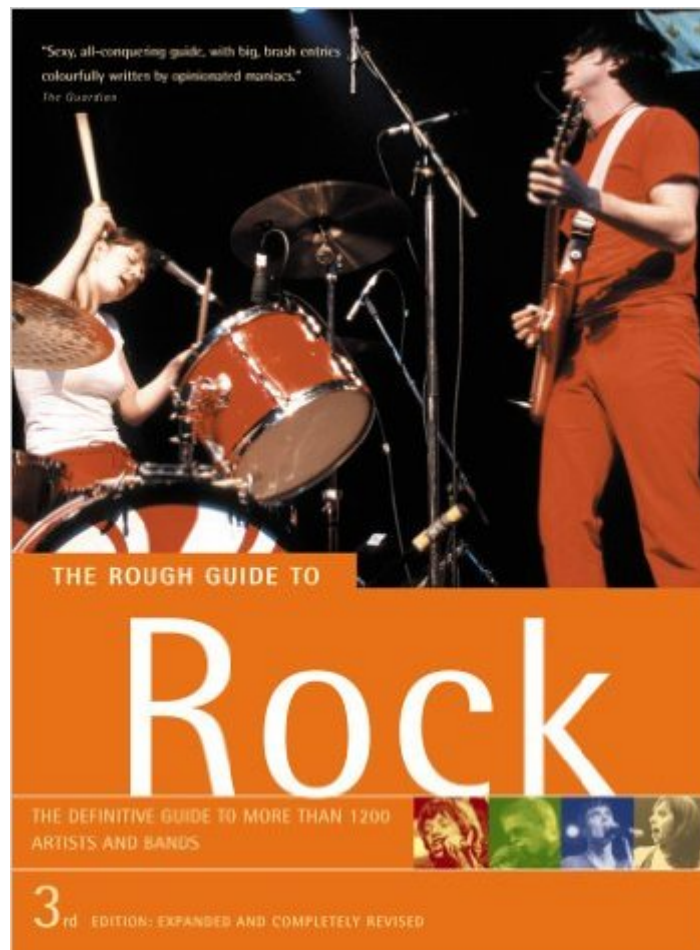


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The third edition of "The Rough Guide to Rock" is more extensive than ever. It features over 3000 album reviews, 1200 biographies, 300 original images and 268 classic album covers, covering all areas of rock music and touching on the fringes of dance, hip-hop, blues, country and soul.

Compiled by a group of music journalists and enthusiastic fans, this is the guide that is not afraid to say what's hot and what's not.

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After the 1991 Rolling Stone Album Guide and Robert Christgau's 1980s guide, "The Rough Guide to Rock" was in my early days as a music reader my most important source of information. In my early days of reading it, I felt that it did not possess the ability to justify its choices as well as Rolling Stone's guides did (though I now know I was fitting my own experiences to criticism too much) but quite quickly I found that I could learn a good deal about bands who were largely unknown to writers in Rolling Stone and even Q (which I first read in 1997). As a result, I began to take far more interest in "The Rough Guide", and over time I can say there is quite a bit to recommend it. Most especially is the amount of detail given to the critically-neglected genres of progressive rock and heavy metal, which fans of those genres will most definitely welcome and which should prove very valuable to those curious. I can in fact say this even with the omission of Slayer, one of the most important heavy metal groups, because the information on such bands as Pantera and Van der Graaf Generator is refreshing for fans or non-fans.

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