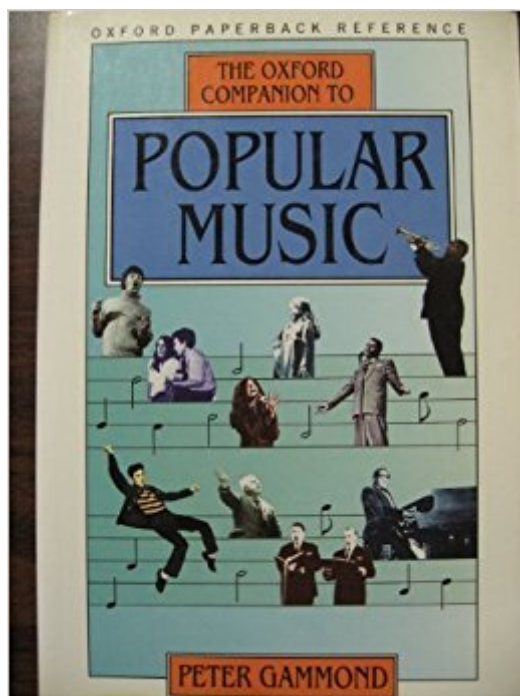


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The Oxford Companion to Popular Music encompasses in one alphabetic sequence all that is notable within this vast subject, everything from jazz, reggae, blues, and calypso, to Broadway musicals, rock and roll, and country western. There are hundreds of biographical entries on such diverse figures as John Philip Sousa and Ma Rainey, Fred Astaire and Joan Baez, Josef Lanner (the Father of the Viennese Waltz) and Mistinguett, Otis Redding and Prince. The great Broadway writers, performers, and musicals (including plot outlines) are all here: Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern; "South Pacific," "West Side Story," "Show Boat," "Porgy and Bess"; Mary Martin, Ethel Merman, Fanny Brice, Robert Preston. It covers rock groups from The Beatles, to Led Zeppelin, to Talking Heads; jazz figures such as Fats Waller, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Bix Beiderbecke, and Louis Armstrong; folk singers such as Bob Dylan, Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, and Arlo Guthrie; and country western figures such as Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, Merle Haggard, and Johnny Cash. Not the least important feature is the many informative essays on particular genres of popular music, from operetta and waltz, to vaudeville and blues, to brass band and gospel. And throughout, Gammond includes generous cross-referencing as well as helpful bibliographies for the larger entries. This authoritative and comprehensive volume offers a matchless tour of the popular music world, providing a balance between substantial information and a concise assessment of the subject.

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The Oxford Companion to Popular Music: great as far as it goes, but so many, many omissions ---of musicians active in the sixties and seventies. Where is the Sir Douglas Quintet (or Doug Sahm, at least)? Where is the inestimable Dr. John? Or Cat Stevens (a/k/a Yusuf Islam)? Boz Scaggs is also missing. All of the above were active stars from the 1960s. Mr. Gammond and/or The Oxford Press should bring this important volume up to date. 1991: that was 26 years ago!

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