

Ed Sheeran A Visual Journey

Who wrote the first true "opera"? Why did jazz go Latin? And how did blues influence rock? Find out in the story of how music has shaped the world. Music has the ability to evoke the full spectrum of human emotions, irrespective of the listener's culture or nationality. This groundbreaking ebook examines that shared experience - from prehistory to the present. A compelling and richly illustrated narrative, Music explores the roots of all genres from the chants of the middle ages through the grandeur of the classical period to the modern rhythms of blues, jazz, hip-hop, and pop. Spectacular galleries display families of instruments from around the world, while special features showcase the evolution of key instruments, such as the piano and the violin, and profile iconic innovators as diverse as Mozart, George Gershwin, and David Bowie. Charting every musical revolution, from bone flutes to electronica and from jazz to hip-hop, this visually stunning history will hit the right note with you, whether you are into pop or rock or disco or rap, classical or opera.

Ian "Peewee" Wilson has been singing bass doo-wop with iconic vocal group The Delltones since the 1950s and the First Wave of Australian pop. In this breezy and brilliant memoir, Peewee recalls the highs and inimitable lows of life fronting Australia's longest-performing vocal group. Beyond the stage door he reveals the secret to his longevity: a larrikin spirit honed in his beach-bumming youth, and a wide-eyed curiosity that led him to dabble in hallucinogenic substances and chase Playboy Bunnies (not at the same time). It's all part of Peewee's never-ending search for the underlying meaning of it all. Come a little bit closer to the Beanpole of Bop.

I'll be your deep breath, I'll be your simple relief. I'll be home to you. Every day for the past six years, Tyler Knott Gregson has written a simple haiku about love and posted it online. These heartfelt poems have spoken to readers around the world, and won Tyler a large and loyal following. Now, in All the Words Are Yours - the follow-up to the US bestseller Chasers of the Light - this startlingly honest, vulnerable and moving new voice presents his favourites among those haiku. Some are previously unpublished; all are accompanied by his signature photographs, reproduced in gorgeous full colour. Together, they capture the textures of daily life and extraordinary love through the eyes of a man truly present in each moment.

Introduced with a stunning portrait of each featured composer, more than 90 biographical entries trace the friendships, loves, and rivalries that inspired each musical genius and their work. Profiles offer revealing insights into what drove each individual to create the musical masterpieces - symphonies, concertos and operatic scores - that changed the direction of classical music and are still celebrated as masterpieces today. Lavishly illustrated with paintings or photographs of each composer, alongside original musical scores and personal correspondence, images of their homes and where they worked, and personal effects and other important artefacts, the book introduces the key influences, themes, and working methods of each individual, setting their works within a wider historical and cultural context. Charting the development of classical music and music movements across the centuries, Composers provides a compelling glimpse into the personal lives, loves, and influences of the giants of the classical music canon.

Tickling the English

Parties, Pills, and Pumping Iron -- Or, My Life in the Age of Muscle

A Biography

Sheeran

Artists, Bands And Fans Reflect On 100 Favourite Albums

The Black Flamingo

Memoir, intercontinental cycling adventure, music guide, Cadence is the debut book by ABC Classic FM's Emma Ayres. Accompanied by Vita, her steadfast bicycle, and her violin, Aurelia, Emma Ayres cycles her way from England to Hong Kong. But this is also a journey through the keys - and the music that has inspired, shaped and provided refuge for Emma: Beethoven quartets, Mahler symphonies, Brahms sonatas, Bach suites ... It is a book of questions too: How does the instrument you play reveal who you are as a person? Should you tell the serious Pakistani chap who has just welcomed you into the men's quarters of his house that you're not quite who he thinks you are...? Provocative, intelligent, surprising and funny, Cadence is a delight from one of Australia's best-loved broadcasters.

For the first time, this Guitar Chord Songbook features the complete collection of all the songs from both of Ed Sheeran's chart-topping albums, arranged with accurate Guitar chords and lyrics. Including every tune from both + and X, the Guitar Chord Songbook will help you learn to play and sing The A Team, Lego House and You Need Me, I Don't Need You, as well as more recent hits like Sing and Don't. The songbook gives you full lyrics, full chords in the original key, as well as helpful chord boxes so that you can confidently explore and recreate Sheeran's songs exactly as he plays them. Song List: Afire Love All Of The Stars Autumn Leaves Bloodstream Don't Drunk Even My Dad Does Sometimes Everything Has Changed Give Me Love Gold Rush Grade 8 I See Fire I'm A Mess Kiss Me Lego House Little Bird Nina One Photography Runaway Shirtsleeves Sing Small Bump Sunburn Take It Back Tenerife Sea The A Team The City The Man The Parting Glass Thinking Out Loud This U.N.I Wake Me Up You Need Me, I Don't Need You

An inspiring collection of drawings and articles exploring the sketchbooks and artistic practices of fifty talented fantasy concept artists.

Michael Jackson was one of the greats, an icon of the highest order whose talent and legacy remain indelibly etched in the memories of his fans. In a fitting tribute to his extraordinary, influential work, The Michael Jackson Treasures will showcase 180 images and 15 to 20 items of removable memorabilia to offer fans a hands-on exploration of his day-to-day struggles and triumphs. The text will trace the evolution of his career from The Jackson 5 all the way through his early solo work, to the runaway success of Thriller, his legal troubles, and the outpouring of support and memories from fans and friends after his death. With an elegant, eye-catching foil cover treatment and vellum envelopes to house the removable items, the complete package will become a celebration of Michael Jackson's complicated, fascinating life.

Ed Sheeran

A unique step-by-step visual guide

Piano/Vocal/Guitar Original Sheet Music Edition

All the Words Are Yours

Ed Sheeran Guitar Chord Songbook

Composers

An exclusive, fully authorized, first-person account by Ed Sheeran of how he became an internationally renowned singer-songwriter. Sheeran is the soulful singer-songwriter from England who has captivated American audiences. With words by Ed Sheeran and illustrations by his childhood friend, artist Phillip Butah (who produces artwork for Sheeran's albums and singles), and accompanied by photos, Ed Sheeran: A Visual Journey explores Sheeran's early musical experiences and influences as well as his time recording, touring, right up to the release of his second album, *x*. The book reveals what drives and inspires Ed as he continues to evolve while coping with stratospheric success. With close to 100 photographs and illustrations, this is a book that all Ed Sheeran fans will cherish.

The Charlatans' Tim Burgess invites you to the greatest listening party of all time. In 2020 when the world was forced to hit person gigs, Tim Burgess found an ingenious way to bring people together by inviting artists and bands, from Paul McCartney, Order to Michael Kiwanuka and Kylie, to host real-time album playbacks via Twitter. Relive 100 of the most memorable listening here with stories from bands and fans, rarely seen backstage images, and unique insider info from those who created these "Hey Twitter, let's all say a big thanks to Tim for these brilliant events this year! We really needed them. So much great music about." - Sir Paul McCartney "Twitter being used for something really positive." - Mary Beard

Go on a musical journey around the world Help your child discover the power of music and be inspired by cultures all over the world the Children's Book of Music- now available in ebook format. Discover how instruments are played and get the low-down on the lives and achievements of great composers, from Mozart to Debussy. Packed with examples from a variety of cultures and styles, from classical and folk, to hip-hop and dance. Fun, try-it-yourself activities take children on the ultimate musical journey - a delightful budding musicians.

Nostalgia, identity, eccentricity, gin drinking and occasional violence... these are just some of the themes that stand-up comedian O Briain explores in *Tickling the English*. O Briain moved to England many years ago, but when he takes his show on tour around the country - from deserted seaside towns and remote off-shore islands, to sprawling industrial cities and sleepy suburbs - it's clear his adopted home is still a bit of an enigma. Why do the English pretend to be unhappy all the time? Why can't they accept the 5th, in everything? And what's with all the fudge? But this Irishman loves a challenge; he's certainly got the gregarious person's sure-fire wit to bring down the barriers of that famous English reserve, and have a good old rummage inside. Swapping anecdotes with audiences and spending time wandering in their hometowns, this nosy neighbour holds England up to the light while exploring attitudes he brought over here with him too. As Dara goes door-to-door in search of England in this part tour diary, part travelogue, the result is an affectionate, hilarious and often eye-opening journey through the Sceptred Isle.

The Stories Behind the Songs

The Listening Party

Music and How it Works

Ed Sheeran: Memories we made

Ed Sheeran: A Visual Journey

Progressive Independence

Home to a dizzying array of languages, ethnic groups, beliefs, and lifestyles, India can seem overwhelming in its complexity. India takes the lid off this cultural melting-pot, showing how past events have shaped this diverse but unified nation, where tradition and modernity successfully coexist. Through stunning photography and insightful text, India offers an eye-opening, thought-provoking, and authoritative visual guide to one of the world's most exciting and vibrant nations. The book is organized into six distinct sections: Landscape: India's Horizons takes a visual journey through India's diverse topography to all four corners of this vast land. History: The Story of India charts India's past and present in the form of a visual timeline from the first flourishings of Indus valley civilization to the present day, highlighting key events, figures, and inventions along the way. People: A Day in the Life reveals what life is like in India today through photographic interviews with individuals from all walks of society and from both rural and urban areas. This chapter also includes specially photographed collections of Indian objects and products, from food to textiles. Culture: The Spirit of India explains and explores India's ancient philosophical and religious traditions, and the art and literature that form part of its cultural heritage. Architecture: Building a Nation takes the reader on a photographic tour of some of India's most incredible architecture. Specially commissioned photographs explore the exteriors, interiors, and details of ancient and modern buildings alike, from forts and palaces to temples and mosques. Finally, Travel: Exploring India showcases the must-see sites and stunning locations around India that any traveller to the country should make time to visit.

Ed Sheeran is a true inspiration. His moving and uplifting songs forge a lasting connection with the millions of people around the world who love him and his music.

Coordinated independence refers to the ability to execute separate rhythms in each hand and foot in a coordinated manner, yet totally independent of one another. This book will teach you this essential part of jazz drumming. Section One covers snare drum independence, Section Two teaches bass drum independence, Section Three puts them both together, and Section Four features helpful combination exercises.

John Alvin's movie poster art is among the most iconic of the last 40 years, from Disney films such as Beauty and the Beast, Mulan and Pinocchio, to Empire of the Sun, Gremlins, Blazing Saddles, Predator, and the Star Wars 30th anniversary posters. This book not only collects some of Alvin's finest work, but also includes previously unseen comprehensive and in progress sketches. With the text including commentary from Alvin's widow, this is a unique insight into the work of one of the 20th century's great artist/illustrators.

Recipes and Stories from a Hungry Cook

The Complete Guitar Manual

Sketching from the Imagination: Fantasy

Ed Sheeran: Writing Out Loud

Changing the Lines

Celebrating the King of Pop in Photos and Memorabilia

"I See Fire" is the first commercially released selection from the original motion picture soundtrack of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*.

Written and performed by Ed Sheeran, this officially licensed piano/vocal/guitar sheet conjures the fear of a mighty foe, and the strength in knowing you face the danger with your comrades.

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If you ask Marion Grasby what her favourite food is, she'll list at least 10 things. Marion loves food. And she loves talking about it. During last year's MasterChef series, Marion wowed Australia with her incredible cooking talent, her assured palate and her sunny personality and warmth. Now in her first cookbook Marion shares more than 80 of her favourite recipes from throughout her life: the places she's been, and the people she's met and cooked with. Marion has lived in the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea, Queensland and South Australia, and her food is an eclectic mix of Thai, Italian, French, Middle Eastern... and firmly Aussie. These are recipes for the home cook, dishes to make every night of the week, for dinner parties and lazy afternoons. The recipes are peppered with entertaining stories and with incredible photography of the food and of Marion's travels through Australia and Thailand.

"Every year, the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway Company (TMACC) shuts down the cableway that runs up South Africa's most iconic mountain for two to five weeks for its annual maintenance. A required by international safety standards, every four to six years two very important cables--the 'haul' and 'heel' cables, which pull the two passenger cabins up and down the mountain--need to be replaced. But much more is done during this important shutdown period. Then, every six years, the cable cars are stripped, serviced, checked, refurbished, and refitted. And every 12 years, the track ropes along which the cable cars glide need to be re-tensioned. Technicians are flown in from Switzerland and, together with South African staff, they go about their serious work, no matter the weather conditions. Trucks, massive rolls of cables and containers loaded with equipment fill the site. With Table Mountain forming a monolithic backdrop, engineers tightrope-walk along the cables suspended high above, technical staff work side by side on the slopes of the mountain, and artisans ensure that the cabins are refurbished. Everything from the largest piece of machinery to the tiniest of bolts needed for the safe running of the cabins has to be checked, rechecked and checked once again. The midwinter Cape weather constantly changing its mind adds further pressure to meeting the immovable deadline. Changing the Lines is a reportage showcasing man working with machine in a feat of engineering set against a uniquely challenging and dramatic landscape."--Back cover.

Yes & I Love You

Big Ideas Simply Explained

Fashion, Genius and Glorious Excess in 1970s Paris

India

A Guide to Basic Jazz Drumming Technique

Ed Sheeran - Divide and Conquer

Who wrote the first true "opera"? Where did the system of musical notation come from? How do composers construct symphonies? The Classical Music Book answers these questions and more by exploring the history of classical music in clear and easy-to-follow sections. More than 90 works by famous composers are analysed, with explanations of their music theory and impact on society. You will also explore the fascinating stories about the lives of crucial composers and performers. Covering Thomas Tallis in the early period, baroque masters like Bach and Handel, and the classical genius of Beethoven and Wagner all the way to the modern-day composers, this comprehensive book explores the key ideas underpinning the world's greatest classical compositions and musical traditions. The importance of each composition is explained, placing them into their wider social, cultural, and historical context. With its unique approach to the subject, this the perfect classical music guide for everyone. Regardless of whether you are relatively new to the subject or if you are a classical music aficionado, there is plenty to discover on every page.

Ed Sheeran is at the very top of the pop-music world. Whether he is creating and releasing his own amazing albums, or writing hits for many major artists - Justin Bieber, the Weeknd, Taylor Swift and One Direction, to name just a few - it is clear that Ed Sheeran is an exceptionally talented musician. Ed Sheeran: Writing Out Loud is a must-have book for the legion of fans of the beatboxing guitarist from Halifax. Caroline Sullivan, an experienced music journalist who has interviewed the biggest popstars in the world, goes behind the scenes to discover the stories behind the creation of Ed Sheeran's award-winning music. As well as analysis of his ground-breaking albums, there is an in-depth reflection on Ed Sheeran's life and where he has drawn his talent and inspiration. With a fan base covering all generations and nationalities, Ed Sheeran is far more than just another popstar. He is a true global songwriting talent - one whose career is not stopping any time soon. Ed Sheeran: Writing Out Loud gives his fans a refreshing new insight into what has driven him to his great success.

Are your kids struggling with music theory? Do you wish you could help them learn how to read music? Help Your Kids With Music is what every frustrated parent needs. This invaluable guide covers all the core subjects needed to pass up to grade 5 music exams around the world, including melody, rhythm, chords and harmony, intervals, scales, and keys, styles and genres, and the instruments of the orchestra. Its unique visual approach, which uses simple, colourful illustrations and diagrams alongside a wide range of musical examples, allows parents and children to work together to understand even the trickiest concepts of music theory. Feature

boxes on composers and musicians across a variety of styles and genres help children and parents learn and discover more about music, while guides to writing your own melody and harmonizing a song melody encourage budding composers to have a go at writing their own music. This ebook is also packed with musical examples, which you can listen to on the accompanying free audio app. Perfect for exam preparation, homework help, or learning to read music as part of learning an instrument. Help Your Kids With Music is a clear, accessible guide that will help parents and children understand even complex music theory and put it into practice with confidence.

A beautifully emotional and unforgettably steamy new contemporary romance from New York Times and USA Today bestseller Roni Loren Everyone knows Miz Poppy, the vibrant reviewer whose commentary brightens the New Orleans nightlife. But no one knows Hollyn Tate, the real face behind the media star...or the anxiety that keeps her isolated. All her life, Hollyn's tried to hide her true self behind an online façade, but when her boss tells her she needs to reveal the truth to the world or lose her job, she's forced to rely on an unexpected source to help face her fears. Enter Jasper Deares: actor, newly minted fake boyfriend, and way, way out of her league. Hollyn thinks Jasper must be joking when he offers private lessons to help overcome her fears. Getting up on a stage? Hello, worst nightmare. But Jasper's infectious charm has her saying yes despite herself. They're only supposed to be playing a few improv games, but as the lessons run longer and the lines grow blurrier, Hollyn can't help but wonder if she's acting at all...or if a relationship with Jasper might help give her the confidence she needs to say yes to every imperfect part of herself. "Will leave readers breathless... A must-read."—Publishers Weekly STARRED Review for *The One You Fight For*

Children's Book of Music

Unseen photographs of my time with Ed

People, Place, Culture, History

The Michael Jackson Treasures

The Definitive Visual History

I See Fire (from "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug")

'...a fabulous book' Chris Evans (BBC Radio 2) A stunning collection of rare and unseen photographs and stories charting Ed Sheeran's rise to global superstar, by long-time collaborator Christie Goodwin. Featuring a foreword and additional photo captions by Ed's father, John Sheeran. "When I first met Ed Sheeran he was unknown and unsigned - just a young busker trying to make it big. But I could see something special in Ed. I agreed to photograph him for free to help him on his way to the top. That was the beginning of a 10-year collaboration, with the two of us crossing paths as Ed became one of the biggest stars on the planet - a story told here, through my camera. Including images and stories I'm sharing for the first time, with additional captions by Ed's father John, this is an up-close and intimate view of Ed Sheeran." Christie Goodwin With words by Ed Sheeran and illustrations by his childhood friend, artist Phillip Butah (who produces artwork for Sheeran's albums and singles), and accompanying photos, Ed Sheeran: A Visual Journey is an exclusive, fully authorised, first-person account by Ed of how he became an internationally renowned singer-songwriter. In the book, Ed explores his early musical experiences and influences as well as his time recording and touring, right up to the release of his second album, 'x'. The book reveals what drives and inspires Ed as he continues to evolve as an artist, while coping with stratospheric success, and is an honest account of what it takes to make it in the music business. With Phillip Butah's distinctive portraits of Ed throughout, this is a unique book celebrating a unique musician. It includes Ed's recollections of working tirelessly on the London gig circuit and self-releasing EPs, working hard on finding his sound, signing to Asylum Records and recording his huge hit album, '+', performing at the Grammys, touring with Taylor Swift and sell-out headline gigs at Madison Square Garden. It takes us up to Ed as a musician today, including recording his new album, 'x'.

From pub open mic gigs to headlining at Madison Square Garden and performing with the likes of Sir Elton John and Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran has conquered the world. Self-described as a 'spotty, chubby, ginger teenager' with a love for Damien Rice and Nizlopi, Ed Sheeran was never an obvious bet to become a global superstar. And yet that's exactly what he's achieved, winning plenty of awards (and hearts) along the way. But how did a young musician go from selling CDs from his rucksack to becoming the millennial record-breaking international stadium act? Tracing his story from his bohemian childhood in Yorkshire and Suffolk to the release of his third album *Divide*, music journalist David Nolan chronicles Sheeran's musical life and times. Featuring exclusive interviews with friends, relatives, musical collaborators and key figures in his rise to stardom, *Divide and Conquer* tells the story of how Ed Sheeran went from school drop-out to one of the world's most successful musicians.

"Intensely moving and heart-warming" Cosmo "Bold" Guardian "I loved every word" Malorie Blackman This is not about being ready, it's not even about being fierce, or fearless, IT'S ABOUT BEING FREE. Michael waits in the stage wings, wearing a pink wig, pink fluffy coat and black heels. One more step will see him illuminated by spotlight. He has been on a journey of bravery to get here, and he is almost ready to show himself to the world in bold colours ... Can he emerge as The Black Flamingo? WINNER OF THE STONEWALL BOOK AWARD SHORTLISTED FOR THE CILIP CARNEGIE MEDAL SHORTLISTED FOR THE JHALAK BOOK PRIZE *The paperback edition has beautiful gold foil added to the striking cover design*

The Body Shop

The Complete Classical Music Guide

Come a Little Bit Closer

Cadence

The Beautiful Fall

The Art of John Alvin

Learn how to play the guitar like a pro and hit all the right notes with this essential visual guide--with online video tutorials that accompany each lesson. From Jimi Hendrix to Ed Sheeran, every guitar hero started somewhere--so stop dreaming and start playing Covering acoustic and electric, this book includes everything you need to know, from choosing your instrument and reading guitar tablature to using amplifiers and effects. Easy-to-follow lessons take you through all the steps to becoming a great guitar player: from tuning and strumming for beginners to advanced techniques for experienced players, such as fingerpicking and two-handed tapping. Pick up guitar theory along the way,

including rhythm, chords, and scales--and even how to fine-tune your playing for blues, pop, rock, and more. Beginner's Step-by-Step Guitar also helps you take your music to the next level, with practical tips on forming a band, recording, and playing gigs. Whether you want to play along with your favorite songs at home or rock out onstage, this is the ultimate step-by-step guide to guitar greatness. With superb photography, easy-to-understand tips and tricks, and free downloadable tutorial videos accompanying each session, learning the guitar has never been easier.

Take a visual journey through the world of music and learn the science behind it too. Budding music fans will love discovering musical geniuses of every era, from Mozart and classical music to Bowie and pop, as well as finding out how music is created and what links it all together. The ebook explains how music is made using rhythm and melody. It covers genres from folk and classical to the modern music phenomena of hip hop and electronica. Instruments and music from across the world are featured, with "playlists" of key pieces encouraging kids to look up the music to hear for themselves. STEAM spreads delve into the psychology and maths behind music, from how it affects our mood to how it can improve our minds. Covering Jamaica's reggae, the USA's country, Korea's K pop, and more, this ebook will help children discover a love of music.

Documents in words and images the author's early musical experiences and influences through the release of his second album, *x*, to discuss his evolution as an artist and his struggles with fame.

Sometime late in 1664, the musketeer D'Artagnan rode beside a heavily-armoured carriage as it rumbled slowly southwards from Paris, carrying his great friend Nicolas Fouquet to internal exile and life imprisonment in the fortress of Pignerol. There he would be incarcerated in a cell next door to the Man with the Iron Mask... From a glittering zenith as the King's first minister, builder of the breathtaking chateau of Vaux-le-Vicomte, collector of books, patron of the arts and lover of beautiful women, Fouquet had fallen like Icarus. Charged with embezzlement, he was convicted and sentenced to banishment until the King intervened to change his sentence to life imprisonment. Charles Drazin's riveting account brings to life the rich and hazardous world in which Fouquet lived. As a child he learned from his devout mother how to mix herbal remedies for the patients at the Hotel-Dieu and from his father, a creature of Cardinal Richelieu, the demands of political life. Drazin tells of the young man's first adventures as a tax-collector, caught up in rebellion in the Dauphiné, of the loyalty and service that he gave to Cardinal Mazarin and of the financial wizardry that somehow kept France's finances together. The cunning, charisma and charm of Fouquet enchant and beguile while they reveal the seeds of his destruction. But it is in his downfall and incarceration, which he bore with great fortitude, courage and humour, that Fouquet's strength of character and grace emerge, as he somehow survives both solitary confinement and absence of books, pen and ink. The richness and contrasts of his remarkable story are done full justice in this compelling book.

The Complete Guide

Mary Shelley

A Visual Journey

The Man Who Outshone The Sun King

The Complete Guide for Kids

Help Your Kids With Music

The first comprehensive adult biography of the beloved, redheaded "Shape of You" songster, complete with exclusive interviews and all-new research! Grammy-award winner Ed Sheeran strikes chords in millions of listeners worldwide—a feat all the more staggering given that he couldn't even carry a tune until the age of fifteen. At thirteen, then just a guitarist in a school rock band, today's most successful solo star decided he would fly far higher than hometown fame. Within a year, he had recorded an album in his bedroom. Bestselling biographer Sean Smith traces the astonishing journey of the shy little English boy with a stammer who, avoiding flashy showmanship, grew up to become a global phenomenon. With compelling new research and interviews, Smith delivers the story of Sheeran's remarkable parents, who supported their son's dream long before it seemed achievable; the friends and mentors who encouraged his raw talent; and the lovers who inspired his most famous songs. Smith describes the setbacks Sheeran faced before his fortunes were transformed by Elton John's management company, a record deal, and a song that changed everything...with some help from Taylor Swift. Now Sheeran has sold 150 million records worldwide, earned \$432 million touring in 2018 alone, and broke records with his 2018 UK tour—but still made time to play for just 400 people at a charity night to raise money for the homeless last year. As this captivating book reveals, there's no one quite like Ed. The dazzling story of Karl Lagerfeld and Yves Saint Laurent: of two men without equal, their meteoric rise and their bitter rivalry In 1950s Paris, Yves Saint Laurent and Karl Lagerfeld were friends, the rising stars of the fashion world. But by the late sixties the city was invaded by a new mood of liberation and hedonism, and dominated by intrigue, infidelities, addiction and parties. Each designer created his own mesmerising world, so vivid and seductive that people were drawn to the power, charisma and fame, and it was to make them bitter rivals. The Beautiful Fall is a dazzling exposé of an era and the story of the two men who were its essence and who remain its most singular survivors.

In a matter of months, he grew from a dorky beanpole into a hulking behemoth, showing off his rock hard muscles first on the streets of New York City and then alongside his colorful gym-rat friends in strip clubs and in the homes of the gotham elite. It was a swinging time, when "Would you like to dance?" turned into "Your place or mine?" and the guys with the muscles had all the ladies -- until their bodies, like Solotaroff's, completely shut down. But this isn't the gloom-and-doom addiction one might expect -- Solotaroff looks back at even his lowest points with a wicked sense of humor, and he sends up the disco era and its excess with all the kaleidoscopic detail of Boogie Nights or Saturday Night Fever. Written with candor and sarcasm, The Body Shop is a memoir with all the elements of great fiction and dazzlingly displays Paul Solotaroff's celebrated writing talent.

*'The most dazzling biography of a female writer to have come my way for a decade...' – Financial Times
'To be savoured for its vivid and sympathetic recreation of the tragic life and brilliant times of the gifted Mary Shelley' – Times Literary Supplement
'Brilliant and enthralling' – Independent On Sunday
'Wonderfully vivid' – Spectator
The definitive and richly woven biography of Mary Shelley, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Frankenstein The creator of the world's most famous outsider became one herself . . . There is no more dramatic scene in literary history than the stormy night by Lake Geneva when Byron, Claire Clairmont, Polidori and the Shelleys met to talk of horror and the unexplained. From that emerged Frankenstein, a monster who has haunted imaginations for two hundred years. Miranda Seymour illustrates the rich and unexplored life of Mary Shelley. Everything from her*

childhood to her tempestuous relationship with Percy Shelley; Seymour brings to life the brilliant mind that created Frankenstein through unexplored and intriguing sources. The Mary Shelley we meet here is a woman we can engage with and understand. Her world, so rich in its settings and its cast of characters, seems drawn from a novel. She, at its centre, is flawed, brave, generous, and impetuous, a woman whose dark and brilliant imagination gave us a myth which seems ever more potent in our own era.

Beginner's Step-By-Step Guitar

The Classical Music Book

Music

Marion

Their Lives and Works

"From Jimi Hendrix to Ed Sheeran, every guitar hero started somewhere, so stop dreaming and start playing! Covering acoustic and electric, this book includes everything you need to know, from choosing your instrument and reading guitar tab, to using amplifiers and effects. Easy-to-follow lessons take you through all the steps to becoming a great guitar player: from tuning and strumming for beginners, to advanced techniques for experienced players, such as fingerpicking and two-handed tapping. Pick up guitar theory along the way including rhythm, chords, and scales - and even how to fine-tune your playing for blues, pop, rock, and more. The book also helps you take your music to the next level, with practical tips on forming a band, recording, and playing gigs. Whether you want to play along with your favourite songs at home or rock out onstage, this is the ultimate step-by-step guide to guitar greatness. With superb photography, easy-to-understand tips and tricks, and free downloadable tutorial videos accompanying each session, you will learn how to play the guitar like a pro and hit all the right notes."--Publisher.

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