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## THE NEW **ROUGH GUIDE BOOK OF PLAYLISTS** FEATURES AL GREEN, MICHAEL STIPE AND MARIANNE FAITHFULL AMONGST ITS MANY CONTRIBUTORS

### The album is dead. Long live the playlist!

iPods and MP3 Players have changed the way we listen to music. It's all about songs now, and making your own compilations. The brand-new **ROUGH GUIDE BOOK OF PLAYLISTS** is the first book to really understand the playlist phenomenon. With over 500 playlists, it has brought together some of the best-known names in music to produce a pocket-sized power house of recommendations that is guaranteed to surprise and inform.

Explaining the book's ethos, editor and Rough Guide founder Mark Ellingham said "This is a book about enthusiasms and obsessions. It's a collection of playlists that will burst into life as you download the tracks, reflecting a fantastic depth of knowledge from the myriad contributors who have scrutinized their iPods or MP3 players and set out their stores."

From **Abba to Zappa**, via Britpop, Joplin, Fado, soul ballads, punk, the **cover versions** that beat the originals, dodgy lyrics in French, **aliens** and much much more, the playlists cover a range of artists, genres, themes and quirks. As Mark Ellingham puts it: "You can do almost anything with a playlist – historic overviews of artists, retrospectives of a micro-genre that passed everyone else by, lists of the greatest soul songs ever, **classic hip-hop** or prog rock that stands the test of time."

With a range of contributors from the world of music journalism, the guide also features playlists from some of the best-known musicians of the last fifty years.



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**ARTISTS:** Marvin Gaye to Nick Cave, Bjork to Manu Chao, Rufus Wainwright to Thelonious Monk, Frank Sinatra to Franz Ferdinand.

**GENRES:** Britpop to Krautrock, dub to Motown, bebop to Bhangra, punk to drum'n'bass, fado to gangsta rap.

**THEMES:** Broken hearts, motoring music, protest songs, drinking songs, Jailhouse Rock, and the Summer of Love...

**QUIRKS & SILLINESS:** Singing drummers, aliens, chickens and insects, and even music raved about in Haruki Murakami novels.

Find out the top ten songs that turned **Eric Clapton** onto blues, tracks that move **Al Green**, **KT Tunstall's** twelve all-time favourites and **Damon Albarn's** chilled-out world grooves.

Reflect on **Marianne Faithfull's** list of personal icons and the best of the iconic singer herself, look up what stirs **Elvis Costello** and **Tom Waits**, go on the street with **Billy Bragg's** old busking songs or tune into **Sinéad O'Connor's** top 10 roots reggae numbers.

And if you think we've missed anyone out, you can log onto [www.roughguides.com/playlists](http://www.roughguides.com/playlists) and tell us who we should be adding next time.

## The Rough Guide Book of Playlists

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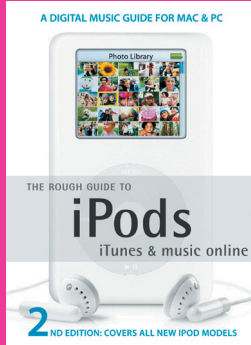
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### Carl Barat's Libertine verses

The Libertines, the London-based band CARL BARAT formed with Pete Dinklage achieved notoriety for their free-living and drug abuse. In the intoxicating, gritty anthems of their self-titled 2004 album proved it was more than hype and that they were one of the most exciting new bands in many a year. Then it all went horribly wrong as the band split amid hard-fought lawsuits. At the time release his first solo album. Here's what he takes...

- **ON YOU PRETTY THINGS** DAVE BOWEN / HONEY DEW
- **HURRICANE** BOB DYLAN / BOB DYLAN
- **PERSONALITY CRISIS** NEW YORK DOLLS / NEW YORK DOLLS
- **REMOTE CONTROL** THE CLASH / THE CLASH
- **EATON RIFLES** THE JAM / THE SETTING SUNS / THE JAM
- **NO MORE HEROES** THE STRANGLERS / THE STRANGLERS
- **TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG** THE SPECIALS / THE SPECIALS
- **BIG MOUTH STRIKES AGAIN** THE CANTERS / THE CANTERS
- **SORTED FOR EYES AND WHIZ** PULP / DIFFERENT CLASS
- **GET BY YOUR KNOW** THE STREETS / A CRIMINAL MIND FOR FREE

### Britpop (again!)

Britpop is back. Home-grown acts are again dominating the UK airwaves and denting the US, loading creditable songs with bold influences, underscored by their youthful energy and teasing wit.

- **PREDICT A HIT** RASHER CREEVES / EMERALD
- **PROCESSED BEATS** KASABIAN / MAICHESTER
- **HELICOPTER** RICK PARTY / SILENT ALARM
- **YOU GOT THE STYLE** ATTELLE / VEHICLES
- **MEMENTO** THE FUTUREHEADS / THE FUTUREHEADS

### Brit-reggae

British reggae music quite managed to sound 'authentically' Jamaican — and was

- **THE TROUBLE** CURTIS TAYLOR
- **LET'S STAY TOGETHER** LET'S STAY TOGETHER
- **LOVE AND HAPPINESS** THE STILLS / LOVE WITH YOU
- **I'M GLAD YOU'RE MINE** THE STILLS / LOVE WITH YOU
- **JUST FOR THE LOVE** LEGENDS OF JAZZ
- **MOON DREAMS** WILD DAVES / THE BIRTH OF THE COIN
- **YOU SEND ME (SUN COOL)** GREATEST HITS
- **THE WIND CRIES MARY** MARY WINDWOOD / ARE YOU EXPERIENCED
- **TRUCKIN'** AMERICAN BEAUTY
- **RIPPLE** AMERICAN BEAUTY
- **SUGAR MAGALLA** AMERICAN BEAUTY
- **PLAYING IN THE BAND** CRISTOFFER BEEB
- **JACK STRAW** EUROPE 1972
- **UNROCKED CHAIN** FROM THE MARKS NOTES
- **MERCY MERCY ME** MERVIN GARDY / MERVIN GARDY
- **REFUGE OF THE ROADS** JOHN MCELREATH
- **DREAM** GERRARD / WALTER THE LEGAL FOLKS
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### David Gray's Lost Songs

DAVID GRAY has sold more albums in the 21st century than any British artist, except Elton. Needless to say, his playlist is heavily dominated by singer-songwriters — with one or two surprises.

- **PARADISE** RICK OAKES / PUNK MONO
- **MANSION ON THE HILL** BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN / NEBRADA
- **BALLERINA** VAN MORISSON / ACTUAL PRISON
- **TRUCKIN'** AMERICAN BEAUTY
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- **DON'T GO BACK TO DALLAS** RAY CHARLES
- **WATERLOO BRIDGE** THE BEATLES
- **PRIMROSE HILL** LONDON
- **WHEREVOLVES OF LONDON** WARREN ZEVON
- **A RAINY NIGHT IN SOHO** THE POGUES
- **DOWN IN THE TUBE STATION AT MEAGHETT** THE JAM
- **MILE END** HELP / FRANKS & REYES
- **PLASTON PATROL** IAN DURY
- **TRUCKIN'** AMERICAN BEAUTY
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### Tony Wheeler's Lonely Planet

TONY WHEELER set up Lonely Planet with his wife Maureen in the early 70s, though the Southeast Asia hippy trail. They named the company after a (mis-)heard line from a Joe Cockar song. In a book transfer to Rough Guides' music division, Tony has also contributed playlists on Paul Kelly, Counting Crows, Bush etc. and others to this book. He says: 'Lots of business seems to have a soundtrack: this is Lonely Planet's, including the song which gave our name.'

- **WAKE UP SHINING** CHICAGO
- **ARABAKS** SARTANA / ARABAKS
- **LAGLE ROCK** BRUNO COLE / ERIC BURKE
- **SPACE CAPTAIN** THE GORILLAS / LION BROS
- **GOODBYE TYGER** RICHARD CLAPTON
- **DE WU** FREEDY DAN / WET LIP
- **CONY ISLAND** VAN MORISSON
- **ALICE** BRIDLE / ALICE
- **PIU BELLA COSA** BRUNO ZETZKI
- **LOVE IS EVERYTHING** ED LANGE
- **TRUCKIN'** AMERICAN BEAUTY
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### Love

Admired pretty full-rock-psychodelia with a bitter lemon taste. Usually thought about always from the pen of leader Arthur Lee.

- **ALONE AGAIN OR** PROVERB CHANGES
- **SHE COMES IN COLORED** BOB CAPS
- **AND 7 IS** BOB CAPS
- **MY LITTLE RED BOOK** LOVE
- **ANDROMEDA** PROVERB CHANGES
- **THE GOOD WINDMILL MAN** PROVERB CHANGES
- **MAVE THE PEOPLE WOULD BE THE THINGS ON BETWEEN CLARK AND HILLDALE** BOB CAPS
- **STEPHANIE KNOWS WHO** BOB CAPS