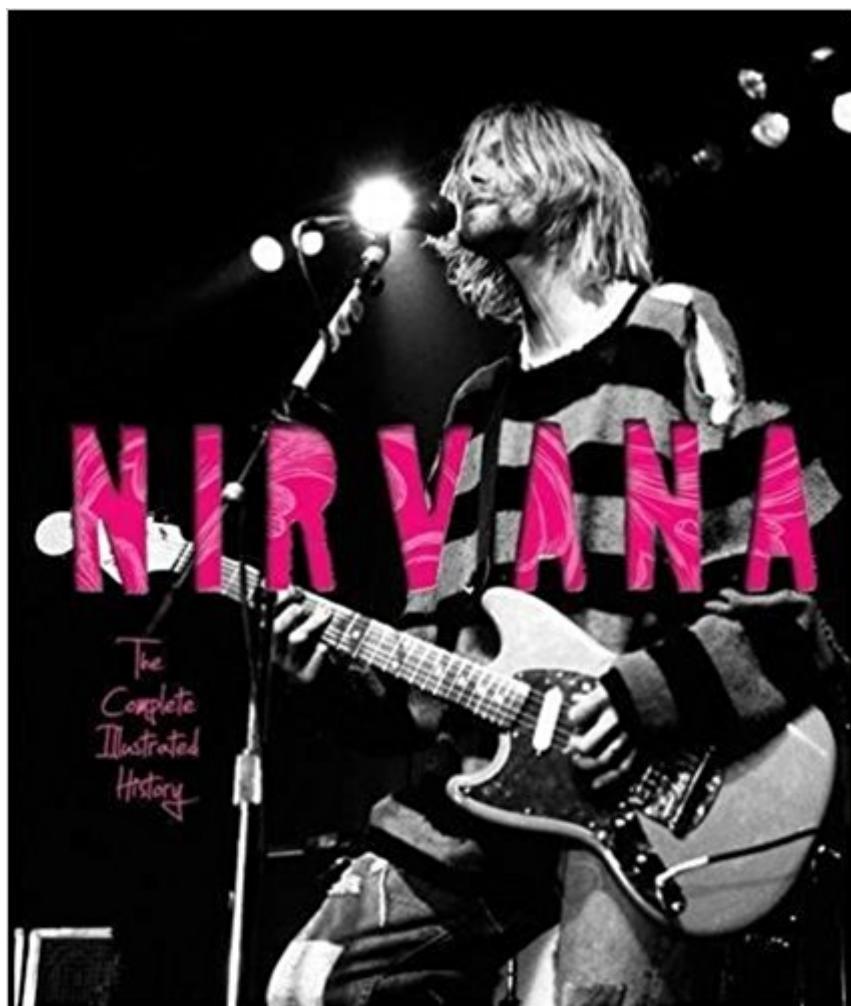


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Nirvana: The Complete Illustrated History



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Synopsis

Nirvana formed in 1987, released their first LP in 1989, and unintentionally tore the music world asunder two years later with the video and single for "Smells Like Teen Spirit." At the time, MTV and rock 'n' roll in general were largely dominated by vapid hair metal acts. Nirvana, with their thrift-store clothes and pawnshop guitars, represented a much-needed return to punk-inspired rock and at the same time validated the indie rock scene that had failed to breach the mainstream in the previous decade. A meteoric rise followed, attended by all of the predictable professional and personal pitfalls. Two and half years after the release of "Teen Spirit," leader Kurt Cobain, age 27, killed himself and the ride was over. Today, Nirvana and Cobain transcend generations, not unlike Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, and other artists who met premature ends. The band's story and music fascinate kids whose parents were among Nirvana's early fans. Coinciding with the twentieth anniversary of their final LP, *Nirvana: The Complete Illustrated History* is the first to treat fans to a stylishly designed illustrated biography of the band. Performance and off-stage photography, handbills, singles, backstage passes, gig posters, and other memorabilia complement a narrative detailing the band's tumultuous history, as well as sidebar album reviews, gear breakdowns, and mini synopses of Cobain's 50 all-time favorite albums. Nirvana's ride was a wild one--and all too brief. Here, finally, is the book that breaks that history down and presents it from an objective perspective.

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"??a feast for fan's eyes" - Spin.com'Superbly put together with a great mix of photos, flyers and detailed text, this book provides a comprehensive and entertaining read of this iconic band."But in this crowded field, Voyageur Press' Nirvana: The Illustrated History stands out. Collecting newly penned chapters from Cross, Gillian G. Gaar, and Mark Yarm, among other contributors, the book emphasizes the visual ephemera of Nirvana's career: photographs, concert posters, ticket stubs, t-shirts, infant onesies, even a casting call for the 'Smells Like Teen Spirit'" - Pitchfork.com"A gorgeous book brimming with photos, concert fliers, posters and the full story of the band, Nirvana: The Complete Illustrated History will make you feel like you were there, even if you weren't." - Campus Circle

Nirvana unintentionally tore the music world asunder in 1991 with "Smells Like Teen Spirit." At the time, MTV and the pop charts were dominated by vapid hair metal acts and Michael Jackson. Nirvana represented a much-needed return to punk-inspired rock. Two and half years after the release of "Teen Spirit," leader Kurt Cobain, age 27, killed himself and the ride was over. But for fans, the music and the spirit live on. Here is the first ever complete illustrated history of the band. Performance and off-stage photography, handbills, singles, tickets, gig posters, and other memorabilia complement a narrative detailing the band's tumultuous history, as well as album reviews, a gear breakdown, and more. The text is written by noted writers Charles R. Cross, Gillian G. Gaar, Bob Gendron, Todd Martens, Mark Yarm, Jim DeRogatis, Alan di Perna, Greg Kot, and Andrew Earles with stellar photography by Charles Peterson, Kevin Estrada, Jay Blakesberg, Ed Sirrs, Ian Tilton, and Steve Double.

VERY,VERY NICE BOOK. EVEN THOUGH THEY DONT SHOW, IN MY OPINION THE BEST FLYER OR THE SILKED SCREENED TICKET. WHEN THEY OPENED FOR DINOSAUR JR. IN UTAH. THEY PLAYED AT A PLACE THAT USED TO BE A CHURCH,IT WAS CALLED "THE POMPADOUR". THAT SHOW CHANGED MY LIFE. I LITTERALY THOUGHT TO MYSELF "I JUST SAW THE AMERICAN VERSION OF THE BEATLES". WHEN THERE SET WAS OVER KRIST YELLED "WHERES THE PARTY GOING TO BE",AS KURDT WAS WALKING RIGHT PAST TO GO TO THE BAR. I KICK MYSELF EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT. I WAS JUST IN SHOCK AFTER SEEING THEM PLAY, AND DIDNT HAVE THE NERVE TO TALK TO HIM. BUT IF HE COULD SEE ALL THE FANS WHOS LIVES WERE CHANGED. I DONT THINK COURTNEY WOULD HAVE HAD HIM KILLED. I HIGHLY RECCOMED READING THE BOOK "LOVE & DEATH", (max wallace & ian halperin)

I'm a huge 90's alternative and grunge rock fan. This hardcover book has the title literary cut out of the cover showing the hot pink of the first page underneath. This was unexpected and looks really cool. The photos and memorabilia are rather small print and if you wanted to really read what's on the concert tickets you need a magnifying glass! The pages are substantial and the book overall is a nice addition to my collection. It looks quite good on my coffee table!

I bought this as a gift for my dad on Father's Day and he absolutely loves it. I personally haven't seen it, but he was very excited to describe the handwritten list that Kurt wrote about his favorite artists. My dad has collected many Nirvana books and magazines over the years, but he was very impressed by the uniqueness of this book. I just might have to buy a copy for myself!

This is a fun book about Nirvana memorabilia. It also contains essays by regular Nirvana commentators like Charles R. Cross & Gillian G. Gaar. There are a few typos in the description of some photos, but overall a great visual book for Nirvana fans.

Awesome book, great candid and insider pics of an amazing band. Even Kurt would approve! Must have for any fan's coffee table.

Another excellent book by Charles Cross on Kurt Cobain and Nirvana. Love the seldom seen photos, the well laid out pictures and the flow of the history of the band.

Beautiful book. I bought it for my brother for Christmas and it was a hit. Great stories and rare photos. I'd actually like to order another for myself!

Throughout the book Kurts favorite artists are discussed. I thought that was neat. Makes Yuri want to check out those bands!

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