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The Drop Edge of Yonder

Mirroring the linguistic and cultural evolution of those living on the

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Texas-Mexico border, Rolando Hinojosa's Klail City Death Trip Series examines relations between Mexican Americans and Anglo Americans born and raised in the fictional Rio Grande Valley town of Klail Citym Texas. Depicting the transformation of a place and its people "from a sleepy agricultural and ranching backwater of Mexican and American society and history" over a 30-year period, the series comprises fifteen books, published between 1973 and 2006, and reflects the importance of the growing Hispanic population in the U.S. The people of Hinojosa's Klail City, which has been compared to William Faulkner's Yoknapatawpha County and Gabriel García Márquez's Macondo, have dealt with the same issues as their real-life counterparts living along the border, including discrimination, generational change, drug violence and the quest for women's rights. The editors of this scholarly volume assert in their introduction that the series, with volumes in English, Spanish and a mix of both languages, "may well be the most innovative and complex project of literary creation ever conceived and realized by a writer based in the United States." The eleven essays in this volume consider both broad and specialized aspects of the Klail City Death Trip Series. Divided into two sections, the chapters in the first half examine the series as a whole and look at general topics such as cultural hybridity, the individual's needs versus those of society and the influence of

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Hispanic literary tradition on Hinojosa's work. The essays in the second half explore more specific aspects, including Klail City youth going to war, women's search for autonomy in the face of societal and familial tradition and a comparison of Hinojosa's *The Valley* with Larry McMurtry's *The Last Picture Show* as examples of Hispanic and Anglo literary traditions that developed in the same region. Also included is an interview with Rolando Hinojosa, the Ellen Clayton Garwood Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the recipient of numerous literary awards, including the most prestigious prize in Latin American fiction, Casa de las Américas, for the best Spanish American novel in 1976 and the Premio Quinto Sol, the National Award for Chicano Literature, in 1972. This collection is an essential tool for scholars and students alike in understanding the work of Rolando Hinojosa and the people living a bilingual, bicultural life along the Texas-Mexico border.

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That Thin, Wild Mercury Sound

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Get ready for one of America's great untold stories: the true saga of the Louvin Brothers, a mid-century Southern gothic Cain and Abel and one of the greatest country duos of all time. The Los Angeles Times called them "the most influential harmony team in the history of country music," but Emmylou Harris may have hit closer to the heart of the matter, saying "there was something scary and washed in the blood about the sound of the Louvin Brothers." For readers of Johnny Cash's irresistible autobiography and Merle Haggard's *My House of Memories*, no country music library will be complete without this raw and powerful story of the duo that everyone from Dolly Parton to Gram Parsons described as their favorites: the Louvin Brothers.

Rolando Hinojosa's Klail City Death Trip Series

Focus On: 100 Most Popular Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

A richly illustrated history of the American West combines period photographs and historical accounts in a study that assesses the discrepancies between Hollywood's portrayal of the West and the real-

life world of frontier pioneers.

Smart Blonde: The Life of Dolly Parton

House of Cash is an unprecedented look at the life and inspirations of the Man in Black, by none other than his namesake son, John Carter Cash. Gathering together previously unpublished photographs, lyrics, art, notes, and recollections from the Cash family archives, John Carter paints a portrait of his father's inner life, and the values he imparted to his son and family. A record of a deep and on-going conversations between father and son about what matters in life, House of Cash explores Johnny Cash's quest to live deliberately as he worked to determine his values, share them with those close to him, and reaffirm them on a daily basis. Topics covered include the nature of creativity, the responsibilities that come with fatherhood and friendship, the need for humility and morality, the value of reading, and the obligation we all have to sympathise with the downtrodden. An intimate exploration of the personality and legacy of Johnny Cash, this is a unique portrait of a deeply spiritual, creative, and passionate soul whose music sprang from the way he lived.

Kris Kristofferson

A central character in legends and histories of the Old West, Billy the Kid rivals such western icons as Jesse James and General George Armstrong Custer for the number of books and movies his brief, violent life inspired. *Billy the Kid: A Reader's Guide* introduces readers to the most significant of these written and filmed works. Compiled and written by a respected historian of the Old West and author of a masterful new biography of Billy the Kid, this reader's guide includes summaries and evaluations of biographies, histories, novels, and movies, as well as archival sources and research collections.

Surveying newspaper articles, books, pamphlets, essays, and book chapters, Richard W. Etulain traces the shifting views of Billy the Kid from his own era to the present. Etulain's discussion of novels and movies reveals a similar shift, even as it points out both the historical inaccuracies and the literary and cinematic achievements of these works. A brief section on the authentic and supposed photographs of the Kid demonstrates the difficulties specialists and collectors have encountered in locating dependable photographic sources. This discerning overview will guide readers through the plethora of words and images generated by Billy the Kid's life and legend over more than a century. It will prove invaluable to those interested in the

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demigods of the Old West—and in the ever-changing cultural landscape in which they appear to us.

I'll Sleep When I'm Dead

Bestselling author James Lee Burke's "stunning" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) masterpiece is the story of a father and son separated by war, circumstance, and a race for the Holy Grail—a thrilling entry in the Holland family saga. After a violent encounter that leaves four Mexican soldiers dead, Texas Ranger Hackberry Holland escapes the country in possession of a stolen artifact believed to be the mythic cup of Christ, earning the ire of a bloodthirsty Austrian arms dealer who places Hack's son, Ishmael, squarely in the cross hairs of a plot to recapture his prize. On the journey from revolutionary Mexico in 1918 to the saloons of San Antonio during the Hole in the Wall Gang's reign, we meet three extraordinary women: the Danish immigrant who is Ishmael's mother and Hackberry's one true love; a brothel madam descended from the Crusader knight who brought the Shroud of Turin back from the Holy Land; and a onetime lover of the Sundance Kid, whose wiles rival those of Lady Macbeth. In her own way, each woman will aid Hack in his quest to reconcile with Ishmael, to vanquish their enemies, and to return the Grail to its rightful place. An epic

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tale of love, loss, betrayal, vengeance, and retribution, *The House of the Rising Sun* further cements Burke's reputation as "one of America's all-time masters" (New York Journal of Books).

The Man Called CASH

The Drop Edge of Yonder is an adventurous book that explores the truth and temptations of the American myth. Beginning in the savage wilds of Colorado in the waning days of the fur trade, the story follows Zebulon Shook, a mountain man who has had a curse placed on him by a mysterious Native American woman whose lover he murdered. The book follows Zebulon as he encounters people obsessed with greed and the politics of expansion. The trail takes him from Colorado to the remote reaches of the Northwest, a journey that traverses the Gulf of Mexico to Panama, and up the coast of California to San Francisco and the gold fields. Far from being simply a "western," *The Drop Edge of Yonder* focuses on a time that could be considered the starting point of American capitalism and expansionism, and has led Judith Thurman to refer to the book as "a subversive modern novel about the bounds of love and the discontents of civilized life." *The Drop Edge of Yonder* originated as a screenplay treatment that intrigued Hollywood folk such as Sam Peckinpah, Hal Ashby, Yves Simeneau, Jim Jarmusch, Roger

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Spotiswoode, Alex Cox, and Richard Gere, before being adapted and expanded into this original novel by Wurlitzer.

Semi-Tough

The two-time Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter bares her heart and soul in this intimate memoir, a story of music, stardom, love, family, heritage, and resilience. She inspired songs—Leon Russell wrote "A Song for You" and "Delta Lady" for her, Stephen Stills wrote "Cherokee." She co-wrote songs—"Superstar" and the piano coda to "Layla," uncredited. She sang backup for Eric Clapton, Joe Cocker, and Stills, before finding fame as a solo artist with such hits as "We're All Alone" and "(Your Love Has Lifted Me) Higher and Higher." Following her story from Lafayette, Tennessee to becoming one of the most sought after rock vocalists in LA in the 1970s, Delta Lady chronicles Rita Coolidge's fascinating journey throughout the '60s-'70s pop/rock universe. A muse to some of the twentieth century's most influential rock musicians, she broke hearts, and broke up bands. Her relationship with drummer Jim Gordon took a violent turn during the legendary 1970 Mad Dogs & Englishmen tour; David Crosby maintained that her triangle with Stills and Graham Nash was the last straw for the group. Her volatile six-year marriage to Kris Kristofferson

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yielded two Grammys, a daughter, and one of the Baby Boom generation's epic love stories. Throughout it all, her strength, resilience, and inner and outer beauty—along with her strong sense of heritage and devotion to her family—helped her to not only survive, but thrive. Co-written with best-selling author Michael Walker, *Delta Lady* is a rich, deeply personal memoir that offers a front row seat to an iconic era, and illuminates the life of an artist whose career has helped shape modern American culture.

How Hollywood Invented the Wild West

"Dan Jenkins is a comic genius."--Don Imus Made into a hilarious and timeless film starring Burt Reynolds, Kris Kristofferson, and Jill Clayburgh, and recently named number seven on Sports Illustrated's Top 100 Sports Books of All Time, *Semi-Tough* is Dan Jenkins's masterpiece and considered by many to be the funniest sports book ever written. The novel follows the outsize adventures of Billy Clyde Puckett, star halfback for the New York Giants, whose team has come to Los Angeles for an epic duel with the despised "dog-ass" Jets in the Super Bowl. But Billy Clyde is faced with a dual challenge: not only must he try to run over a bunch of malevolents incarnate, but he has also been commissioned by a New York book publisher to keep a journal of the

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events leading up to, including, and following the game. Infused with Dan Jenkins's characteristic joie de vivre and replete with cigarettes, whiskey, and wild women, Semi-Tough is an uproarious romp through a lost era of professional sports that will have any armchair quarterback falling out of his or her recliner in hysterics on a semi-regular basis.

It's a Long Story

When Warren Zevon died in 2003, he left behind a rich catalog of dark, witty rock 'n' roll classics, including "Lawyers, Guns and Money," "Excitable Boy," and the immortal "Werewolves of London." He also left behind a fanatical cult following and veritable rock opera of drugs, women, celebrity, genius, and epic bad behavior. As Warren once said, "I got to be Jim Morrison a lot longer than he did." Narrated by his former wife and longtime co-conspirator, Crystal Zevon, this intimate and unusual oral history draws on interviews with Bruce Springsteen, Stephen King, Bonnie Raitt, and numerous others who fell under Warren's mischievous spell. Told in the words and images of the friends, lovers, and legends who knew him best, *I'll Sleep When I'm Dead* captures Warren Zevon in all his turbulent glory.

Outlaw

It's been said Janis Joplin was second only to Bob Dylan as the 'creator-recorder-embodiment of her generation's mythology'. But how did a middle-class girl from Texas become a '60s countercultural icon? Janis' parents doted on her and promoted her early talent for art. But the arrival of a brother shattered the bond she had with her intellectual maverick of a father, an oil engineer. And her own maverick instincts alienated her from her socially conformist mother. That break with her parents, along with the rejection of her high school peers, who disapproved of her beatnik look and racially progressive views, and wrongly assumed she was sexually promiscuous, cemented her sense of herself as an outcast. She found her tribe with a group of offbeat young men a year ahead of her, who loved her intellectual curiosity, her passion for conversation, and her adventurous search for the blues. Although she never stopped craving the approval of her parents and hometown, she left Port Arthur at seventeen determined to prove she could be loved. She tried college twice, and dropped out both times. She ran off to California, but came back when her heavy drug use scared her into it. She almost signed up for a life as a domesticated, hang-the-curtains wife. But instead, during a second stint on the West Coast, she launched a career that

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would see her crowned the queen of rock and roll. What no one besides Holly George-Warren has captured in such intimate detail is the way Janis Joplin teetered between the powerful woman you hear in her songs and the little girl who just wanted to go home and feel emotionally safe there. The pain of that dichotomy fuelled her music - and ultimately killed her.

Focus On: 100 Most Popular American Rock Guitarists

In *Kris Kristofferson: Country Highwayman*, Mary G. Hurd surveys the life and works of this highly respected American songwriter. For many, Kristofferson's songs remain the gold standard of modern songwriters, and Kris Kristofferson follows the commitment to freedom of expression that has characterized his songwriting and struggles with the music industry. The author also explores his film career, work with the Highwaymen, liberal activism, decision to write and record two albums of material protesting the U.S. government's intrusion in Central America, and reflowering as a musical artist with the release of *This Old Road* in 2006 and other studio albums. *Kris Kristofferson: Country Highwayman* should appeal not only to dedicated fans of Kristofferson's work as an artist but also to anyone interested in country music and its influence on modern Americana and the roots of music traditions.

Waylon

That Thin, Wild Mercury Sound is the definitive treatment of Bob Dylan's magnum opus, Blonde on Blonde, not only providing the most extensive account of the sessions that produced the trailblazing album, but also setting the record straight on much of the misinformation that has surrounded the story of how the masterpiece came to be made. Including many new details and eyewitness accounts never before published, as well as keen insight into the Nashville cats who helped Dylan reach rare artistic heights, it explores the lasting impact of rock's first double album. Based on exhaustive research and in-depth interviews with the producer, the session musicians, studio personnel, management personnel, and others, Daryl Sanders chronicles the road that took Dylan from New York to Nashville in search of "that thin, wild mercury sound." As Dylan told Playboy in 1978, the closest he ever came to capturing that sound was during the Blonde on Blonde sessions, where the voice of a generation was backed by musicians of the highest order.

I Lived to Tell It All

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Each year thirty-two seniors at American universities are awarded Rhodes Scholarships, which entitle them to spend two or three years studying at the University of Oxford. The program, founded by the British colonialist and entrepreneur Cecil Rhodes and established in 1903, has become the world's most famous academic scholarship and has brought thousands of young Americans to study in England. Many of these later became national leaders in government, law, education, literature, and other fields. Among them were the politicians J. William Fulbright, Bill Bradley, and Bill Clinton; the public policy analysts Robert Reich and George Stephanopoulos; the writer Robert Penn Warren; the entertainer Kris Kristofferson; and the Supreme Court Justices Byron White and David Souter. Based on extensive research in published and unpublished documents and on hundreds of interviews, this book traces the history of the program and the stories of many individuals. In addition it addresses a host of questions such as: how important was the Oxford experience for the individual scholars? To what extent has the program created an old-boy (-girl since 1976) network that propels its members to success? How many Rhodes Scholars have cracked under the strain and failed to live up to expectations? How have the Americans coped with life in Oxford and what have they thought of Britain in general? Beyond the history of the program and the individuals involved, this book also offers a valuable examination

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of the American-British cultural encounter.

Country Music Hair

Description: How many movies would you go to see about an outlaw named Henry the kid? probably not 44, which is how many Hollywood has made so far about Henry McCarty, the boy Outlaw who use the Alias Billy Bonnie of course we know him today is Billy the Kid. If you saw the Young Gun movies or any of the numerous other portrayals of the West's most famous boy outlaw, you no doubt have many questions about the real Billy the Kid. Did he actually kill 21 Men, one for each year of his life? Did he carve notches on his gun? Were Billy and Pat Garrett good friends? Did Billy cheat death and live out his life as Brushy Bill? Here's a factual look at Billy the Kid and his world, with many never-before-published photos. This well-crafted book is profusely illustrated with over 460 images, including over 100 paintings and illustrations by the author, plus rare maps and images that provide a vivid look into the numerous controversial episodes in the Kids short life. It is a revolutionary, new-style history book that is informative and entertaining for young and old alike.

Honky Tonk Hero

Renowned songwriter, singer, and wife of Waylon Jennings writes an intimate, enormously entertaining memoir of American music, of life with Waylon and the Outlaws, and of faith lost and found. The daughter of a Pentecostal evangelist and a race-car driver, Jessi Colter played piano and sang in church before leaving Arizona to tour with rock-n-roll pioneer Duane Eddy, whom she married. Colter became a successful recording artist, appearing on American Bandstand and befriending stars such as the Everly Brothers and Chet Atkins, while her songs were recorded by Nancy Sinatra, Dottie West, and others. Her marriage to Eddy didn't last, however, and in 1969 she married the electrifying Waylon Jennings. Together, they made their home in Nashville which in the 1970s, was ground zero for roots music, drawing Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Shel Silverstein, and others to the Nashville Sound. And Jessi was at the center of it all, the only woman on the landmark Wanted: The Outlaws album, the record that launched the Outlaw Country genre and was the first country album to go platinum. She also tasted personal commercial success with the #1-single "I'm Not Lisa." But offstage, life was a challenge, as Waylon pursued his addictions and battled his demons. Having drifted from the church as a young woman, Jessi returned to her faith and

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found in it a source of strength in the turmoil of living with Waylon. In the 1980s, Waylon helped launch the super group The Highwaymen with Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson, and the hits kept rolling, as did Waylon's reckless living. Amid it all, Jessi faithfully prayed for her husband until finally, at Thanksgiving 2001, Waylon found Jesus, just months before he died. *An Outlaw and a Lady* is a powerful story of American music, of love in the midst of heartache, and of faith that sustains.

Kristofferson: The Wild American

One of the most beloved popular musicians of our time tells the story of his extraordinary life. This is Willie Nelson's complete, unvarnished story, told in his voice and leaving no significant moment or experience untold, from Texas, Nashville, Hawaii, and beyond. Having recently turned 80, Nelson is ready to shine a light on all aspects of his life, including his drive to write music, the women in his life, his collaborations, and his biggest lows and highs--from his bankruptcy to the founding of Farm Aid. An American icon who still tours constantly and headlines music festivals, Willie Nelson and his music have found their way into the hearts and minds of fans the world over, winning ten Grammys and receiving Kennedy Center Honors. Now

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it's time to hear the last word about his life -- from the man himself. "Every page radiates authenticity." --Washington Post

Forever and Ever, Amen

The long-awaited, deeply personal story of one of American music's greatest icons, a remarkable tale of the utmost heights of fame and success, the deepest lows of life's sorrows, and a miraculous return from the brink of death--told as only Randy Travis can. Beloved around the world, Randy Travis has sold more than 25 million albums in both country and gospel and is considered one of the finest performers of his generation, admired by superstars across the musical landscape, from Garth Brooks to Mick Jagger. From a working-class background in North Carolina to a job as a cook and club singer in Nashville to his "overnight success" with his smash 1986 album *Storms of Life*--which launched the neotraditional movement in country music--Randy's first three decades are a true rags-to-riches story. But in 2009, this seemingly charmed life began a downward spiral. His marriage dissolved, he discovered that his finances had unraveled, and his struggles with anger led to alcohol abuse, public embarrassment, and even police arrest in 2012. Then, just as he was putting his life back together, Randy suffered a devastating viral cardiomyopathy that led

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to a massive stroke which he was not expected to survive. Yet he not only survived but also learned to walk again and in 2016 accepted his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame by singing the hymn that explains his life today: "Amazing Grace." Filled with never-before-told stories, *Forever and Ever, Amen* is a riveting tale of unfathomable success, great joy, deep pain, and redemption that can come only from above.

Janis

Johnny Cash is the only artist to have been elected to the Country Music and Rock and Roll Songwriters Hall of Fame. Author Stephen Miller has interviewed Cash's brother Tommy, Johnny's long time manager Lou Robin, the legendary Jack Clement, and more.

Rhodes Scholars, Oxford, and the Creation of an American Elite

(Guitar Recorded Versions). 14 favorites from one of the founders of outlaw country, including: *The Best of All Possible Worlds* * *For the Good Times* * *Help Me Make It Through the Night* * *Just the Other Side*

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of Nowhere * Loving Her Was Easier (Than Anything I'll Ever Do Again)
* Me and Bobby McGee * Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down * Who's to Bless,
and Who's to Blame * Why Me? (Why Me, Lord?) * and more.

The Hollywood Reporter

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The one and only autobiography by the iconic Lucille Ball, hailed by TV Guide as the "#1 Greatest TV Star of All Time." Love, Lucy is the valentine Lucille Ball left for her fans—a warm, wise, and witty memoir written by Lucy herself. The legendary star of the classic sitcom I Love Lucy was at the pinnacle of her success when she sat down to record the story of her life. No comedienne had made America laugh so hard, no television actress had made the leap from radio and B movies to become one of the world's best-loved performers. This is her story—in her own words. The story of the ingenue from Jamestown, New York, determined to go to Broadway, destined to make a big splash, bound to marry her Valentino, Desi Arnaz. In her own inimitable style, she tells of their life together—both storybook and turbulent; intimate memories of their children and friends; wonderful backstage anecdotes; the empire they founded; the dissolution of their marriage. And, with a heartfelt happy ending, her enduring marriage to Gary Morton. Here is the lost

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manuscript that her fans and loved ones will treasure. Here is the laughter. Here is the life. Here's Lucy "The comic actress in her own wordsintensely moving."—San Francisco Chronicle "Filled with light and laughter."—New York Times Book Review

Satan Is Real

Johnny Cash is one of the most influential figures in music and American popular culture today. While he was an icon to people of all ages during his life, Cash's legacy continues after his death. His remarkable story is captured in this exclusive authorized biography, addressing the whole life of Johnny Cash—not just his unforgettable music but also his relationship with June Carter Cash and his faith in Christ. His authenticity, love for God and family, and unassuming persona are what Steve Turner captures with passion and focus in this inspiring book. Different from other books written about him, *The Man Called CASH* brings Cash's faith and love for God into the foreground and tells the story of a man redeemed, without watering-down or sugar-coating. *The Man Called CASH* will be a huge success with his millions of fans and will draw in many new fans with this inspiring story of faith and redemption.

Disappearances

Waylon Jennings relates the story of his life as a country music star. His beginnings were poor but he became Buddy Holly's protege before sinking into drug abuse and 3 failed marriages. His success came when he met his present wife, Jessi Colter.

Love, Lucy

"Abandoned by their parents as toddlers, Willie and Bobbie Nelson found their love of music almost immediately through their grandparents, who raised them in a dusty small town in east Texas. Their close relationship is the longest-lasting bond in either of their lives. In alternating chapters, this dual memoir weaves together their lives as they experienced them both side-by-side and apart with powerful, emotional stories from growing up, playing music in public for the first time, and the trials they each faced in adulthood as Willie pursued a songwriting career and Bobbie faced a series of challenging relationships and a musical career that only took off when attitudes about women began to change in Texas"--

Delta Lady

A musician, songwriter and author with nearly a dozen albums and a best-selling memoir (Goodbye, Little Rock and Roller) under her belt, Marshall Chapman has lived and breathed Music City for more than 40 years. Her friendships with those who helped make Nashville a major force in American music are unsurpassed. In this new book, the reader is invited to see Marshall Chapman as never before--as music journalist extraordinaire. The trials, tribulations and evolution of Music City are on display in these revealing encounters, as Chapman sits down with influential figures like Kris Kristofferson, Emmylou Harris, John Hiatt, Miranda Lambert, and a dozen other top names to record what brought each of them to Nashville and what inspired them to persevere.

Kristofferson and Yeats

Hidden History of Music Row

Willie Nelson says, "Billy Joe Shaver may be the best songwriter alive

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today." And legions of fans agree. "Honky Tonk Hero" is the story of a man who not only walked on the wild side and lived to tell about it, but also got it all down in songs that many people consider to be some of the finest country songs ever written.

A Colossal Wreck

*Kris Kristofferson *Leonard Cohen *Bob Dylan *Marijohn Wilkin *Joe Wise *Tom T. Hall *W.B.Yeats *T.S.Eliot *Longfellow *Gerard Manley Hopkins *Emily Dickinson *Shakespeare Poetry first rented a room in my mind in English literature class at Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland. A Christian understanding serves as a flashlight in a cave: You can see more. The attributes of Christ - truth, beauty, and goodness - shine forever and keep verses alive. That's why poems live on. Songs continue to occupy my mind. I view most songs as poetry set to music. I greatly admire people who write poems and songs. Some create both lyrics and music like embroidery, and their works greatly affect others. I desired my favorite songwriters and poets to be in one book. I suspect someday Kris Kristofferson, Leonard Cohen, William Butler Yeats, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and many others will be best friends. They all toiled in God's vineyard, producing good fruit. I'm hoping this book gets published before they all pass, so they can

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enjoy this tribute to their "fine wine." Poets and songwriters who speak to those searching for truth take time to admire beauty, and are uplifted by acts of goodness. Poetry and songs were meant to be enjoyed, recited, and sung throughout the day. One can experience encounters with God through such works. These show the best side of mankind.

The Illustrated Life and Times of Billy the Kid

An award-winning final book by the late founding editor of CounterPunch offers insight into his literary spirit and capacity for incisive understandings of key political situations and includes pieces on Washington political inconsistencies, the ego displays of people in power and the dilemmas of oppressed groups.

House of the Rising Sun

The definitive story of how three country music legends—Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson—changed music in Nashville By the late 1960s, young people from all over the country were streaming into Nashville, Tennessee. The city was the center of the booming

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country music industry and home to what was known as the Nashville Sound, characterized by slick production and an increasingly overused formula. But three trailblazing artists would soon rock the foundations of Nashville's music business. Tapping into the burgeoning underground scene and the traditions of civil rights leaders and antiwar protestors, Waylon, Willie, and Kris resisted Nashville's music-making machine and forged their own paths, creating music that was more personal, not easily categorized, and in the vein of rock acts of the time. Drawing on extensive research and probing interviews with Kris Kristofferson, Rodney Crowell, Guy Clark, Cowboy Jack Clement, and others, Michael Streissguth brings to life an incredible chapter in musical history and reveals for the first time a surprising outlaw zeitgeist in Nashville. Outlaw is a fascinating glimpse into three of the most legendary artists of our times.

Johnny Cash

A fascinating account of the music and epic social change of 1973, a defining year for David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen, Pink Floyd, Elton John, the Rolling Stones, Eagles, Elvis Presley, and the former members of The Beatles. 1973 was the year rock hit its peak while splintering—just like the rest of the world. Ziggy Stardust travelled

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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, while outlaw country, country rock, and Southern rock each pointed toward modern country. 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. Elvis Presley's Aloha from Hawaii via Satellite was NBC's top-rated special of the year, while Elton John's albums dominated the number one spot for two and a half months. Just as U.S. 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.

1973: Rock at the Crossroads

Kris Kristofferson Guitar Collection (Songbook)

Boozing. Womanizing. Brawling. Singing. For the last forty years George Jones has reigned as the country's king--the singer many have called the Frank Sinatra of country. And for most of that time, his career has been marked by hard-living, hard-loving, and hard luck. From his early east Texas recordings through his marriage with Tammy Wynette to his latest acclaim as a solid citizen and "high-tech red-neck," Americans have been fascinated with Jones, never even knowing whether he's going to show up for his next concert. Now, in *I Lived To Tell It All*, George Jones supplies a no-holds-barred account of his excesses and ecstasies. How alcohol ruled his life and performances. How violence marred many friendships and relationships. How money was something to be made but never held on to. And, finally, how the love of a good woman can ultimately change a man, redeem him, and save his life.

They Came to Nashville

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The Wild American is the story of Kristofferson's triumphant pursuit of a career that took an even more unlikely turn when he broke into movies and became famous all over again. Kris Kristofferson is one of country music's most illustrious singer-songwriters. Seemingly destined for a distinguished military career, ex-Golden Gloves boxer and Rhodes scholar Kristofferson gave it all up to sweep floors in Nashville, began to pitch his songs to his musical heroes and finally became a star himself.

An Outlaw and a Lady

Needing money to buy feed for his cows through the winter of 1932-33, Quebec Bill Bonhomme, last of his clan of hardy Vermonters, returns to whiskey smuggling and introduces his fourteen-year-old son to the traditional family trade. Reprint. (A new film, written & directed by Jay Craven, releasing Winter 2006, starring Kris Kirstofferson, Charlie McDermott, and others) (General Fiction)

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Nashville's Music Row is as complicated as the myths that surround it.

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And there are plenty, from an adulterous French fur trader to an adventurous antebellum widow, from the early Quonset hut recordings to record labels in glass high-rise towers and from "Your Cheatin' Heart" to "Strawberry Wine." Untangle the legendary history with never-before-seen photos of Willie Nelson, Patsy Cline, Kris Kristofferson and Shel Silverstein and interviews with multi-platinum songwriters and star performers. Authors Brian Allison, Elizabeth Elkins and Vanessa Olivarez dig into the dreamers and the doers, the architects and the madmen, the ghosts and the hit-makers that made these avenues and alleys world-famous.

House of Cash

Me and Sister Bobbie

Country music's greatest mullets, bobs, beehives, and bouffants collected together in one entertaining volume, illustrated with dozens of color and black-and-white photographs. "The higher the hair, the closer to god." From mullets to mustaches and teased hair to bobs, country singers each have their own distinct looks which enhance their

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performance and image. Some wear hats and others wear wigs. Some follow the trends and others set them. Some have stylists on the tour bus and others rely on God and hair-spray. As Dolly Parton famously said, "People always ask me how long it takes to do my hair. I don't know, I'm never there." As country has grown in stature and popularity since the 1960s, country musicians have evolved their music—and their hairstyles and fashion as well. Industry insider Erin Duvall takes fans on a lively tour in this entertaining history that combines interviews with famous hairstylists and fifty of country music stars' best 'dos, including 1990s mullet king, Billy Ray Cyrus. While business in the front and party in the back may be outdated today, twenty years ago it was one of country's defining styles. In *Country Music Hair*, Duvall tells a tale of the day the mullet died and the rumor of the strong emotional reaction from the "Achy Breaky Heart" singer's young daughter, Miley, who desperately pleaded with him to keep his mane. A fantastic and fun trip down memory lane, *Country Music Hair* is a must for country listeners and pop culture fans.

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