

BOOKS THAT ROCK

BOOKS ABOUT BANDS, MUSIC AND MORE

- FIC WOO Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2008.
In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.
- FIC BEN Benway, Robin. Audrey, wait! New York : Razorbill, c2008.
While trying to score a date with her cute co-worker, Audrey gains unwanted fame and celebrity status when her ex-boyfriend, a rock musician, records a breakup song about her that soars to the top of the Billboard charts.
- FIC WEA Weatherford, Carole Boston, 1956-. Becoming Billie Holiday. 1st ed. Honesdale, Penn. : Wordsong, c2008.
Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday looks back on her early years in this fictional memoir written in verse.
- FIC CAS Castellucci, Cecil, 1969-. Beige. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2007.
Katy, a quiet French Canadian teenager, reluctantly leaves Montréal to spend time with her estranged father, an aging Los Angeles punk rock legend.
- FIC KOR Korman, Gordon. Born to rock. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion, c2006.
High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.
- PLAY FIC KOR Korman, Gordon. Born to rock. Unabridged. Ohio : Findaway World ;, c2009.
Read by Billy Hammond.
- FIC CUR Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, not Buddy. New York : Delacorte Press, [2002], c1999.
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
- FIC BLO Block, Francesca Lia. Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys. 1st HarperTrophy ed. New York : HarperTrophy, 1993, c1992.
With their parents away, four young people form a rock band that becomes wildly popular, carrying them into a "freer" life than they can cope with.
- FIC LOC Lockhart, E. Dramarama. Reprint. Hyperion, 2008.
- FIC GOI Going, Kelly. Fat kid rules the world. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2003.
Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, gets a new perspective on life when Curt, a semi-homeless teen who is a genius on guitar, asks Troy to be the drummer in a rock band.
- FIC TAS Tashjian, Janet. Fault line. 1st ed. New York : Holt, 2003.
Seveteen-year-old Becky Martin, an aspiring comic, must find the

courage to get the help she needs when her boyfriend Kip, a rising star in the San Francisco comedy club scene, becomes emotionally and physically abusive.

- FIC MAN Manning, Sarra. Guitar girl. New York : Speak, 2005, c2003.
As her band, The Hormones, becomes an international sensation, seventeen-year-old Molly begins to question the high cost of fame.
- FIC KRO Krovatin, Christopher. Heavy metal and you. New York : PUSH Books, c2005.
High schooler Sam begins losing himself when he falls for a preppy girl who wants him to give up getting wasted with his best friends and even his passion for heavy metal music in order to become a better person.
- FIC KUE Kuehnert, Stephanie, 1979-. I wanna be your Joey Ramone. 1st MTV Books/Pocket Books trade paperback ed. New York : Pocket Books/MTV Books, 2008.
- FIC DEP Depp, Laurie. I'm with the band. London : Hodder Children's Books, 2008.
Ellie becomes the lead singer of her friends' rock band, Blackstar, but when the band is forced to make a tough decision, she must face the fear of letting down all the people she loves.
- FIC DES Dessen, Sarah. Just listen : a novel. New York : Viking, 2006.
Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.
- FIC WES Westerfeld, Scott. The last days : a novel. New York : Razorbill, c2007.
As an ancient evil stirs beneath the streets of New York City, infecting rats and people like a plague, five quirky teens come together to form a "New Sound" band whose music seems to have paranormal power.
- FIC FUS Fusilli, Jim. Marley Z and the bloodstained violin. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2008.
Marley Zimmerman is convinced that her friend did not steal a valuable violin from the Julliard School, despite surveillance video evidence, and enlists the other members of her would-be band to help her find the truth.
- FIC ZUC Zucker, Jonny. MP3 mind control. Mankato, Minn : Stone Arch Books, 2008.
Keisha has just gotten a new MP3 player, but when the device starts reading her thoughts she decides to investigate the problem on her own by visiting Zone Tech, the company where the player was made.
- FIC DUN Dunlap, Susanne Emily. The musician's daughter. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Bloomsbury, 2009.
In eighteenth-century Vienna, Austria, Theresa seeks a way to help her family financially while investigating the murder of her father, a violinist in Haydn's orchestra at the court of Prince Esterhazy, after his body is found near a gypsy camp.
- FIC LAN Lane, Dakota. The Orpheus obsession. 1st ed. New York : Katherine Tegen

Books, c2005.

Sixteen-year-old Anooshka Stargirl, whose homelife is less than rosy, meets a rock singer named Orpheus and finds her obsession with him drawing her into his world.

- FIC CHA Chamberlain, Adrian, 1958-. Rock star. Victoria, B.C. ; : Orca Book Publishers, 2010.
When Duncan joins a heavy-metal band he tries to fit in by leaving his friends behind and acting like a rock star, but soon realizes there is more to being a musician.
- FIC NEL Nelson, Blake, 1960-. Rock star, superstar. New York : Viking, 2004.
When Pete, a talented bass player, moves from playing in the high school jazz band to playing in a popular rock group, he finds the experience exhilarating even as his new fame jeopardizes his relationship with girlfriend Margaret.
- FIC GOO Goodman, Alison. Singing the Dogstar blues. New York : Viking, 2002, c1998.
In a future Australia, the saucy eighteen-year-old daughter of a famous newscaster and a sperm donor teams up with a hermaphrodite from the planet Choria in a time travel adventure that may significantly change both of their lives.
- FIC THO Thomas, Jacquelin. Singsation. New York : Warner Books ;, [2003], c2001.
Deborah Anne Peterson has always been grateful for her small-town life and her beautiful singing voice, but when she signs a record deal with a big-city producer, she finds herself torn from the life she has always known.
- FIC OST Ostow, Micol. So punk rock (and other ways to disappoint your mother) : a novel. 1st ed. Woodbury, Minn. : Flux, 2009.
Four suburban New Jersey students from the Leo R. Gittleman Jewish Day School form a rock band that becomes inexplicably popular, creating exhilaration, friction, confrontation, and soul-searching among its members.
- FIC WEN Wenberg, Michael. Stringz. 1st ed. Lodi, N.J. : WestSide Books, c2010.
Fourteen-year-old Jace Adams, a cellist who loves to surf, never fits in where his mother decides to move them, but after a difficult start in Seattle, he comes to realize that talent is not something to hide and that he has "family" in some unexpected places.
- FIC SKO Skovron, Jon. Struts & frets. New York : Amulet Books, 2009.
Sammy wants to be a musician like his grandfather, but while the band he is in is self-destructing, Sammy is distracted by his grandfather's decline and confused feelings about his best friend-- and his mother is too busy to help.
- FIC FLE Fletcher, Christine, 1964-. Ten cents a dance. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Bloomsbury U.S.A. Children's Books ;, 2008.
In 1940s Chicago, fifteen-year-old Ruby hopes to escape poverty by becoming a taxi dancer in a nightclub, but the work has unforeseen dangers and hiding the truth from her family and friends becomes increasingly difficult.
- FIC POW Powell, Randy. Tribute to another dead rock star. 1st ed. New York :

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999.

For a tribute to his mother, a dead rock star, fifteen-year-old Grady returns to Seattle, where he faces his mixed feelings for his retarded younger half-brother Louie while pondering his own future.

FIC BOO

Booth, Coe. Tyrell. New York : PUSH, c2006.

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.

FIC LIP

Lipsyte, Robert. Yellow flag. 1st ed. New York, NY : HarperTeen, 2007.

When seventeen-year-old Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how--or if--he can continue making music with a brass quintet and headlines as a NASCAR racer.

FIC SON

Sonnenblick, Jordan. Zen and the art of faking it. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2007.

When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves to a new town and school for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out when his knowledge of Zen Buddhism, gained in his previous school, provides the answer--and the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master.

