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In his latest book, Greil Marcus, arguably the most influential music critic of all time, offers his most impassioned and intense essay yet. Steering clear of official history encyclopedia entries, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductions, classic success stories Marcus brings to the forefront 10 essential songs that, for their influence and how they have resonated throughout the decades, have surpassed a milestone of pop music. This book includes brief biographies of the songs' writers and performers and captures the essence of each pop entry everlasting yet at the same time fleeting. Marcus's particular history of rock includes "Shake Some Action" by the Flamin Groovies; "Transmission" by Joy Division; "In the Still of the Nite" by Fred Parris and the Five Satins, later recorded by the Slades; "All I Could Do Was Cry" by Etta James and, decades later, sund by Beyonce; "Crying, Waiting, Hoping" by Buddy Holly; "Money (That s What I Want)" by Barrett Strong, reinvented by the Beatles; "Money Changes Everything" by the Brains, years later redone by Cyndi Lauper; "This Magic Moment," written by Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman and immortalized by Ben E. King and the Drifters; the experimental "Guitar Drag" by Christian Marclay; and "To Know Him Is to Love Him" by Phil Spector, which Amy Winehouse made her own nearly 50 years later. With his vibrant and beatnik-style spontaneous prose, Marcus gives a new music history lesson that demonstrates why pop music holds such great significance in our culture."



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Review

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Another allusive, entertaining inquiry by veteran musicologist Marcus. . . .[He] does what he does best: make us feel smarter about what we re putting into our ears." "Kirkus," starred review, on the English-language edition"

Marcus, of course, is one of the pic figures in rock writing. . . . Like so many of Marcus s previous books, "The History of Rock n Roll in Ten Songs" often feels like a tone poem or perhaps a written embodiment of the cultural memory. He flows through the songs and musicians he loves as if creating a waking dream crowded with the stars of rock history. "New York Times Book Review," on the English-language edition"

"You could go to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and take in the artifacts and roll call or you can read Greil Marcus kinetic, pulsing, brilliant history of this deeply American art form, "The History of Rock N Roll in Ten Songs." From his choice of which 10 songs to explore to his invention of a kind of a listener s lexicon a new way of bending sound to language Marcus captures why rock and roll resonates down to our bones." Walter Mosley, author, "Devil in a Blue Dress," on the English-language edition"

"Revolutionary." "Vanity Fair," on the English-language edition" About the Author Greil Marcus is a writer, a music journalist, and a cultural critic whose work has been featured in publications such as "Esquire," "Interview," and the "New York Times" and on Salon.com. He is the author of "Bob Dylan by Greil Marcus," "The Doors: A Lifetime of Listening to Five Mean Years," "Like a Rolling Stone: Bob Dylan at the Crossroads," and "Mystery Train: Images of America in Rock 'n' Roll Music." He lives in Berkeley, California.

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