



Women Rock! **Portraits in Popular Music** **Text by Philip Auslander**

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- Forty-six multi-page profiles highlighting the unique contribution of each artist to music and culture
- Large, vivid and colourful photos with captions for each artist – Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, Patti Smith, Beyoncé, Lada Gaga and more

Women played crucial roles in the history of rock music. Without Sister Rosetta Tharpe, a gospel-singing electric guitarist, rock might never have been born. Janis Joplin and Grace Slick were forefront in the growing hippie subculture that marked a decade. Aretha Franklin gave sound to the civil rights movement. Riot Grrrl brought forward both feminism and punk. **Women Rock!** honours the unique contributions of 46 female artists with noteworthy contributions to rock music. These women are inspirational figures who have encouraged generations of girls to pursue their dreams – musical and otherwise.

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