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Drawing on revelatory interviews, a rich analysis of lyrics, and a lifelong study of one of the greatest songwriters of our time, Daniel Mark Epstein delivers a singular, nuanced, and insightful examination of Bob Dylan—the poet, the musician, and the man. Interweaving in-depth conversations with Dylan collaborators and contemporaries, including Eric Andersen, Tom Paxton, Woody Guthrie's daughter Nora Guthrie, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Pete Seeger, Maria Muldaur, John P. Hammond, and many others, Epstein crafts a vivid and unforgettable portrait of the inimitable poet and performer. Readers of Christopher Ricks' *Dylan's Visions of Sin*, the Dylan autobiography, *Chronicles*, or Sean Wilentz's *Dylan in America*, as well as fans enthralled by expository musician stories, such as Keith Richards' *Life* and Patti Smith's *Just Kids*, will be captivated by Epstein's unprecedented and incisive look at Bob Dylan, music's most ineffable creator. "Throughout his various stages, Dylan's work reveals an affinity with the Zen worldview, where enlightenment can be attained through self-contemplation and intuition rather than through faith and devotion. Much has been made of Dylan's Christian periods, but never before has a book engaged Dylan's deep and rich oeuvre through a Buddhist lens."—Back cover. Bob Dylan has spent more than thirty years on the so-called Never Ending Tour, playing over 3,000 concerts all around

the globe. This is the story of the ten most recent years of that tour; it is the story of Barcelona and Gothenburg, New York and Rome, Paris, Chattanooga and beyond. Climb aboard the magic swirling ship that is Bob Dylan's Never Ending Tour and follow along around Europe and America, guided by Dylan's past and present; by the history of the places he plays in and by everyone who is traveling by your side, as well. Featuring encounters with Lana Del Rey, Tony Garnier, Don Was, Spooner Oldham and more; this is the story of what it is to be a fan on the road with the most important artist of the last 100 years. This book will place you in the audience of Dylan's final performance of 2011 as he traded vocals with Mark Knopfler; to the crowd in Gothenburg where his vocal renaissance shone through the rain in 2014, to the scene of the crime of his first electric gig in 1965 as he returned to Forest Hills Tennis Stadium for the first time 51 in years, has you sitting front-and-centre as he sings a one-off Standing in the Doorway in 2017 a few hours after finally picking up his Nobel Prize in Literature, leading you into the Shadow Kingdom in 2021. You'll be transported back to Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome; into the Spanish and the American Civil Wars, and the streets of Minneapolis where the biggest Civil Rights Movement since the 1960s took place during the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the story of traveling on the road with Bob Dylan's Never Ending Tour, yes, but it is also the story of traveling Together Through Life. After focusing on the start and roots of the Never Ending Tour, Williams surveys Dylan's work in 1990, and the 1997 Time Out of Mind and 2001 Love and Theft albums. There's also an essay on a fine examples of a Never Ending show from 1998. Paul William's writing about Bob Dylan has been praised by such distinguished Dylan fans as Sam Shepard, Jerry Garcia and Allen Ginsberg. One member of Dylan's band says he found reading William's books on Dylan helpful when he first joined the band and needed to become more familiar with his new boss's huge output of work. A unique look at Nobel Prize winner Bob Dylan's place in American cultural history through unprecedented access to Dylan's studio tapes, recording notes, and rare photographs. Sean Wilentz discovered Bob Dylan's music as a teenager growing up in Greenwich Village. Now, almost half a century later, he revisits Dylan's work with the skills of an eminent American historian as well as the passion of a fan. Beginning with Dylan's explosion onto the scene in 1961, Wilentz follows the emerging artist as he develops a body of work unique in America's cultural history. Using his unprecedented access to studio tapes, recording notes, and rare photographs, he places Dylan's music in the context of its time and offers a stunning critical appreciation of Dylan both as a songwriter and performer. Bob Dylan has constantly reinvented the persona known as "Bob Dylan," renewing the performance possibilities inherent in his songs, from acoustic folk, to electric rock and a late, hybrid style which even hints at so-called world

music and Latin American tones. Then in 2016, his achievements outside of performance - as a songwriter - were acknowledged when he was awarded the Nobel Literature Prize. Dylan has never ceased to broaden the range of his creative identity, taking in painting, film, acting and prose writing, as well as advertising and even own-brand commercial production. The book highlights how Dylan has brought his persona(e) to different art forms and cultural arenas, and how they in turn have also created these personae. This volume consists of multidisciplinary essays written by cultural historians, musicologists, literary academics and film experts, including contributions by critics Christopher Ricks and Nina Goss. Together, the essays reveal Dylan's continuing artistic development and self-fashioning, as well as the making of a certain legitimized Dylan through critical and public recognition in the new millennium. (Music Sales America). Matching folio to Bob Dylan's 2009 release arranged for piano, vocals, and guitar. Together Through Life is Dylan's 33rd studio album, and remarkably his first No. 1 album since the 1970s. Widely critically acclaimed, and supported by Dylan's 'never-ending' tour, the album is yet further proof of his continued relevance and vitality as a 21st Century artist. Bob Dylan's contribution to popular music is immeasurable. Venerated as rock's one true genius, Dylan is considered responsible for introducing a new range of topics and new lyrical complexity into popular music. Without Bob Dylan, rock critic Dave Marsh once claimed, there would be no popular music as we understand it today. As such an exalted figure, Dylan has been the subject of countless books and intricate scholarship considering various dimensions of both the man and his music. This book places new emphasis on Dylan as a rock star. Whatever else Dylan is, he is a star - iconic, charismatic, legendary, enigmatic. No one else in popular music has maintained such star status for so long a period of time. Showing how theories of stardom can help us understand both Bob Dylan and the history of rock music, Lee Marshall provides new insight into how Dylan's songs acquire meaning and affects his relationship with his fans, his critics and the recording industry. Marshall discusses Dylan's emergence as a star in the folk revival (the "spokesman for a generation") and the formative role that Dylan plays in creating a new type of music - rock - and a new type of star. Bringing the book right up to date, he also sheds new light on how Dylan's later career has been shaped by his earlier star image and how Dylan repeatedly tried to throw off the limitations and responsibilities of his stardom. The book concludes by considering the revival of Dylan over the past ten years and how Dylan's stardom has developed in a way that contains, but is not overshadowed by, his achievements in the 1960s. "The coolest class on campus" - The New York Times When the Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to Bob Dylan in 2016, a debate raged. Some celebrated, while many others questioned the choice. How could the

world's most prestigious book prize be awarded to a famously cantankerous singer-songwriter who wouldn't even deign to attend the medal ceremony? In *Why Bob Dylan Matters*, Harvard Professor Richard F. Thomas answers this question with magisterial erudition. A world expert on Classical poetry, Thomas was initially ridiculed by his colleagues for teaching a course on Bob Dylan alongside his traditional seminars on Homer, Virgil, and Ovid. Dylan's Nobel Prize brought him vindication, and he immediately found himself thrust into the spotlight as a leading academic voice in all matters Dylanological. Today, through his wildly popular Dylan seminar—affectionately dubbed "Dylan 101"—Thomas is introducing a new generation of fans and scholars to the revered bard's work. This witty, personal volume is a distillation of Thomas's famous course, and makes a compelling case for moving Dylan out of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and into the pantheon of Classical poets. Asking us to reflect on the question, "What makes a classic?", Thomas offers an eloquent argument for Dylan's modern relevance, while interpreting and decoding Dylan's lyrics for readers. The most original and compelling volume on Dylan in decades, *Why Bob Dylan Matters* will illuminate Dylan's work for the Dylan neophyte and the seasoned fanatic alike. You'll never think about Bob Dylan in the same way again. Perhaps the only subject more fascinating than the mysterious world of dreams is the mysterious world of Bob Dylan. Dreaming of Dylan brings the two together for a weird and wonderful romp through the ways the mercurial musical master shows up in our subconscious states. Celebrated writer and musician Mary Lee Kortez lovingly curated this off-kilter collection of nocturnal visions. Paired with over 100 original images and illustrations, these dreams will captivate you in ways you never expected. Bob Dylan once sang, "I'll let you be in my dreams if I can be in yours." And be in them he has! There are plenty of musical dreamers here, from the incomparable Patti Smith to Squirrel Nut Zippers frontman Jimbo Mathus to Kevin Odegard, whose guitar is heard on the memorable intro to "Tangled Up in Blue," and others. Not to mention the everyday dreamers, from plumbers to poets and pastors, from dentists to attorneys and psychotherapists. Some dreams are poignant; some are disturbing; and others are nothing short of bizarre. Taken together they're an enthralling look at what the famously enigmatic singer/songwriter represents in the deepest recesses of our minds. The raw material and interviews behind Anthony Scaduto's iconic biography of Bob Dylan draw an intimate and multifaceted portrait of the singer-songwriter who defined his era. When Anthony Scaduto's *Bob Dylan: An Intimate Biography* was first published in 1971, the Nobel Prize-winning songwriter, at thirty, had already released some of the most iconic albums of the 1960s, including *Highway 61 Revisited* and *Blonde on Blonde*. Scaduto's book was one of the first to take an investigative journalist's approach to

its subject and set the standard for rock music biography. The Dylan Tapes, compiled from thirty-six hours of interviews, is a behind-the-scenes look at the making of Scaduto's landmark book—and a close-up encounter with pivotal figures in Dylan's life. These reel-to-reel tapes, found in a box in Scaduto's basement, are a never-bootlegged trove of archival material about Dylan, drawn from conversations with those closest to him during the early years of his career. In the era of ten-second takes, these interviews offer uncommon depth and immediacy as we listen to friends and lovers recall the Dylan they knew as he created his professional persona and perfected his craft—from folk music, protest songs, and electric rock through the traumatic impact of a motorcycle crash to his later, more self-reflecting songwriting. Echo Helstrom, Dylan's "Girl from the North Country," is here, as are Suze Rotolo, who graced the cover of the Freewheelin' album, and Joan Baez, remembering her relationship "to Bobby." We hear from Mike Porco, who gave Dylan his first gig in New York City; Sid and Bob Gleason, who introduced him to his hero Woody Guthrie; folk artists from Greenwich Village, like Phil Ochs and Ramblin' Jack Eliot; John Hammond Sr., who gave him his first record contract; plus a host of musicians, activists, folk historians, and archivists—and, of course, Dylan himself. From these reflections and frank conversations, many published here for the first time, a complex, finely observed picture emerges of one of the best known yet most enigmatic musicians of our time. Matching folio to Bob Dylan's 2009 release arranged for Piano, Vocals, and Guitar. Together Through Life is Dylan's 33rd studio album, and remarkably his first UK No.1 album since 1970. Widely critically acclaimed, and supported by Dylan's 'never-ending' tour, the album is yet further proof of his continued relevance and vitality as a 21st Century artist. All the songs from the album are presented here arranged for Piano, Voice and Guitar, complete with full lyrics. FULLY REVISED AND UPDATED. "The coolest class on campus" - The New York Times When the Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to Bob Dylan in 2016, a debate raged. Some celebrated, while many others questioned the choice. How could the world's most prestigious book prize be awarded to a famously cantankerous singer-songwriter who wouldn't even deign to attend the medal ceremony? In Why Bob Dylan Matters, Harvard Professor Richard F. Thomas answers this question with magisterial erudition. A world expert on Classical poetry, Thomas was initially ridiculed by his colleagues for teaching a course on Bob Dylan alongside his traditional seminars on Homer, Virgil, and Ovid. Dylan's Nobel Prize brought him vindication, and he immediately found himself thrust into the spotlight as a leading academic voice in all matters Dylanological. Today, through his wildly popular Dylan seminar—affectionately dubbed "Dylan 101"—Thomas is introducing a new generation of fans and scholars to the revered bard's work. This

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Young music lovers will be fascinated by this great artist's life! A revealing new perspective on Bob Dylan's enduring legacy - from one of the foremost experts on the Nobel Peace prize-winning artist. Forget About Today shows a side of Bob Dylan that most people - from fans to skeptics - have never seen. Rather than another gossipy account of his romances, finances, or family, journalist Jon Friedman offers a new perspective on Dylan's revolutionary and enduring legacy through an intimate look at the mystery behind Dylan's success. Bob Dylan has been a pop culture mainstay for more than 50 years as a poet, songwriter, and performer. Yet from his decision to go electric while everyone clung to his folk roots to his shocking appearance on a Victoria's Secret commercial, critics have predicted Dylan's demise every step of the way. Each time, he's proven legions of doubters wrong, never letting anyone keep him from accomplishing goals - on his terms. Featuring exclusive insights from Dylan's most trusted confidants, Forget About Today provides a unique look at Dylan's life and career while it distills valuable advice from one of the music world's most revolutionary artists and entrepreneurs. A vivid, first-hand account of Nobel Prize-winning singer and songwriter Bob Dylan as an artist, friend, and celebrity, illustrated with never-before-seen photographs, and told by an engaging raconteur who cut his own swathe through the turbulent counterculture. August 2014 marks 50 years since Bob Dylan released his fourth album, Another Side of Bob Dylan. Recorded in one night, in the middle of a turbulent year in his life, the music marked a departure from Dylan's socially-conscious folk songs and began his evolution toward other directions. During the years they spent together, few people outside of Dylan's immediate family were closer than Victor Maymudes, who was Dylan's tour manager, personal friend, and travelling companion from the early days in 1960s Greenwich Village through the late 90's. Another Side of Bob Dylan recounts landmark events including Dylan's infamous motorcycle crash; meeting the Beatles on their first US tour; his marriage to Sara Lownds, his romances with Suze Rotolo, Joan Baez, and others; fellow travelers Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Wavy Gravy, Dennis Hopper, The Band, The Traveling Wilburys, and more; memorable concerts, and insights on Dylan's songwriting process. On January 26th, 2001, after recording more than 24 hours of taped memories in preparation for writing this book, Victor Maymudes suffered an aneurysm and died. His son Jacob has written the book, using the tapes to shape the story. A Los Angeles Times Best Seller. Examines the similarities in the work of Bob Dylan and William Shakespeare. Bob Dylan has helped transform music, literature, pop culture, and even politics. The World of Bob Dylan chronicles a lifetime of creative invention that has made a global impact. Leading rock and pop critics and music scholars address themes and topics central to Dylan's life and work: the Blues, his religious faith, Civil Rights, Gender, Race, and American and World literature.

Incorporating a rich array of new archival material from never before accessed archives, *The World of Bob Dylan* offers a comprehensive, uniquely informed and wholly fresh account of the songwriter, artist, filmmaker, and Nobel Laureate whose unique voice has permanently reshaped our cultural landscape. The Never Ending Tour is the popular name for Bob Dylan's endless touring schedule. During the course of the tour, musicians have come and gone as the band continued to evolve. The shows amassed a huge fan base with some fans traveling from around the world to attend as many Dylan shows as possible. Dylan played his 2,000th show of the Never Ending Tour in October 2007 and his 3,000th show of the Never Ending Tour in April 2019, in Innsbruck, Austria (featured in the book). Dylan has attributed much of the versatility of his live shows to the talent of his backing band, with whom he recorded each of his 21st Century studio albums. The tour's name was cemented when a journalist asked Dylan if it was a never ending tour which Dylan affirmed. Since then he has tried to pay down the tag saying in a recent, 'Critics should know there is no such thing as forever'. An in-depth, eyewitness account of the creation of one of Bob Dylan's most celebrated, anguished albums, written by the album's guitarist and an acclaimed journalist. Whilst most of rock's elder statesmen rarely venture far from home, the ultimate rock icon Bob Dylan has spent practically all of his life since 1986 touring the globe. Why? this fascinating book documents the ups and downs of this unprecedented trek, and tries to get to grips with exactly what it all means both to Dylan and the Bobcats - dedicated Dylan followers who trade tapes of every show and regularly cross the globe to see him. Part rock criticism, part cultural analysis, this is a book that will appeal to all Dylan fans. Major reviews/features scheduled. This book is the essential Dylan companion. In his seventh decade and still going strong, Bob Dylan is the ultimate singer-songwriter - hugely revered, bafflingly idiosyncratic, an enigma and a music legend responsible for a staggering number of classic songs. This new Rough Guide clarifies the mysteries surrounding the man and the music, looking at the lyrics, the influences, the legends, and the musicians he worked with. Features include: The Life: from Minnesota to Manchester, from the Albert Hall to the Never Ending Tour. The Music: 50 essential Dylan songs and the stories behind them; the albums, the bootlegs and the compilations; covers, comic songs and curiosities. Dylanology: the movies and the sayings; books and websites. --

Publisher description There's a lot in print about Bob Dylan but very little of it is from the fans-eye view of the people who saw and heard Dylan in his reputation-building first decade. From Hibbing to New York and then on to the world. Through the folk and electric years through to Woodstock, John Wesley Harding and the basement tapes. This book follows Dylan through those who knew, worked with and saw him. It offers a unique perspective on the man and the times. Hailed as "the

War and Peace of rock and roll" by Bob Dylan himself, this is the ultimate backstage pass to Dylan's legendary 1975 tour across America—by a former Rolling Stone reporter prominently featured in Martin Scorsese's Netflix documentary Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story. In 1975, as Bob Dylan emerged from eight years of seclusion, he dreamed of putting together a traveling music show that would trek across the country like a psychedelic carnival. The dream became reality, and On the Road with Bob Dylan is the behind-the-scenes look at what happened when Dylan and the Rolling Thunder Revue took to the streets of America. With the intimate detail of a diary, Larry "Ratso" Sloman's mesmerizing account both transports us to a celebrated period in rock history and provides us with a vivid snapshot of Dylan during this extraordinary time. This reissue of the 1978 classic resonates more than ever as it chronicles one of the most glittering rock circuses ever assembled, with a cast that includes Joan Baez, Robbie Robertson, Joni Mitchell, Allen Ginsberg, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, and a wild entourage of groupies, misfits, sinners, and saints who trailed along for the ride. Sloman candidly captures the all-night revelry and musical prowess—from the backstage antics to impromptu jams—that made the tour a nearly mystical experience. Complete with vintage photos and a new introduction by renowned Texas musician, mystery writer, and Revue member Kinky Friedman, this is an unparalleled treat for Dylan fans old and new. Without question, On the Road with Bob Dylan is a remarkable, revealing piece of writing and a rare up-close and personal view of Dylan on tour. "It was at summer camp in northern Wisconsin in 1953 that I first met Bobby Zimmerman from Hibbing. He was twelve years old and he had a guitar. He would go around telling everybody that he was going to be a rock-and-roll star. I was eleven and I believed him." So begins this honest, funny, and deeply affectionate memoir of a friendship that has spanned five decades of wild adventures, soul searching conversation, musical milestones, and enduring comradeship. As Bobby Zimmerman became Bob Dylan and Louie Kemp built a successful international business, their lives diverged but their friendship held fast. No matter how much time passed between one adventure and the next, the two "boys from the North Country" picked up where they left off and shared experiences that will surprise and delight Dylan fans and anybody who loves a rollicking-good rock-and-roll memoir."--Dust jacket flap. From the world's leading authority on Bob Dylan comes the definitive biography that promises to transform our understanding of the man and musician—thanks to early access to Dylan's never-before-studied archives. In 2016 Bob Dylan sold his personal archive to the George Kaiser Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, reportedly for \$22 million. As the boxes started to arrive, the Foundation asked Clinton Heylin—author of the acclaimed Bob Dylan: Behind the Shades and 'perhaps the world's authority on all things Dylan' (Rolling Stone)—to

assess the material they had been given. What he found in Tulsa—as well as what he gleaned from other papers he had recently been given access to by Sony and the Dylan office—so changed his understanding of the artist, especially of his creative process, that he became convinced that a whole new biography was needed. It turns out that much of what previous biographers—Dylan himself included—have said is wrong. With fresh and revealing information on every page *A Restless, Hungry Feeling* tells the story of Dylan's meteoric rise to fame: his arrival in early 1961 in New York, where he is embraced by the folk scene; his elevation to spokesman of a generation whose protest songs provide the soundtrack for the burgeoning Civil Rights movement; his alleged betrayal when he 'goes electric' at Newport in 1965; his subsequent controversial world tour with a rock 'n' roll band; and the recording of his three undisputed electric masterpieces: *Bringing it All Back Home*, *Highway 61 Revisited* and *Blonde on Blonde*. At the peak of his fame in July 1966 he reportedly crashes his motorbike in Woodstock, upstate New York, and disappears from public view. When he re-emerges, he looks different, his voice sounds different, his songs are different. Clinton Heylin's meticulously researched, all-encompassing and consistently revelatory account of these fascinating early years is the closest we will ever get to a definitive life of an artist who has been the lodestar of popular culture for six decades. Bestselling author David Dalton goes in search of the real Bob Dylan in an electrifying biography that puts all the others in the shade. As an artist Bob Dylan has been a major force for half a century. As a musical influence he is without equal. Yet as a man he has always acted like an outlaw on the run, constantly seeking to cover his tracks by confounding investigators with a dizzying array of aliases, impersonations, tall tales and downright lies. David Dalton presents Dylan's extraordinary life in such a way that his subject's techniques for hiding in full sight are gradually exposed for what they are. Despite the changing images, the spiritual body swerves, the manipulative nature and the occasionally baffling lurches between making sublime music and self-indulgent whimsy, the real Bob Dylan has never been more visible. Among the eyewitnesses cited are Marianne Faithful, Allen Ginsberg, Andy Warhol, Larry 'Ratso' Sloman, Nat Hentoff, Suze Rotolo and many more. Yet in the end it is Dalton's impressive ability to find revealing patterns in Dylan's multiple disguises that reveals more than we ever expected to learn about the real man behind the Dylan legend. The meaning of Bob Dylan's songs has long been debated by fans, critics and academics. When, in 2016, Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, the significance of his songs was confirmed. Yet their meaning has never been demonstrably explained. Bob Dylan has always regarded himself as a songwriter: 'I am my words,' he wrote in 1964. Distilling a lifetime's passion and study, leading Dylan author, Clinton Heylin charts the development and

first moments of genius of this unique artist whose songs changed the world. From his first attempts at writing, *Song to Bridget*, in 1957, (apparently for Brigitte Bardot) Bob Dylan always aspired to poetry, yet his role as a writer rather than a performer of his own songs is often overlooked. In over fifty years of creativity he had penned some of the most iconic, and perfect, songs in popular history. Arriving in New York in 1961, the city had an enormous impact on the young artist and, as he established himself amongst the folk clubs and artists, he would produce songs that spoke for a whole generation: *Blowing in the Wind*, *A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall*, *The Times They Are a Changin'*, *Like a Rolling Stone*, and *Forever Young*. In *Revolution in the Air* Clinton Heylin recounts the story of each song as it is written, giving a full appreciation of the songs themselves as well as Dylan the emerging artist. Unlike any other book on Dylan, it charts his rise as a writer, where he gained his inspiration, the burst of energy which produced some of his most famous songs as well as the lesser known stories behind the more iconic verses. This is an essential book for anyone interested in Dylan and his place in literature. Informative, opinionated, packed with new insights and revelations, this is an instant classic. The only encyclopaedic sourcebook on one of the 20th century's most important artists, *Keys to the Rain: The Definitive Bob Dylan Encyclopedia* completely chronicles this music icon's recorded work. Descriptions of Dylan's 43 officially released albums and collaborative efforts, including year of release, record company, serial number information for all formats (LP, CD, and cassette), track list, musicians, and descriptive analysis of its place in Dylan's career are provided. In addition, this book offers critical and historically detailed entries on each of the more than 700 songs Dylan has recorded or performed in more than four decades of touring, including composer information, and the album on which the song appeared. Completing his reference are detailed biographical sketches of more than 100 musicians, songwriters, and other individuals associated with Dylan, and a selected list of films in which he has been involved. The acclaimed biography—now updated and revised. "Many writers have tried to probe [Dylan's] life, but never has it been done so well, so captivatingly" (The Boston Globe). Howard Sounes's *Down the Highway* broke news about Dylan's fiercely guarded personal life and set the standard as the most comprehensive and riveting biography on Bob Dylan. Now this edition continues to document the iconic songwriter's life through new interviews and reporting, covering the release of Dylan's first #1 album since the seventies, recognition from the Pulitzer Prize jury for his influence on popular culture, and the publication of his bestselling memoir, giving full appreciation to his artistic achievements and profound significance. Candid and refreshing, *Down the Highway* is a sincere tribute to Dylan's seminal place in postwar American cultural history, and remains an essential book for the

millions of people who have enjoyed Dylan's music over the years. "Irresistible . . . Finally puts Dylan the human being in the rocket's red glare." -Detroit Free Press Mesmerized by the power of Bob Dylan's lyrics and intrigued by the possibilities of translating his enigmatic personality into art, 13 leading graphic artists have banded together to create this illustrated testament to the vision of an American musical genius.

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