ideologies this collection examines how country lyricists walk the line in weighing the influence of the lyricists accomplishments the contributing authors walk the line in turn exploring iconic country lyrics that have tested and expanded boundaries challenged musical social and political conventions and reevaluated what country means in country music

from the creator of the popular rock n roll true crime podcast disgraceland comes an off kilter hysterical at times macabre book inspired by true stories from the highly entertaining underbelly of music history you may know jerry lee lewis married his thirteen year old cousin but did you know he shot his bass player in

the chest with a shotgun or that a couple of his wives died under extremely mysterious circumstances or that sam cooke was shot dead in a seedy motel after barging into the manager s office naked to attack her maybe not would it change your view of him if you knew that or would your love for his music triumph real rock stars do truly insane thing and invite truly insane things to happen to them murder drug trafficking rape cannibalism and the occult we allow this behavior we are complicit because a rock star behaving badly is what s expected it s baked into the cake deep down way down past all of our self righteous notions of justice and right and wrong when it comes down to it we want our rock stars to be bad we know the music industry is full of demons ones that drove elvis presley phil spector sid vicious and that consumed the norwegian black metal scene we want to believe in the myths because they re so damn entertaining disgraceland is a collection of the best of these stories about some of the music world s most beloved stars and their crimes it will mix all new untold stories with expanded stories from the first two seasons of the disgraceland podcast using figures we already recognize disgraceland shines a light into the dark corners of their fame revealing the fine line that separates heroes and villains as well as the danger americans seek out in their news cycles tabloids reality shows and soap operas at the center of this collection of stories is the ever fascinating music industry a glittery stage populated by gangsters drug dealers pimps groupies with violence scandal and pure unadulterated rock n roll entertainment

a fascinating account of a defining year for david bowie bruce springsteen pink floyd elton john the rolling stones the former beatles and others 1973 was the year rock hit its peak while splintering just like the rest of the world ziggy stardust travelled to america in david bowie s aladdin sane the dark side of the moon began its epic run on the billboard charts inspired by the madness of pink floyd s founder while all four former beatles scored top ten albums two hitting 1 fm battled am and motown battled philly on the charts as the era of protest soul gave way to disco while dj kool herc gave birth to hip hop in the bronx the glam rock of the new york dolls and alice cooper split into glam metal and punk hippies and rednecks made peace in austin thanks to willie nelson the allman brothers grateful dead and the band played the largest rock concert to date at watkins glen led zep s houses of the holy reflected the rise of funk and reggae the singer songwriter movement led by bob dylan neil young and joni mitchell flourished at the troubadour and max s kansas city where bruce springsteen and bob marley shared bill elton john s albums dominated the number one spot for two and a half months just as us involvement in vietnam drew to a close roe v wade ignited a new phase in the culture war while the oil crisis imploded the american dream of endless prosperity and watergate s walls closed in on nixon the music of 1973 both reflected a shattered world and brought us together

since first stepping in front of muchmusic's national cameras in 1992 bill welychka has become one of canada's most enduring recognizable and respected television personalities he has over 5 000 interviews under his belt including film and tv stars royalty politicians athletes and the planet's biggest music legends he is renowned for his thoughtful interview style and his love and knowledge of a wide range of topics from pop culture to politics bill is very respected among his peers and his arduous work has been rewarded by many exclusives and awards bill welychka has been hearing for decades you should write a book well that book is here and you are holding it in your hands the celebrated media icon also shares the important life lessons he has learned during his blessed life partial proceeds of the book will be donated to the white ribbon campaign and various women's shelters across canada

in the long run we're all dead but for some of the most influential figures in history death marked the start of a new adventure the famous deceased have been stolen burned sold pickled frozen stuffed impersonated and even filed away in a lawyer's office their fingers teeth toes arms legs skulls hearts lungs and nether regions have embarked on voyages that criss cross the globe and stretch the imagination counterfeiters tried to steal lincoln's corpse einstein's brain went on a cross country road trip and after lord horatio nelson perished at trafalgar his sailors submerged him in brandy which they drank from mozart to hitler rest in pieces connects the lives of the famous dead to the hilarious and horrifying adventures of their corpses and traces the evolution of cultural attitudes towards death

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

few states can rival california in terms of natural beauty and exciting history but nearly three centuries of violent crime sickness greed and murder have tarnished the golden state and made it ripe for ghosts and hauntings from the spanish priests who founded the first missions in their quest to bring christianity to the native people of the region to the ill fated donner party committing acts of cannibalism in order to survive this book explores the most famous ghost stories from california's past dating back to the 18th century with spine tingling details that will delight readers

this four volume work provides provocative critical analyses of 160 of the best popular music albums of the past 50 years from the well known and mainstream to the quirky and offbeat the album a guide to pop music's most provocative influential and important creations contains critical analysis essays on 160 significant pop music albums from 1960 to 2010 the selected albums represent the pop rock soul r b hip hop country and alternative genres including artists such

as 2pac carole king james brown the beatles and willie nelson each volume contains brief sidebars with biographical information about key performers and producers as well as descriptions of particular music industry topics pertaining to the development of the album over this 50 year period due to its examination of a broad time frame and wide range of musical styles and its depth of analysis that goes beyond that in other books about essential albums of the past and present this collection will appeal strongly to music fans of all tastes and interests

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