

10 Songs That Changed the World

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Description

The effect that a simple song can have on the world is real and tangible. The power of words, whether sung or spoken, can change minds and can move people to action. Great songs can crystallise a moment in time, or encapsulate transition in culture. They influence events and alter the course of history.

The ten songs in this book have changed the way people think and act and in so doing have changed the world. Music author June Skinner Sawyers explores the social and cultural legacy of each song. She offers a compelling in-depth history, including the circumstances under which each song was written and first performed, and then explores its lyrical and social content. She also delves into the critical and popular response to the song as well as the reactions of subsequent generations.

The 10 songs featured are: Amazing Grace – We Shall Overcome – Strange Fruit – Hound Dog – Blowin’ in the Wind – I Want to Hold Your Hand – Respect – Imagine – Anarchy in the UK – Rapper’s Delight

Including a discussion of 100 additional noteworthy songs, this book shows how we should never underestimate the power of music.

Sales Points

- Written by a respected music author with an extensive list of contacts in the music industry and the music media
- With its comprehensive scope of reference and engaging style of writing, this book will appeal to music fans and general readers alike
- Colour and black and white photographs featured throughout

Author Profile

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, June Skinner Sawyers has written and lectured extensively on music, history and popular culture. She is the author of numerous books and has edited several anthologies, including *Read the Beatles* and *Racing in the Street: The Bruce Springsteen Reader*.