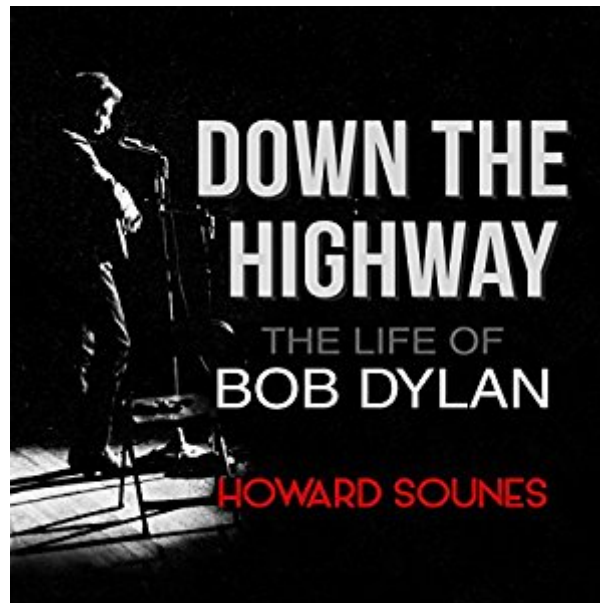




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Down The Highway: The Life Of Bob Dylan



Synopsis

Hailed as "Music Book of the Year" by Uncut magazine on publication, and a finalist for the Ralph J. Gleason Music Book Award, *Down the Highway* is an essential biography for Bob Dylan fans and all music enthusiasts, delivering the full, fascinating story of the life and work of this great artist. Author Howard Sounes interviewed more than 250 key people in Dylan's circle, and gained access to previously unseen documents, to create a fresh and compelling book that takes the reader on a journey from Dylan's childhood in a Minnesota mining town, through his rise to fame in the 1960s, to his current status as the senior figure in popular music. Howard Sounes is known for writing detailed and revelatory biographies of extraordinary personalities, including the American poet Charles Bukowski (*Locked in the Arms of a Crazy Life*) and the singer-songwriters Paul McCartney (*Fab*) and Lou Reed (*Notes from the Velvet Underground*).

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Customer Reviews

Gossipy, for those who crave "intimate" looks at the lives of others. But the real failing with Sounes's work is his analysis of Dylan's songs. Given that lyrics, like poetry, are open to interpretation, but over and over Sounes gets the song's meanings dead-wrong. "*Down the Highway*" gave me the impression that the author was more interested in exposing Dylan as an imperfect man than a great artist. In any case, the best work I've read, to date, is Paul Williams's 3-volume "*Bob Dylan Performing Artist*," which presents an interpretation and background for Dylan's output through 2001. And, of course, there are other works of merit, as well.

Interesting read if you love Bob Dylan. Seems pretty accurate. I did enjoy reading this book.

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