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Outlaw Pete is a modern legend of a criminal who starts out in diapers and confronts the roughest edges of adulthood. It's one of the most ambitious and original story songs Springsteen has written. When Bruce Springsteen was a little boy, he learned the story of Brave Cowboy Bill, about a pure-hearted little cowboy. It was the first of Bruce's Western loves, which now range from John Ford movies to Mexican music to Native American art. Each of these inspirations, plus what he's learned as a man and a rock 'n' roller about how to combine whimsy and wisdom, were stations on the way to Outlaw Pete, a modern legend of a criminal who starts out in diapers and confronts the roughest edges of adulthood. It's one of the most ambitious and original story songs Springsteen has written—rhapsodic and harsh, a meditation on destiny, filled with absurdities but not for one second of its eight minutes exactly a joke. It's an elaborate musical drama,

weaving into a single tapestry several styles of rock and an orchestration reminiscent of a Morricone soundtrack. Outlaw Pete is an adult book, illustrated by Frank Caruso, who drew and painted its pages. Caruso does more than illustrate the song. His approach, immaculately detailed, simple when it needs to be, parallels Springsteen's blend of absurdity and meditation. The questions about destiny remain unanswered, as they must be, but they're also brought into a different kind of focus. Details that pass by almost unnoticed in the lyrics become central. Reading and listening have rarely so superbly complemented each other. The result becomes the most intense kind of artistic collaboration, a vision shared. But I'm not trying to start anything, so buy it, don't steal it, OK? —Dave Marsh

Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'n' Roll

A vibrant biography of one of the greatest rock 'n' rollers, the America that made him, and the America he made. This smart, incisive biography traces Bruce Springsteen's evolution from a young artist who wasn't sure what he wanted to say to an acclaimed musician with a distinctive vision for a better society. Brilliantly analyzing and evoking Springsteen's output, Marc Dolan unveils the pulsing heart of his music: its deep personal, political, and cultural resonances, which enabled Springsteen to reflect on his experiences as well as the world around him. The book is now updated with a new chapter on The Promise, Wrecking Ball, and the 2012 tour.

Bruce Springsteen

Bruce Springsteen: An Illustrated Biography offers fans an intimate look into the life of this beloved artist, including photos of The Boss, both on stage and off, and 10 removable pieces of memorabilia.

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Packed full of insightful stories from Springsteen's long career, Bruce Springsteen: The Stories Behind the Songs takes a detailed look at each and every one of Springsteen's album tracks, providing a unique look at this rock legend's method, as well as some of the many anecdotes and tales that are prolific in his long music history. Deeply researched, laced with insight from decades of fandom and original reporting, this book is an exhaustive and unique look at the writing, recording and significance of Springsteen's singular catalog of songs. Each album is discussed and then each song is examined in terms of lyrical meaning, placing in historical context where necessary or relevant. It's the first book to cover every officially released track, from hits to obscurities, from 1974's Greetings From Asbury Park, N.J. to 2014's High Hopes.

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"... A stunning biography of Bruce Springsteen describing his life and work in vivid intimate detail"--

Runaway American Dream

Guterman delves into dramatic moments from every phase of Springsteen's career, looking deep into the music, the man, and culture at large to deliver a nuanced portrait of The Boss, which both new fans and longtime followers will find compelling.

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A collection of Barry Schneier's photography from Bruce Springsteen's historic May 9, 1974 performance at the Harvard Square Theatre in Cambridge, MA, the very night he was deemed "rock and roll future" by rock critic (and future Springsteen manager) Jon Landau.

Boss

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Bruce Springsteen: All the Songs

"This is the full story behind every single song that Bruce Springsteen has ever released. Spanning nearly 50 years of albums, EPs, B-sides, and more, [this book] contains fascinating stories and detailed information on every track. Arranged chronologically and packed with photographs, this is the definitive story of one of music's greats"--

Bruce Springsteen

Combines the complete text of two books previously published by Dave Marsh, *Born to run* and *Glory days*, along with new material.

It Ain't No Sin to Be Glad You're Alive

Political journalist Eric Alterman examines the unique phenomenon that is *The Boss* and how he has come to reflect and interpret a turbulent quarter century of American history.

Bruce Springsteen

Revised to include an original autobiographical introduction by Bruce Springsteen and a new chapter featuring all of the lyrics to his most recent Grammy Award-winning release, *"The Rising*, as well as 32 pages, of never-before-seen photographs. This is the complete collection of Bruce Springsteen's recorded lyrics, illustrated with hundreds of never-before-published images from some of rock & roll journalism's greatest photographers, including Annie Leibovitz, David Gahr, Lynn Goldsmith, Bruce Weber, and many others. From Jim Marchese's informal backstage shots during the European leg of the 1980 *"The River* tour to Neal Preston's amazing documentation of the *"Born in the U.S.A.* days to Pam Springsteen's portraits showing a side of the musician rarely seen by the public, this is the most intimate look at Bruce Springsteen ever published. The photos and lyrics are accompanied by original commentary by Springsteen, in which he reflects on the songs, the performances, and the quarter-century career that for many defines the American dream.

Bruce Springsteen: Like a Killer in the Sun

Bruce Springsteen – Like a Killer in the Sun, originally published in Italian, is the definitive book on the work of Bruce Springsteen, showing his unique narrative talent and offering an accurate critical examination of his poetics. It presents 117 among his best lyrics, expounded and annotated with the philological care used for the classics of literature. In his introduction, Leonardo Colombati draws the attention to the fact that Springsteen is an author grafted on the line that goes from Whitman to Steinbeck, from Flannery O'Connor to Raymond Carver. The book also contains Springsteen's biography and discography, plus an exclusive

interview with Bruce Springsteen. With forewords by Academy Award-winner Ennio Morricone and music critic Dave Marsh, a committee member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Springsteen's biographer. *Like a Killer in the Sun* is a book for anyone who wants to listen to a powerful and inspired voice coming from the heart of America.

Springsteen on Springsteen

Offering fans an extensive look at the artist's own words throughout the past four decades, *Springsteen on Springsteen* brings together Q&A–formatted articles, speeches, and features that incorporate significant interview material. No one is better qualified to talk about Springsteen than the man himself, and he's often as articulate and provocative in interviews and speeches as he is emotive onstage and in recordings. While many rock artists seem to suffer through interviews, Springsteen has welcomed them as an opportunity to speak openly, thoughtfully, and in great detail about his music and life. This volume starts with his humble beginnings in 1973 as a struggling artist and follows him up to the present, as Springsteen has achieved almost unimaginable wealth and worldwide fame. Included are feature interviews with well-known media figures, including Charlie Rose, Ted Koppel, Brian Williams, Nick Hornby, and Ed Norton. Fans will also discover hidden gems from small and international outlets, in addition to radio and TV interviews that have not previously appeared in print. This collection is a must-have for any Springsteen fan.

Racing in the Street

For more than three decades, Bruce Springsteen's ability to express in words and music the deepest hopes, fears, loves, and sorrows of average Americans has made him a hero to his millions of devoted fans. *Racing in the Street* is the first comprehensive collection of writings about Springsteen, featuring the most insightful, revealing, famous, and infamous articles, interviews, reviews, and other writings. This nostalgic journey through the career of a rock-'n'-roll legend chronicles every album and each stage of Springsteen's career. It's all here—Dave Marsh's Rolling Stone review of Springsteen's ten sold-out Bottom Line shows in 1975 in New York City, Jay Cocks's and Maureen Orth's dueling Time and Newsweek cover stories, George Will's gross misinterpretation of Springsteen's message on his Born in the USA tour, and Will Percy's 1999 interview for Double Take, plus much, much more.

Raise Your Hand: Adventures of an American Springsteen Fan in Europe

18 days, five countries, and seven concerts: this was how long-time Springsteen chronicler and veteran Backstreets contributor Caryn Rose spent her summer vacation, running from Paris to Prague to Vienna to London to Dublin, following Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band on tour. Were European Springsteen fans that different from their Stateside counterparts? Were the shows overseas truly better than the ones in the States? Part travelogue and part rock and roll love letter, Rose takes you with her every step of the way: queuing in the rain, sleeping on the sidewalk, and watching Paul McCartney from the front row in London.

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Bruce Springsteen FAQ

Discusses the life and career of the rock musician, covering his youth in New Jersey, his early musical performances, the success of the album *"Born to Run"* which earned him nationwide exposure, and the deaths of core band members.

Greetings from Bury Park (Blinded by the Light Movie Tie-In)

The inspiration for the smash Sundance hit, soon to be a major motion picture, *"Blinded by the Light"*: The acclaimed memoir about the power of Bruce Springsteen's music on a young Pakistani boy growing up in Britain in the 1970s. Sarfraz Manzoor was two years old when, in 1974, he emigrated from Pakistan to Britain with his mother, brother, and sister. Sarfraz spent his teenage years in a constant battle, trying to reconcile being both British and Muslim, trying to fit in at school and at home. But it was when his best friend introduced him to the music of Bruce Springsteen that his life changed completely. From the age of sixteen on, after the moment he heard the harmonica and opening lines to "The River," Springsteen became his personal muse, a lens through which he was able to view the rest of his life. Both a tribute to Springsteen and a story of personal discovery, *Greetings from Bury Park* is a warm, irreverent, and exceptionally perceptive memoir about how music transcends religion and race.

All the Songs

Musical historians Phillippe Margotin and Jean-Michel Guesdon delve deep into the history and musical origins of every Beatles album, recounting the circumstances that led to the composition of each song, the recording process, and the instruments used. This intimate and revealing look at the music of The Beatles draws on decades of research. For example, readers learn that one of John Lennon's favorite guitars was a 1958 Rickenbacker 325 Capri, which he bought for ?100 in 1960 in Hamburg. He had it painted black and used it on the Ed Sullivan Show and in the Hollywood Bowl concerts. It now belongs to his son Sean. Readers will also get an inside look at each song's recording. Love Me Do was recorded in Abbey Road Studios in September 1962. The song took 18 takes to get right, though it was one of the first songs John and Paul had written together. John was originally supposed to sing lead vocals, but when George Martin suggested adding a harmonica, Paul took over as lead. Hundreds of photographs range from rare black-and-white publicity stills to images of Beatles instruments to intimate shots of the musicians in the studios. Special sections called 'For Beatles Addicts,' give even more detailed information for the true fan.

Born in the U.S.A.

A thinking person's exploration of the cultural significance of Bruce Springsteen.

Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'n' Roll

Describes the life and music of one of America's greatest rock artists, providing an overview and analysis of the cultural, political, and personal forces that influenced his music and led him to explore issues like war, class disparity, and prejudice.

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"Bruce Springsteen" is the first volume of an exciting new series from bestselling author Rikky Rooksby. Each book in the series selects songs that span an artist's career and reveals the techniques behind his or her best work.

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When Bruce Springsteen went back on the road in 1984, he opened every show by shouting out, "one, two, one, two, three, four," followed by the droning synth chords of "Born in the U.S.A." Max Weinberg hit his drums with a two-fisted physicality that cut through the swelling chords. With a rolled-up red kerchief around his head and heavy black boots under his faded jeans, Springsteen looked like the character of the song, and from the very first line ("Born down in a dead man's town") he sang with the throat-scraping desperation of a man with his back against the wall. When he reached the crucial lines, though, the guitars and bass dropped out and Weinberg switched to just the hi-hat. Springsteen's voice grew a bit more private and reluctant as he sang, "Nowhere to run. Nowhere to go." It was as if he weren't sure if this were an admission of defeat or the drawing of a line in the sand. But when the band came crashing back at full strength-building a crescendo that fell apart in the cacophony of Springsteen's and Weinberg's wild soloing, paused and then came together again in the determined, marching riff-it was clear that the singer was ready to make a stand.

Bruce Springsteen's Born in the USA

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Titles are: *Born in the U.S.A.* * *Born to Run* * *Cadillac Ranch* * *Cover Me* * *Dancing in the Dark* * *Fire* * *Glory Days* * *Hungry Heart* * *I'm on Fire* * *My Hometown* * *Pink Cadillac* * *Rosalita (Come Out Tonight)* *

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Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out * The River * Thunder Road.

Bruce Springsteen

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“On a day like this, I remember—I’m the President, but he’s The Boss.” —President Barack Obama, 2009 Kennedy Center Awards ceremony
Compiled by accomplished photographer Eric Meola—who knew “the Boss” when he was just an unknown Jersey kid with big rock and roll dreams—*Streets of Fire* is an intimate photographic look at Bruce Springsteen during a pivotal year in his life and career. In 1977, Springsteen was coming off the enormous success of his album, *Born to Run*, and in the studio working on his fourth record, *Darkness on the Edge of Town*—and these breathtaking candid photos are portraits of a master musician finally coming into his own. A stunning collection of photographs—some never before published—of Bruce and the E-Street Band combined with the haunting lyrics of some of Springsteen’s most unforgettable songs, *Streets of Fire* offers fans a privileged and rarefied look at one of rock’s most legendary and beloved icons.

The Boss. the Book

The celebrated popular music scholar presents an intimate portrait of The Boss and his legendary band Bruce Springsteen fans know that the band makes the man, which is why millions of people have jammed stadiums and arenas to see The Boss play countless shows with his incredible E Street Band. In this revelatory and unapologetic biography, respected music scholar Clinton Heylin turns a critical eye towards Springsteen’s early days, capturing this classic phase of his career and his rise from Asbury Park hood rat to global rock star. Using long-buried archival recordings and bootlegs, Heylin expertly traces Springsteen’s creative process as a songwriter and performer and illuminates the roles of the E Street Band members in creating their distinctive sound. Highly nuanced and as fiery as Springsteen himself, *E Street Shuffle* offers the most revealing portrait yet written on this American icon.

Streets of Fire

Important insight into the work of a truly great songwriter. Updated to include the albums *Western Stars* and *Letter To You* and packed full of insightful stories from Springsteen's long career, *Bruce Springsteen: The Stories Behind the Songs* takes a detailed look at each and every one of his tracks, providing a unique look at this rock legend's method, as well as some of the many anecdotes and tales that are prolific in his long music history. The legend of Bruce Springsteen may well outlast rock 'n' roll itself. And for all the muscle and magic of his life-shaking concerts with the E Street Band, it comes down to the songs – music that helped define the best version of the United States for itself and the rest of the world; that bridged the gap between Bob Dylan and James Brown, between Phil Spector and Hank Williams; and that somehow managed to make New Jersey seem like a promised land. Deeply researched, laced with insight from decades of fandom and original reporting, this book is an exhaustive and unique look at the writing, recording and significance of Springsteen's singular catalog of songs – the first book to cover every officially released track, from hits to obscurities, from 1974's *Greetings From Asbury Park, N.J.* to 2014's *High Hopes*.

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Bruce Springsteen - The Stories Behind the Songs

In his classic song 'Born To Run,' Bruce Springsteen perfectly captured the restless yearning of adolescence. But it was the angry cry of an unemployed Vietnam veteran that became the heart of his best-selling album, Born in the U.S.A., which sold more than 20 million copies and produced 7 top-10 hits. Springsteen's fans revere him as a powerful and committed performer who, despite his immense fame, never forgot his working-class New Jersey roots.

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