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Lyrics 1964-2011



Synopsis

A landmark compilation of popular music, this collection contains Paul Simon's lyrics from his first album in 1964 to the present, now with 2011's *So Beautiful Or So What?*

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Customer Reviews

One of his albums' titles calls him *rhymin' Simon*, and by God, it's true. He rhymes more truly and more naturally than the vast preponderance of his peers. He never truncates a line because he has found a rhyme or runs on in hopes of finding one. And when he doesn't end-rhyme or truly rhyme much or at all, his lyrics scan so regularly that their rhythms as a song ensure easy, musical reading. Song after song tells a story directly, economically, and so carefully that much of the emotional tenor of a piece rings out, even if one doesn't know the tune for it. Consequently, this presentation of all Simon's songs in chronology (fortunately including all the numbers from Simon's musical *The Capeman*, on which he collaborated with Nobel laureate Derek Walcott) is a pleasure to read straight through, like a novel or a biography, although it isn't autobiographical, for quite often the singer of a song isn't Paul Simon. Perhaps it's you, so sing along if it fits. --Ray Olson --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

• A pleasure to read straight through, like a novel or biography. • (Booklist) • The extent of Mr. Simon's genius hits you like a shot.... In a Hemingway-size fistful of words, he creates a world as precise as any.... An essential document of arguably the greatest popular songwriter of our time. •

(The New York Observer)â œIt's almost impossible to read, and not mentally sing, his familiar lines.â • (Pittsburgh Tribune-Review)â œLong overdue, but well worth the wait.â • (Madison County Herald) --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I feel like I have waited all my life for this book to be published. Ever since i first listened to Simon & Garfunkel in the 1960's. Over the last few years I have bought books of all the lyrics, poems and writings of Bob Dylan and of Leonard Cohen, my other heroes. Now, finally, Paul Simon's song lyrics have been released in a beautifully presented hardcover book of 412 pages. The book starts with a Foreword by Chuck Close who, for the forty-plus years of his professional life as an artist, claims that every painting he has created has been painted with Paul's music playing in the background. This is followed by an excellent and detailed Introduction by David Remnick, journalist, writer, and magazine editor. The easy-to-read layout of all of Paul Simon's songs and poems from 1964 to 2016, is laid out in eight chapters. Throughout the book the reader will find full-page black and white photos of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel and photos of original hand-written lyrics and album covers. Paul Simon Lyrics 1964-2016 is a treasure for lovers of the music of one of the 20th centuries most highly-esteemed song writers.

Paul Simon... words and music... words and music together - poetry. Words without music in this book is a kind of stillness and different experience.. Sometimes I hear the music as I am reading but the meanings keep floating beyond. You will not be disappointed. I believe that Paul Simon is one of the major artists of this century and if you like words that hold you this is a book for you.

Clear and concise. Using it to teach English as a second language. In gratitude.

As a fan that has memorized most all of the words of his songs I am so excited about getting this book. Even in the Kindle format I enjoy it fanatically

This book containing all the lyrics of Paul Simon is fantastic reading. Simon may well be America's greatest poet. Every one of his lyrics is here, in chronological order. Whether you are a student of lyric writing or just a lover of Paul Simon songs, this collection is a must.

He will be absolutly floored when I give it to him. We spoke of this book earlier, I was thinking of buying 2, but thought the kindle vesion, would be better for me, Paul Simon is one of the unsong

masters of words, He and Garfunkel would have been as popular as Beatles or Elvis, if they wanted to have a gimmick or do more self publicity stunts, I am glad they did not. It makes me respect them all the more.

A perfect reflection of the master songsmith.

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