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Get the inside scoop on finding agents, publishers, and collaborators. Create a demo and break into the music industry! Now you can write the songs! Using well-known tunes as examples, this easy-to-follow guide walks you through every aspect of writing lyrics and publishing a song, from choosing a musical style and recording to hiring business players. You'll see how to use rhyme and rhythm in all kinds of music, from blues to rock to commercial jingles.


How to Write Songs on Guitar: A Guitar Playing and Songwriting Course

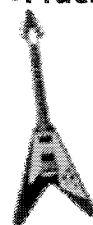
Now anyone can write and play their own songs on the guitar — with no prior training! This inspirational handbook teaches readers how to play guitar, while providing a solid foundation in songwriting techniques, using well-known songs as examples, easy-to-follow text, and graphics that explain and demonstrate lyrics, melody, harmony and rhythm. This book's



On the Record: Preparing for the Studio

As a starving artist with no money to waste on expensive studio sessions, you need to be prepared when entering the production stage. Otherwise, that precious green resource could be wasted.

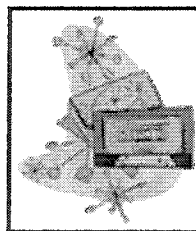
●Practice makes perfect



Whether you're playing guitar or saxophone you've got to practice — not only to hone your skills, but also to record without spending too much money. Depending on where you're recording, heading into a professional studio can cost as much as \$300 an hour. Professional musicians hold numerous rehearsals before heading into the studio or going out on stage, and most of them have the money to spend on long studio sessions. To get your money's worth, perfect your music before you enter the studio.

●Wanna kick it old school?

Analog machines that use tapes are still available, but these days digital recording has become an industry standard. Most artist reps won't take anything other than a CD now, so you may want to go digital to keep up with the times. You may also want to go retro, but that's all up to you. Most professional studios use the same software that's available to transform your own PC into a pro studio.



●Musician's Motto: Always be prepared

Don't depend on the studio to have all of the equipment. You'll need all of the necessary things like cables for everyone, microphones, and extra strings. Make sure you're covered, down to a string popping. You don't want something insignificant to end your recording session, and possibly your recording career!

●It's Go Time



Once you've practiced so much you can't stand to

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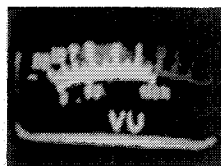
Do you know who recorded these albums? Take a quiz to find out.

1. Houses of the Holy

- a) AC/DC
- b) Led Zeppelin
- c) Deep Purple
- d) KISS

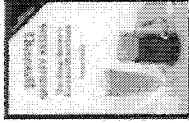
2. Abraxas

- a) Jimi Hendrix
- b) Stevie Ray Vaughan
- c) Santana
- d) Jerry Garcia



3. Mer de Noms

- a) Nine Inch Nails
- b) Marilyn Manson



Brewing Quality Beers: The Home Brewer's Essential Guidebook

Now you can learn the secrets of successful home brewing from America's foremost teacher of the craft!

Discover a kaleidoscope of beer styles, ranging from golden lagers and pale ales, to rich porters, barley wines, and imperial stouts, all of which you can brew in your own home. This expanded, second edition includes detailed instructions for kegging draft beer at home, and step-by-step mashing procedures for all-grain brewing.

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fermentation process. You'll need a capper, too, if you're going to bottle it for storage. Make sure you sanitize all of your equipment before using it.

● **Water, Barley, Yeast, and Hops**

Now you've got to choose what kind of beer to make. You can pick from many varieties and brew recipes. Additional ingredients are relatively inexpensive and can include wheat, rice, corn, honey, and fruit. Some beers are darker than others and require more ingredients.

Depending upon your tastes, you can choose which recipe is right for you, or you might decide to invent something new. But before you dump everything into the fermenter, you'll need to boil all of the ingredients, including the malt extract, into an uncovered brewing pot. This is called worting. Keep boiling until the malt extract is dissolved.

● **Fermentation**

Once you dump your brew into the fermenter, it takes about two weeks for the fermentation to complete. You can test the gravity of your beer to make sure that some yeast is still alive, otherwise you're beer will not turn out right. Other than that, time is the most precious ingredient. Yes, waiting really is the hardest part.

● **Bottling & Capping**

You can bottle the beer using the air lock's spigot. You probably don't want to suck the beer out through the siphon with your own mouth because that may allow bacteria into



- c. Ale
 - d. Stout
- 3) This beer is full-bodied, dark in color and has a flavor similar to coffee.
- a. Lager
 - b. Porter
 - c. Ale
 - d. Stout

1.a 2.c 3.d



straightforward style will have even those who've never played a guitar or written a song making music with ease.

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hear your own music anymore, it's time to record. Depending upon how prepared you are, the recording process can be the most heinous or the most rewarding experience of a lifetime. If you've decided to record at home, then you can take as much time as you'd like. Home recording comes down to the quality of microphone you have to record with, so you might want to spend more than \$10 at Radio Shack on it.

•Distribution

Whether you've decided to make tapes or CDs, you're going to need at least 100 of them. Having extra copies around is never a bad idea, especially if you're trying to make money. Buying them all yourself can get expensive, but wholesalers make it affordable.



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- c) Tool
- d) A Perfect Circle

4. American Beaut

- a) Grateful Dead
 - b) America
 - c) Phish
 - d) The Band
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Answers: 1.b 2.c 3.d 4.a

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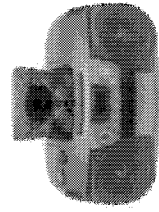


Jennifer Lopez

Moviegoiners know her as George Clooney's gorgeous co-star in *Out of Sight*, Wesley Snipe's super-sexy love interest in *Money Train*, and the captivating star of *Selena*. Now this detailed bio explores the Jennifer Lopez few know, from her childhood in the Bronx in a close-knit Puerto Rican family, to her big break into films, to her groundbreaking status as the highest-paid Latina actress in Hollywood. This fast-track account traces every step of Jennifer's journey to the top, through hard work, clean living, fearless ambition, and home-grown pride.

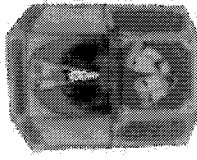
Bob Dylan: A Bio-Bibliography

A true icon of American popular



As if some of the biggest music stars weren't noticed enough, now they've invaded the big screen, propelling them from pop star to pop icon. Recently, this trend has even won one lucky pop-music star an Oscar.

● Will Smith



Probably one of the biggest movie stars/musicians to break onto the scene, Will Smith has starred in some of the biggest blockbuster movies, like *Independence Day* and *Ali*. He got his big TV break with *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* and started his music career with albums under the name of *Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince*, which spawned such hits as *Summertime* and *Parents Just Don't Understand*.

● J-Lo

Everyone's favorite Latina sweetheart started her career out as a dancer, then turned her attention to singing, selling millions of albums worldwide. Her latest album *This Is Me ... Then* has produced a few hits already. The paparazzi never lose track of her because of famous boyfriends she's dated like *E.*



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(**Movie Bands**)

They may not be "real" bands, but they sure act like they are.

The Blues Brothers

When John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd burst onto the scene with this cult classic, they were an instant hit in both cinema and music.

The Monkees -- Head

They were supposed to be a spoof on The Beatles, but they ended up starring in a successful television series and a couple of movies, including this one.

This Is Spinal Tap

Rob Reiner directed this classic film which

culture, songwriter and entertainer Bob Dylan was a catalyst for changing social currents in the 1960s with memorable songs like *Blowin' in the Wind*. Elusive to biographers, Dylan has inspired relatively few substantive accounts, although much has been written about his music.

The present study presents an accurate summary of his life and an analysis of his pivotal role in popular music. His more than 400 songs and other writings, recordings, concert tours, and film and television appearances are all fully documented, as are bootleg recordings and recordings of his music by other singers.

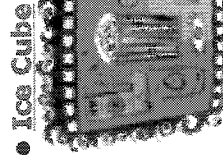
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Diddy. She's started in such blockbusters as *The Wedding Planner* and *Money Train*. You can see her and her current beau, Ben Affleck, in *Gigli*.

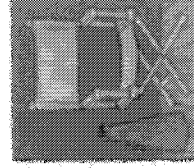
● Mandy Moore
She started out her career as a sticky-sweet pop star on MTV. Now she's a full-blown movie star with leading roles in movies like *How to Deal* and *A Walk to Remember*.



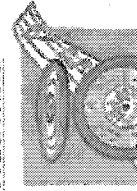
● Ice Cube
Back in the day, Ice Cube was part of the pioneer rap group N.W.A. He rhymed his way into stardom with albums like *Lethal Injection* and *Predator*. Then he got his big break with director John Singleton's *Boyz 'N the Hood*. Cube went on to be a successful actor and director with the *Friday* series and *Barbershop*.

● Mark Wahlberg

His first music hit, *Feel the Vibration*, under the moniker Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch won him his first taste of fame while his brother Donnie was riding the pop star wave with *New Kids On The Block*. Wahlberg's physique won him a role as an underwear model and then won him his biggest role as Dirk Diggler in *Boogie Nights*. Now, among other roles, he's starred in *Rock Star* and a remake of *Planet of the Apes*.



● Madonna



The queen of steam is no stranger to the big screen. She's made her own movie,

documents a rock band during the release and tour of their new album. The hijinks that follow are sure to keep your funny bone tingling.

The Commitments

The story of an English band working hard to get to the top of the charts. This dramatic story, with tons of humor, really exposes the harsh realities most bands come to realize when starting out.

Eddie and the Cruisers

The story of a reporter hot on the trail of the mystery behind a band's missing recordings. She finds out more than she bargains for when interviewing the surviving band members.

Josie and the Pussycats

Based on the famous cartoon, this movie follows Josie and her band mates as they journey to stardom.

● Sweet Water (from Almost Famous)

Cameron Crowe's story of how he got started writing for *Rolling Stone*. His adventure starts by reviewing a Black Sabbath concert where he meets the band Sweet Water and

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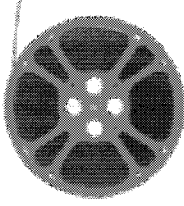
Rolling Stone sends him on the road with them.

Madonna - Truth or Dare and has starred in *Evita, A League of Their Own*, and *Dick Tracy*. Recently, she released her new album, *American Life*. When she made a video for the title track, its anti-war message stirred up some controversy.



- Eminem
The rapid-fire rapper from Detroit won an Oscar in his first attempt at movie stardom. *8 Mile* was the story of Em's journey to fame, and it certainly brought him plenty of fortune.

- Elvis
The ultimate crossover artist, Elvis made several movies while still maintaining his role as king of rock 'n' roll. Some of his classic movies include *Viva Las Vegas* and *Blue Hawaii*.



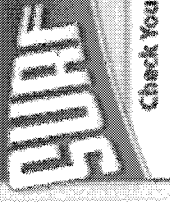
The Not So Obvious ...

- Ozzy Osbourne
Ozzy's made a few cameos in movies like *The Jerky Boys: The Movie* and *Little Nicky*. His recent success on the small screen has more than catapulted him into popular culture.

- Bob Dylan
The stoned and often elusive one made his first starring role in *Hearts of Fire* in 1987. Now, *Masked and Anonymous*, due out Summer 2003, is a biography of Dylan's life.

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Stone Alone:
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During the height of the Rolling Stones' success, Bill Wyman kept a diary, recoding the churning chaos of the band's creative evolution, power plays, recording sessions, tours, romances, drug busts, and financial disarray. *Stone Alone* is a meticulous, shrewd, and humorous look at the complex personalities of the Stones and the role they played in the startling cultural revolution of the times. 63 photos. — *Ingram*

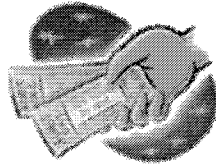


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Carlos Santana
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On the Road Again

When the Ramones called it quits after an illustrious and cretinous 22 years (1974-1996), they said they didn't want to be one of those bands that dragged on and on, so you might just appreciate this irony. Many of the shows being scheduled for the summer of 2003 are for bands even older than the Ramones.



In fact, many bands we once thought extinct are anything but. Now they're either recording a new album or have decided to saddle up and hit the road again.

The Not-So Extinct List

● The Doors — They picked up Ian Astbury (retired singer for the Cult in 1995) and are now calling themselves The Doors of the 21st Century. Only two original members remain: Robby Krieger on guitar and Ray Manzarek on keyboards. These guys certainly are loving it two times, babe.

● Fleetwood Mac — Stevie Nicks and company (minus Christine McVie) released their brand new album Say

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● Def Leppard once performed on three different continents in 24 hours (Africa, Europe and North America) on their 1995 world tour.



● The largest crowd ever for a solo rock artist was between 180,000 and 184,000 for Paul McCartney in Rio de Janeiro on April 21, 1990.

● The longest concert ever performed by a group was 24 hours. Screamin Freeman and the World

world by storm back in 1969 with his thrilling performance at the Woodstock festival. He was the first guitarist to skillfully blend fiery rock riffs with Latin, blues, and sensuous Afro-Cuban rhythms to create a unique and unforgettable sound. His vision to create innovative melodies has earned him a magnitude of critical praise and acclaim over his illustrious career. But, the road to success has been a rocky, uphill climb. The middle child of seven children, Carlos Santana was born on July 20, 1947, in a tiny Mexican village where the homes were comprised of brick and mud, with no running water or lights. But, what his parents couldn't give in material wealth, they heaped upon their children in love. It was after the family moved to Tijuana that 12-year-old Carlos developed his talent for the guitar, and his reputation as a formidable musician spread.

You Will in 2003 and, despite the constant bickering that goes on between the band members, are currently touring the United States for the summer.

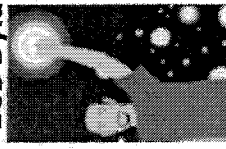
● **Boston** — If you've got "more than a feeling" that one of the biggest rock bands of all time is back, kudos to you for your ESP. Corporate America, their new album, was released at the tail end of 2002 and the band is currently on tour for Summer 2003.



● **Santana** — The smooth Latin guitar rocker has been on a gigantic comeback for the last few years and he's capitalized on it by combining his efforts with newer artists like Michelle Branch and Rob Thomas from Matchbox 20. He released his latest album, Shaman, in 2002 and is currently touring the United States and Europe.

The Never Endangered List

● **Bob Dylan** — The Tambourine Man just turned 62 on May 24, 2003, and he's still touring like the vagabond folk-singer he started out to be. His latest album, Love and Theft, was released in 2001 and his newest two-disc collection, Live 1975, relives an old tour where Dylan performed with the Rolling Thunder Revue. He is currently touring the United States for the



Record Band did it in Harrison, Arkansas, on January 29-30, 1999. They performed 108 songs.

● The best-selling band ever was the Beatles, with somewhere over one billion records, tapes, and CD's sold.



● The most simultaneous albums on the U.S. charts is seven — a three-way tie between The Beatles, The Monkees, and U2.

● The longest drum solo is held by Michael Macpherson, a Christian-rock drummer. It lasted for 50 hours and 30 minutes and took place on November 28-30, 2002, at the Shelley Centre in Shelley Beach, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.

● The most successful "virtual band" is the Gorillaz, who've sold three million albums worldwide.

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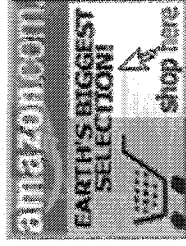
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summer.

● **The Dead** — Life after Jerry took a couple of years to get used to. Now, the remaining members of the Grateful Dead are back on tour and "Truckin'" their way through a summer tour with Jimmy Herring, formerly of [Jazz Is Dead](#), and [Joan Osborne](#). They will even meet up with Bob Dylan for a few shows among good friends on the Summer Getaway tour.

● **Ozzy Osbourne** — The [madman](#) never stopped. In fact, the successful television show "[The Osbournes](#)" didn't slow down Ozfest any. The Ozz-man is 54 years old (his birthday is on December 3) and he still likes to be on stage and performing high-energy heavy music for his fans.




● **The Rolling Stones** — No matter how beleaguered Keith Richards looks, he can still deliver a heavy dose of rock 'n' roll. The stones are probably the granddaddy of the bands that just won't die. They are currently on the [2002/2003 Licks World Tour](#).

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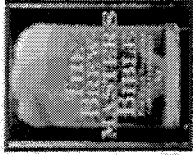

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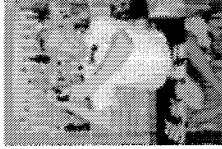
[The Brewmaster's Bible: The Gold Standard for Home Brewers](#)



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Be Your Own Beer Baron

Pubs and bars can be very cruel to your wallet. Some even have the audacity to charge \$4 for one draft beer. And let's not even mention the mysterious ingredients you might find in your malted beverage. Wouldn't it be great to just make your own?



Well, now you can. With the right equipment, and a little patience, you can craft your own unique-tasting home brew. Heck, if you're talented enough, you might even attain that dream of every beer connoisseur — owning your own brewery.

•The Basics



First, you'll want to find a cool, dark place to brew. Light will "skunk" the beer. Many kits, like Mr. Beer, are available online, some of them for as little as \$30, but you can also choose to brew your own way.

•Equipment

You'll need a brewing pot, fermenter, air lock, siphon, and a bottling bucket. Some brewers use a plastic bucket or glass jug for a fermenter, but they need to be adapted for an air lock to keep air from getting in and allowing carbon-dioxide to escape during the

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Name That Beer

1) This beer has a prominent, malty, and hoppy flavor. It is sweet, smooth, and light in color.

a. Lager

b. Porter

c. Ale

d. Stout

2) This beer can be any color, and its taste ranges from spicy to malty to sweet.

a. Lager

b. Porter