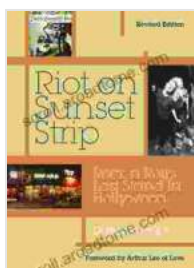


# Riot on Sunset Strip: A Rock 'n' Roll History

The Sunset Strip is a two-mile stretch of Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood, California, that has been synonymous with rock 'n' roll for decades. From its early days as a sleepy hillside road to its heyday as the center of the rock music world, the Strip has been the setting for some of the most iconic moments in rock 'n' roll history.



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In *Riot on Sunset Strip*, author Marc Myers takes readers on a comprehensive tour of the Strip's rock 'n' roll history. From the early days of the Whisky a Go Go and the Roxy Theatre to the heyday of the Rainbow Bar and Grill and the Viper Room, Myers tells the stories of the musicians, clubs, and events that have made the Sunset Strip a rock 'n' roll legend.

Myers' book is a must-read for any fan of rock 'n' roll. It's a fascinating and well-researched account of the Strip's rich history, and it's sure to leave you wanting more.

## **The Early Days**

The Sunset Strip began to take shape in the early 1900s, as wealthy Angelenos built mansions along the hillside road. In the 1920s, the Strip became a popular destination for speakeasies and nightclubs. After World War II, the Strip continued to develop, and in the 1950s, it became a popular hangout for teenagers.

In 1964, the Whisky a Go Go opened on the Sunset Strip, and the club quickly became a magnet for rock 'n' roll bands. The Doors, the Byrds, and Buffalo Springfield all played early shows at the Whisky, and the club helped to launch the careers of countless other bands.

## **The Heyday**

The Sunset Strip reached its heyday in the 1970s and 1980s. During this time, the Strip was home to some of the most famous rock 'n' roll clubs in the world, including the Roxy Theatre, the Rainbow Bar and Grill, and the Viper Room.

The Roxy Theatre opened in 1973, and it quickly became one of the most popular rock clubs in Los Angeles. The club hosted shows by Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, and the Rolling Stones, and it was a favorite hangout for celebrities like Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty.

The Rainbow Bar and Grill opened in 1979, and it quickly became a popular destination for rock stars and music industry executives. The club was known for its eclectic mix of music, and it hosted shows by bands like Guns N' Roses, Mötley Crüe, and Metallica.

The Viper Room opened in 1993, and it quickly became one of the most popular rock clubs in Los Angeles. The club was owned by Johnny Depp, and it was a favorite hangout for celebrities like River Phoenix and Leonardo DiCaprio. In 1993, River Phoenix died of a drug overdose outside the Viper Room, and the club's reputation was forever tarnished.

## **The Decline**

The Sunset Strip began to decline in the 1990s. The rise of grunge music and the popularity of alternative rock led to a decline in the popularity of hard rock and heavy metal. As a result, many of the rock clubs on the Sunset Strip closed their doors.

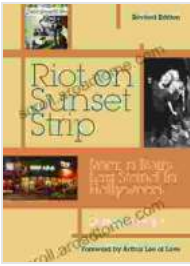
In recent years, the Sunset Strip has undergone a revival. New clubs have opened, and the area has become a popular destination for tourists and music fans. However, the Strip is still a far cry from its heyday, and it remains to be seen whether it will ever regain its former glory.

## **Legacy**

The Sunset Strip has played a major role in the history of rock 'n' roll. It was the birthplace of some of the most iconic rock bands in history, and it was a popular destination for rock stars and music fans from all over the world. The Strip's legacy is sure to live on for generations to come.

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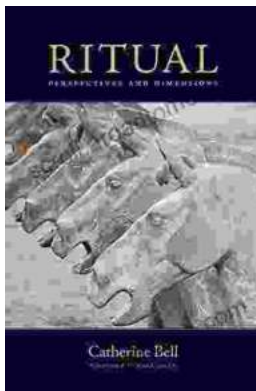
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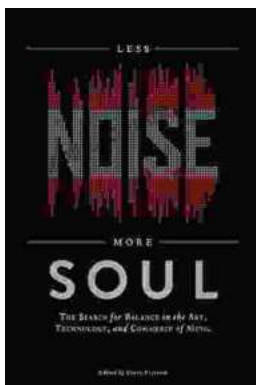
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