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The Mystery of the Missing Pop Idol

Just one hour after being crowned "Queen of the Nile" at her high school prom,

Amara Fahdi was found injured and unconscious at the bottom of a staircase. Was it an unfortunate accident or attempted murder?

Living in the Rock N Roll Mystery

The legendary critic and author of *Mystery Train* “ingeniously retells the tale of rock and roll” (*Publishers Weekly*, starred review). Unlike previous versions of rock ‘n’ roll history, this book omits almost every iconic performer and ignores the storied events and turning points everyone knows. Instead, in a daring stroke, Greil Marcus selects ten songs and dramatizes how each embodies rock ‘n’ roll as a thing in itself, in the story it tells, inhabits, and acts out—a new language, something new under the sun. “Transmission” by Joy Division. “All I Could Do Was Cry” by Etta James and then Beyoncé. “To Know Him Is to Love Him,” first by the Teddy Bears and almost half a century later by Amy Winehouse. In Marcus’s hands these and other songs tell the story of the music, which is, at bottom, the story of the desire for freedom in all its unruly and liberating glory. Slipping the constraints of chronology, Marcus braids together past and present, holding up to the light the ways that these striking songs fall through time and circumstance, gaining momentum and meaning, astonishing us by upending our presumptions and prejudices. This book, by a founder of contemporary rock criticism—and its most gifted and incisive practitioner—is destined to become an enduring classic. “One of the epic figures in rock writing.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Marcus is our

greatest cultural critic, not only because of what he says but also, as with rock-and-roll itself, how he says it.”—The Washington Post Winner of the Deems Taylor Virgil Thomson Award in Music Criticism, given by the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers

Meddling Kids

A vibrant biography of one of the greatest rock 'n' rollers, the America that made him, and the America he made. This smart, incisive biography traces Bruce Springsteen's evolution from a young artist who wasn't sure what he wanted to say to an acclaimed musician with a distinctive vision for a better society. Brilliantly analyzing and evoking Springsteen's output, Marc Dolan unveils the pulsing heart of his music: its deep personal, political, and cultural resonances, which enabled Springsteen to reflect on his experiences as well as the world around him. The book is now updated with a new chapter on The Promise, Wrecking Ball, and the 2012 tour.

Comrade Rockstar

A boy yearns to play the saxophone. He, his sister, and his dog become involved with bank robbers and a famous saxophonist.

First Stop, New York #1

Shelby and her friends, Cindi and Noah, investigate when a \$500,000 costume once worn by a rock star is stolen, leaving an obsessed fan, an impersonator, and a former manager as the most likely suspects.

Nashville Nights

The children run into trouble when they begin working at Hope Harbor Mall.

The Mystery of the Soccer Snitch

The Boxcar Children are excited to attend a young astronomers' convention! But when a student goes missing, will the children be able to help?

Alice Cooper and the Mystery Tits

The Aldens are at Wildcat Crossing, a recreated frontier town full of cowboy fun! But when horses disappear and other pranks threaten to ruin the Wild West show, the Boxcar Children must find out who's the varmint causing all the trouble!



The last thing the members of Hall of Fame rock & roll band Blacklight need to hear is that ruthless tabloid biographer Perry Dillon is planning a tell-all history of their group. The issue hits hardest for English ex-pat guitarist JP Kinkaid; with his history of heroin addiction and deportation, his estranged wife, and his long-term relationship with a girl he met when she was a teenager, JP has the most to lose. Dealing with his multiple sclerosis doesn't make things any easier. When he sits down with Dillon, JP's main concern is to preserve both his own privacy and that of Bree Godwin, his fiercely protective longtime girlfriend. But it's obvious from the first question that Dillon is digging deep. And he's not planning to stop until he hits rock bottom. Dillon's looking for trouble, the kind of trouble that garners publicity and sells books. What he finds is the kind of trouble someone will go to any length to cover up, and that includes murder.

Mystery in San Francisco

The Aldens are helping out on a fishing boat in San Francisco Bay. But the nets come up empty because someone cut holes in them! Who's trying to ruin business for the boat?

Rock'n'Roll

It's a big day at the Silver City Mall, where hundreds of people are lined up to audition for the show Pop Star Sensation! The Aldens are in line, too, because Violet wants to meet one of the judges—her favorite pop star, Madlynn Rose. But just before the show starts, Madlynn vanishes! Can the Aldens track down the superstar before it's too late?

Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'n' Roll

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Freaky pleasure it scratches a nostalgic itch for those who grew up on Saturday morning Scooby-Doo cartoons and sugar-bombed breakfast cereal" --USA Today "Deliriously wild, funny and imaginative. Cantero is an original voice." --Charles Yu, author of How to Live in a Science Fictional Universe With raucous humor and brilliantly orchestrated mayhem, Meddling Kids subverts teen detective archetypes like the Hardy Boys, the Famous Five, and Scooby-Doo, and delivers an exuberant and wickedly entertaining celebration of horror, love, friendship, and many-tentacled, interdimensional demon spawn. SUMMER 1977. The Blyton Summer Detective Club (of Blyton Hills, a small mining town in Oregon's Zoinx River Valley) solved their final mystery and unmasked the elusive Sleepy Lake monster—another low-life fortune hunter trying to get his dirty

hands on the legendary riches hidden in Deboën Mansion. And he would have gotten away with it too, if it weren't for those meddling kids. 1990. The former detectives have grown up and apart, each haunted by disturbing memories of their final night in the old haunted house. There are too many strange, half-remembered encounters and events that cannot be dismissed or explained away by a guy in a mask. And Andy, the once intrepid tomboy now wanted in two states, is tired of running from her demons. She needs answers. To find them she will need Kerri, the one-time kid genius and budding biologist, now drinking her ghosts away in New York with Tim, an excitable Weimaraner descended from the original canine member of the club. They will also have to get Nate, the horror nerd currently residing in an asylum in Arkham, Massachusetts. Luckily Nate has not lost contact with Peter, the handsome jock turned movie star who was once their team leader . . . which is remarkable, considering Peter has been dead for years. The time has come to get the team back together, face their fears, and find out what actually happened all those years ago at Sleepy Lake. It's their only chance to end the nightmares and, perhaps, save the world. A nostalgic and subversive trip rife with sly nods to H. P. Lovecraft and pop culture, Edgar Cantero's *Meddling Kids* is a strikingly original and dazzling reminder of the fun and adventure we can discover at the heart of our favorite stories, no matter how old we get.

The great rock 'n' roll mystery

Clark's "American Bandstand" has been televised since the late '50s. Now he puts his intimate knowledge of rock 'n' roll on display in a witty and entertaining tale of murder and intrigue among the rock world's movers and shakers.

Rock 'n' Roll Robbery

Is someone trying to ruin the winter games at Snow Haven Lodge? Skis go missing and then Benny's snow people are smashed! It's up to the Aldens to find the culprit.

The Mystery of the Stolen Dinosaur Bones

Chocolate Sundae Mystery

The Boxcar Children take a trip to Washington, D.C, and visit the Capitol Building and the Air and Space Museum. But when things start disappearing from their hotel, and they realize they are being followed, the children know there's a mystery.

Outer Space Mystery

The Aldens are visiting a real dinosaur dig in Montana, in an area full of fossils and caves! But the bones of a rare dinosaur have gone missing, and when the children begin to search for clues they hear strange noises in the caves and discover mysterious tracks! Why are bones disappearing? And could there be a real-life dinosaur on the loose?

Rock 'n' Roll Mystery

A dynamic collection of writing from the world of rock music includes Joan Didion's musings on the Doors, Tom Wolfe on the Beatles, and Roddie Doyle on Irish Soul, among many others.

Mystery in the Mall

Stone Murder: A Rock 'n' Roll Mystery is set in San Francisco amidst the rock music industry. Trevor Blake, III, is a P.I. learning his craft. His partner Guitar Jac, is an African American trust fund musician who moonlights as a P. I. They are helped in solving the murder of a Rolling Stone cover band drummer by the Purple Don, Gino Landry, a suave police detective, Richard Sanchez and Trevor sometimes girl friend Joyce Byers. This mystery is in the tradition of Robert Crais, the characters resemble Red Diamond and San Francisco provides the setting. It is a fun and

comic mystery set in the classic rock and roll world with a surprising ending.

History of Rock 'n' Roll in Ten Songs

Dean Reed had one of the strangest careers in the history of popular culture. Failing to gain recognition for his music in his native United States, he achieved celebrity in South America in the early 1960s and then, unbelievably, became the biggest rock star in the Soviet Union, where he was awarded the Lenin Prize and his icons were sold alongside those of Josef Stalin. His albums went gold from Bulgaria to Berlin. He made highly successful movies and, naively earnest, was an unwitting acolyte for socialism; everywhere he went, he was mobbed by his fans. And then, in 1986, at the height of his fame, right after 60 Minutes had devoted a segment to him, finally giving him the recognition he had never attained at home, he drowned in mysterious circumstances in East Berlin. Drawn magnetically to his story, Reggie Nadelson pursued the mystery of Dean Reed's life and death across America and Eastern Europe, her own journey mirroring his. As she traveled, the Berlin Wall came down, the Soviet Union crumbled, and Reed became an increasingly alluring figure, his life an unrepeatable tale of the Cold War world. Encountering the characters- musicians and DJs, politicians and public figures, lovers and wives-who peopled Reed's life, Nadelson was drawn further and further into a seedy, often hilarious subculture of sex, politics, and rock 'n' roll. Part biography, part memoir and personal journey, Comrade Rockstar is an

unforgettable chronicle of an utterly improbable life

Rock 'n Roll Call

When has-been rocker Ricky Durbin is sent off to rehab for the fourth time by his record company, he plans to come back a changed man. But a vampire isn't quite what he has in mind. In fact, Ricky has a heck of a time believing it, much to the consternation of those around him. Ricky chalks up his rapid physical changes and lust for female neckflesh as strange byproducts of his newfound sobriety. And when his rehab physician, the delectable Dr. D, develops a similar disposition after he bites her, she seeks Ricky out as her 'dark master.' Ricky willingly enlists Dr. D's help as a lyricist in penning a new album he must get in the can to preserve his tenuous recording contract. She does have a way with words. Until Count Johnnie, an ancient coven master from centuries gone by, makes an appearance. As does an eccentric vampire hunter from Balkan Pest Control, a wizened old woman by the name of Edna Sweeney, who wears a green felt hat and drives a Rambler. Meanwhile, Ricky's ex-wife and manager, the lovely Rachel, wonders about Ricky's predilection for writing songs that seem to focus on women's necks. During their tumultuous marriage, he never so much as wanted to nibble hers. But, it is a new direction for Ricky. Perhaps he has something. Can Ricky reestablish himself as the rock 'n' roll great he once was, not to mention save his house from being foreclosed on? And maybe get his ex to take him back? More importantly, will Ricky

vanquish the evil Count Johnnie, who seems to be the cause of all this vampirism in the first place? A work of literature like Rock 'n' Roll vampire doesn't come along every day.

Mystery in the Snow

Most days Cammie is tired of being the daughter of the first female president of the United States and just wants her real life back. She's feeling the stress of having to be on display so often. Plus, her oversized and overly enthusiastic dog Hooligan keeps getting into trouble. That's why she's thrilled when her very favorite group, the famous teenage sensation called The Song Boys, is scheduled to perform at a literacy event at the White House. But when White House objects disappear, the event is in jeopardy. With some help from her younger sister Tessa and Hooligan, Cammie tackles the mystery—and helps save the concert.

Mystery in Washington

Jessie's soccer teammate Kayla is such a talented player that she's invited to be the mascot at an International soccer tournament in Brazil! But then an anonymous letter arrives insisting she doesn't deserve to have the honor. Who is trying to ruin Kayla's reputation? The Boxcar Children must find out!

The Mystery of the Wild West Bandit

In Nashville for the next stop on their concert tour, Aly and AJ meet the Walker Sisters, who ask them to be in a video, but when the digital files of the video are stolen, Aly and AJ must find the thief to clear their own names.

Anyone's Guess

This definitive encyclopedia explores rock bands and how they got their names. Comprehensively covering everything from AC/DC to ZZ Top, the volume spans four decades of the rock 'n' roll name game. Illustrations.

Scooby-Doo! and the Rock 'n' Roll Zombie

The Boxcar children must track down an instrument thief in time to save Greenfield's music festival from disaster.

The Case of the Rock & Roll Mystery

"tells the story of the Mysteries [e.g. Mystery religions]--their rise, fall and eventual rebirth in the New World, where rhythms and melodies from the West African and

the Celtic diasporas collided with the sound of popular music forever."--P. 4 of cover.

Murder on Tour

Cy Prothero is alerted that his girlfriend may have been kidnapped by Wu Labs, a high-tech corporation trafficking on the cutting edge of biology and physics. He is joined by longtime friend Polly Peptide, whose boyfriend has also disappeared shortly after giving Cy a mysterious compact disc. Cy and Polly team up to find their lovers, though before long they are in a torrid affair. They pursue hint after clue in a madcap investigation that will leave you laughing out loud.

Stone Murder

With the school talent show coming up, a young music lover spends most of her time daydreaming about the perfect act. She notices the sounds around her, like the brrrrring of the school bell or the rappa-tappa-tap of rain on the windowpane. But the talent show is the place to reveal her own voice. Will she mix up some hip-hop beats? Will she command an orchestra of dozens, bringing the classics to life? Or, will she go electric, Jimi Hendrix style? Marching out on the talent show stage to the beat of her own drum, this sweet and sassy musician ultimately chooses to

be herself and sing her own song loud and proud, "I've got a rock 'n' roll soul!"

The Mystery of the Grinning Gargoyle

Mystery, rather than "problem," provides the context that the cultural ethnographer best uses to approach the experience of both the living and the writing of culture. In this work, H. L. Goodall, Jr., continues his discussion of the cultural ethnographer as detective through an investigation of what he calls the "rock n roll mystery." Using Bakhtin's notion of "Carnival," Goodall positions rock n roll as an important aspect of the American cultural experience using its lyrics and rhythm as a force of resistance to the dominant bureaucratic order. He argues that interpretive ethnography, where sentences use rhythms and emotions along with words to construct a work, parallels rock n roll in its creation of multiple voices struggling for creative and interpretive presence and space in the text. As there is no privileged text in the social life of rock n roll, there is no privileged voice in the writing of interpretive ethnography. It is, instead, a reading and writing method within the field of communication and the field of cultural studies that challenges the "existing wisdom." Goodall invites the reader to join him in the role of the detective who confronts, enters, and then participates in the mysteries of living. Through the use of his interpretive method, Goodall is able to move under the skin of experience to disclose the relationship among self, other(s), and context, an understanding only achieved by "going beneath the often cosmetic surfaces of

cultural traffic to where symbols mingle with the driven stuff of life.” Because the “stuff of life” is laid out on the pages of this book, Goodall’s text is as compelling as a good novel and in some ways more intimate.

Rock 'n' Roll Soul

"This book traces the history of rock 'n' roll through six key, fundamental artists: Robert Johnson, Harmonica Frank, Randy Newman, the Band, Sly Stone, and Elvis Presley"--

The Case of the Rock 'N' Roll Dog

The Aldens visit Goldwin University, where Grandfather attended college. The old library is about to be torn down. But legend says the stone gargoyles guarding the roof of the old building will do anything to protect it—even fly. When the creatures begin appearing outside the windows, people are terrified. But the Boxcar Children think there is another reason the gargoyles are turning up in places they shouldn't. And they're determined to figure it out.

Rock & Roll Homicide

The entire town is excited about the summer music festival. The largest attraction this year will be the popular Greenfield Four. The day before the show, The Greenfield Four arrive at the rehearsal hall to find all of their instruments missing!

The Rock 'n' Roll Mystery

Aly and AJ are off on a whirlwind concert tour and their first stop is New York City! Before their big show, the sisters will be guest stars at the opening of Girls Rock Academy, a school for girls who love to rock. But when the school's equipment disappears on the day of the opening, Aly and AJ are on the case. Can the girls solve the mystery of the missing guitars in time for the school's opening?

Ciphers

The children help Mr. Brown with his ice cream shop.

Mystery Train

Freddy's favorite band is having a contest -- make a video of their new song and win tickets and backstage passes to the concert! There's going to be so much competition, though. Freddy definitely needs help from his friends, and maybe

even his sister?

Rock and Roll is Here to Stay

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, aka The Trenchcoat Twins go undercover as rock singers to help a rock band discover who has been trying to sabotage their concerts, in a series spun off from a popular children's videotape series. Original.

Rock and Roll Never Forgets

Just as the rock band, Doberman's Stub, was about to reach stadium tour status, its leader was brutally murdered when his headphones exploded during a recording session. The widow, who inherits \$5 million, is the San Diego Police Department's number one suspect. She hires Jason Duffy, a 27-year-old PI in his first year of private practice, in spite of his background as a former musician. Jason learns that the victim was also a very skilled contract negotiator, who was in the middle of an acrimonious renegotiation with the record company at the time of his death. He also finds that the record company has a very unhealthy tie to the Russian Mafia. As an inexperienced detective, Jason does not yet have the contacts within the police department to gather vital information. He is forced to mend fences with his estranged father, an opinionated ex-SDPD detective. While Jason

investigates the record company, he also takes a close look at the three surviving members of the victim's band. One is an alcoholic/drug addict drummer, on the verge of being kicked out of the group. The second is a bass player who camouflages his rock star status by living in an ordinary house in a lower middle-class neighborhood. Third is a lead guitarist and writer of half of the band's songs, who lives well beyond his means. Jason has not yet become hardened to the very real dangers of his new profession. We experience his inner conflict as his girlfriend, staff, and family are drawn into the danger zone. After Jason's part-time employee is severely beaten during a stakeout, he sells the story of the Russian Mafia's involvement in the record business to a tabloid journalism TV show in a misguided effort to protect his employer and coworker. This serves to drive the case to new heights of danger and suspense. Jason goes behind the industry veneer of sex & drugs & hedonistic lifestyles. He shows us how the 21st Century world of downloads, file sharing, and image demographics need to be considered in a case of Rock & Roll Homicide.

The Secret History of Rock 'n' Roll

In the early 1970s, a freelance writer named Jimmy Esposito interviewed, while Larry Singer captured on film, some of the most popular rock bands of all times. "Alice Cooper and the Mystery Tits" is an original, insightful and mesmerizing music document. It is a must read for anyone who loves classic Rock & Roll.

Photographers and writers seldom work together for more than one assignment. As a team for four years, Esposito and Singer married the images and words of legendary musicians for numerous publications. The literary and artistic result of this partnership can be discovered and enjoyed in “Alice Cooper and the Mystery Tits,” also the title of a story in the book. “Alice Cooper and the Mystery Tits” is an amazing collection of stories and pictures you will treasure and give to all your friends who still love the bands that composed and performed the greatest rock music of all time.

Rock 'n' Roll Vampire

When Scooby-Doo and the gang attend a rock concert, the band's lead singer vanishes in a puff of smoke and is replaced by a zombie, so the gang must capture the zombie and find the real singer. Spotlight editions are printed on high-quality paper and with reinforced library bindings specifically printed for the library market. Grades PreK-4.

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