

Perfect Sound Whatever by James Acaster

A memoir of Acaster's decision to get through a rough time in his life by listening only to music released in, specifically, 2016.

The Complete Classical Music Guide by DK

This guide takes you on a journey through more than 1,000 years, charting the evolution of musical instruments, styles, and genres.

Rock Concert by Marc Myers

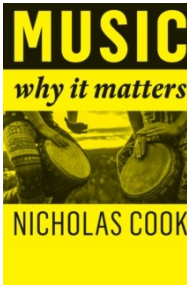
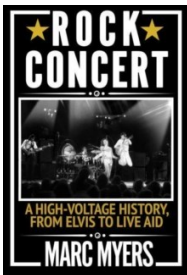
A history of the live rock music experience, spanning the rise of R&B in the 1950s, through the hippie gatherings of the '60s, to the growing arena tours of the '70s and '80s.

Music: Why It Matters by Nicholas Cook

Argues that the value of music goes far beyond simple enjoyment. It can enhance wellbeing, relationships, cultural tolerance, and civil cohesion. At the same time, music can be a tool of persuasion or ideology.

Song Exploder by Hrishikesh Hirway

A podcast where musicians take apart their songs, and piece by piece, tell the story of how they were made.



MAGAZINES



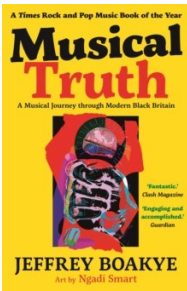
A huge variety of music magazines are available to read online for free via Hertfordshire Public Libraries, with a library card.

- BBC Music
- Classic Pop
- Classic Rock
- Computer Music
- Future Music
- Gramophone
- Guitar World
- Guitar Techniques
- Guitarist
- International Piano
- Jazzwise
- Mojo
- Pianist
- Prog
- Rhythm
- Rolling Stone
- Songlines
- Sound on Sound
- Total Guitar

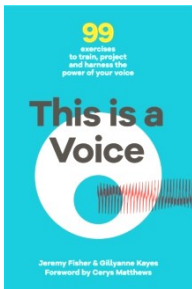
Music WIDER READING



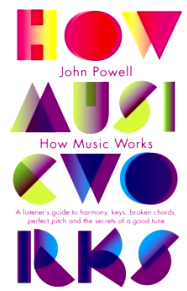
All these books are available from the school library



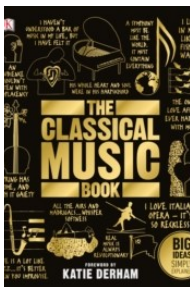
Musical Truth by Jeffrey Boakye
This exhilarating playlist tracks some of the key shifts in modern British history, and explores the emotional impact of 28 songs and the artists who performed them.



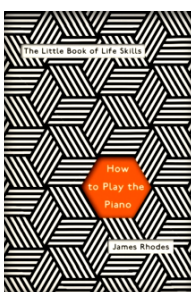
This is a Voice by Fisher & Kaye
A practical toolkit of 99 step-by-step exercises to train, protect and harness the power of your voice.



How Music Works by J. Powell
Have you ever listened to an incredible piece of music and wondered exactly why it makes you want to dance or cry? Are you mystified by how musicians just 'know' what notes to play next when they're improvising? Here's an explanation of why.



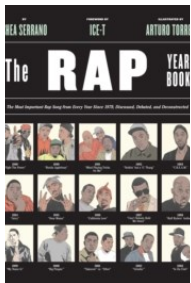
The Classical Music Book by DK
Explores and explains music theory and the impact of seminal pieces, while also providing fascinating stories about the lives of crucial composers and performers.



How to Play the Piano by Rhodes
An accessible and inspiring book by the pianist James Rhodes, who promises that it gives anyone with two hands, a piano or an electric keyboard the tools they need to learn to play Bach's Prelude No. 1 in C Major.



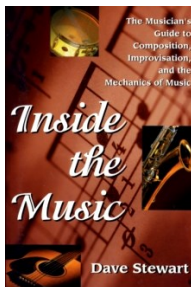
Composers: Their Lives and Works by DK
A compelling celebration of more than 90 of the world's most influential composers from the medieval period to the present day.



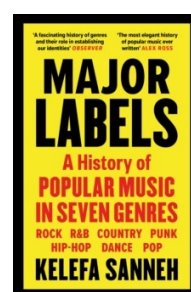
The Rap Year Book by Shea Serrano
Takes you on a journey that begins in 1979, widely regarded as the moment rap as a genre became recognised as part of music's landscape, and comes right up to the present.



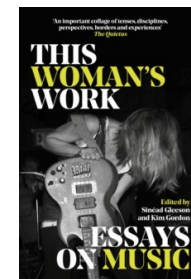
Music: A Very Short Introduction by N. Cook
Attempts to provide a framework for thinking about all music. By examining the personal, social, and cultural values that music embodies.



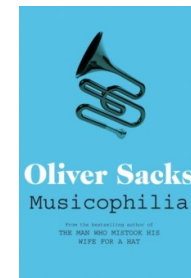
Inside the Music by D. Stewart
For those who want to learn the inner workings of music without getting bogged down in technical details.



Major Labels by Kelefa Sanneh
An in-depth study of the tribes music forms, and how its genres, shape-shifting across the years, give us a way to track larger forces and concerns.



This Woman's Work edited by Kim Gordon and Sinead Gleeson
A collection of essays by women, on women in the music industry, from activism to auteurs.



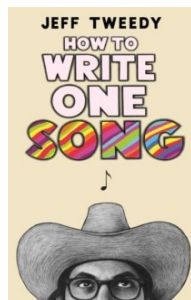
Musicophilia by Oliver Sacks
Sacks examines the powers of music through the individual experiences people - those struck by affliction, unusual talent and even, in one case, by lightning - to show the impact of music on the mind.



Albion's Secret History by Guy Mankowski
Snapshots of English pop culture's rebels and outsiders, from Evelyn Waugh to PJ Harvey via The Long Blondes and The Libertines.



Music Theory 101 by Brian Boone and Marc Schonbrun
Learn the basics of music theory in this comprehensive and easy-to-understand guide.



How to Write One Song by Jeff Tweedy
Wilco's lead singer, guitarist and songwriter, Jeff Tweedy, digs deep into his own creative process to share his unique perspective about songwriting and offers a warm, accessible guide to writing your first song.