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Or at least in two brand new Rough Guides...

THE ROUGH GUIDE TO LED ZEPPELIN

“Rock legends Led Zeppelin remain a colossal music force with songs at once mystical, heavy, traditional and highly original.” N. Williamson, author

Having recently been inducted into the UK Music Hall of fame, and with over 300 million albums sold worldwide, Led Zeppelin continue to grab the attention of music lovers everywhere. **The Rough Guide to Led Zeppelin** tells the story of the life and the afterlife of this most extraordinary supergroup. From the first meeting of Plant and Page to the untimely death of John Bonham, the guide details the magic, mayhem and excesses of the era. Renowned music critic and author, Nigel Williamson, goes on to review 50 of their most ‘essential’ songs and the stories behind them, before considering the impact of collaborators and colleagues as well as Zeppelin films, places, myths and memorabilia.

THE ROUGH GUIDE TO THE VELVET UNDERGROUND

“Sporting shades and cranking out a feedback-heavy sound, the Velvets straddled art and rock, changing popular music forever, sowing the seeds for punk, grunge and thousands of countercultural four-chord wonders.” P. Hogan, author

In the 40th anniversary since their debut album, **The Rough Guide to The Velvet Underground** explores the story of how the Velvets emerged in the New York music scene, tracking their successes and excesses before tracing their solo careers. It includes fascinating new information on ‘everybody who was anybody’ in their universe including Andy Warhol, David Bowie and Brian Eno, as well as detailed commentary upon their albums and greatest songs. It is *the* essential companion to one of modern music’s greatest bands.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

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