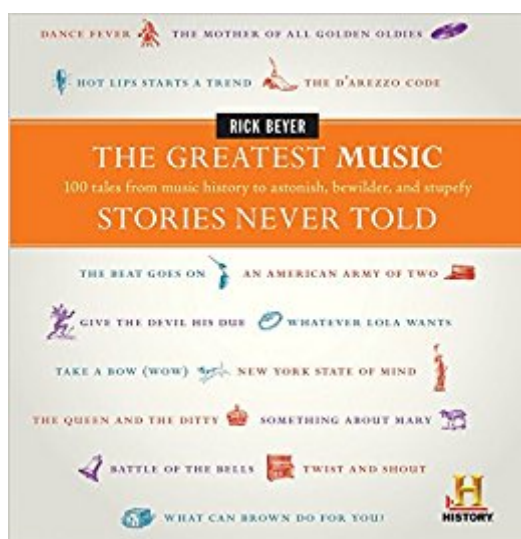


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# The Greatest Music Stories Never Told: 100 Tales From Music History To Astonish, Bewilder, And Stupefy (The Greatest Stories Never Told)



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"Full of tasty morsels. A delightful book to arm one for the next dull cocktail party." —Chicago Tribune  
Rick Beyer, author of the highly successful History Channel series The Greatest Stories Never Told returns with new historic tales from the world of music —ennobling, entrancing and inevitably surprising stories of soaring genius, tantalizing scandal, nefarious intrigue, and, above all, unbridled passion for music. Perfect for fans of The Mental Floss History of the United States or Bill Bryson's Made in America, Beyer's Greatest Music Stories Never Told is "history like you've never read it before." (The Tennessean)

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"An effortless summer read for the music lover." (Houston Chronicle)  
"We picked up the book expecting to inflate our egos, reinforcing the myth that we know everything there is to know about music history. Short answer- we were wrong, very wrong." (LA Weekly)  
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This is a fun book. Rick Beyer has written a series of these specialty anecdotal books. They were done with collaboration with The History Channel. You can pick up this book and read one or two stories, then put it down. There's just one thing: because the books are so similar, it's likely that one or two pieces will be repeated in another book. There are only so many stories surrounding the same topic, and I'm sure it depends on the subject matter. It's still okay. 85% of the pieces are specific to each book.

Got this for my grandfather-in-law and my brother-in-law, very cool book!

Nothing new here.

I love the books in this series, they are full of very interesting and, for the most part, very little known details about history. This is ideal for music lovers; it even includes links to the songs it talks about so you can listen to them!

We are big fans of this series and the music edition did not fail us. The stories are entertaining and educational, and they make for great conversation! These books are the perfect little gems for the curious minded and the trivia lover.

Really interesting stories here...great gift for music lover.

Love these books, full of little know interesting facts.

"The Greatest Music Stories Never Told" by Rick Beyer is a fascinating look at musical events and history. I gave this book to my niece, a music major, as a gift when she graduated from college.

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