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Editorial Review

Review

“Whether you’re the sort of man who knows everything from who first threw the Devil Horns to the correct pronunciation of Yngwie Malmsteen, there is something fascinating to learn from *Louder Than Hell* . . . Shed[s] new light on the making of Satan’s Music.” (*Esquire*)

“Presents the collective memory of heavy metal through the ages and eras in the voices of the men who lived it . . . It’s an aficionado’s delight.” (**New York Daily News**)

“*Louder than Hell* is a love letter to the misunderstood genre of heavy metal music, written by trusted companions who had a front row seat on the devil’s rollercoaster. The definitive chronological testimony by the people who were there, including some who are no longer with us.” (**Mark McGrath, Sugar Ray and co-host Extra**)

“A great read and an instant classic.” (*The Onion’s A.V. Club*)

“This is the best oral history I’ve read since *Please Kill Me*. *Louder than Hell* is the first book that really delivers the brutal truth from the mouths of the artists and key players themselves! I couldn’t put it down.” (**Matt Pinfield**)

“Two devil horns up!” (*USA Today*)

A compelling, first-person account of a seemingly unstoppable force . . . the book reads like an extended, uncensored, shockingly satisfying episode of VH1’s Behind the Music. (Washington Post)

“An amazingly comprehensive book on all eras and genres of hard rock and heavy metal. The stories and attention to detail make it an instant must for anyone who ever was or is a fan.” (**Eddie Trunk, DJ and host of That Metal Show on VH1 Classic**)

Often hilarious, occasionally, ‘God, I wish I hadn’t read that!’, sometimes profound, sometimes heartbreakingly, sometimes infuriating . . . no one holds back on any subject. . . you come away from this book with a crystal-clear vision of this world (The Huffington Post)

“The authors inclusiveness give this examination a weight that is just as heavy as the music.” (*Publishers Weekly*)

“A who’s who of heavy music . . . What makes *Louder Than Hell* un-put-down-able are the stories . . . Essential.” (*Revolver* (**4 stars**))

“No one’s gone quite as deep into the genre’s recesses as this 746-page oral history, which covers everything from the birth of Black Sabbath to Dave Mustaine’s departure from Metallica to the disaster that was Woodstock ‘99.” (*Rolling Stone*, **four stars**)

“Jon Wiederhorn and Katherine Turman know metal. *Louder Than Hell* is an amazing gathering of different breeds of heavy metal rockers telling the tales metal fans want to hear.” (**Tom Morello, Rage Against the**

Machine)

“If you love metal, great stories, and music history told by the people who made it, then *Louder than Hell* is a must-read. This is the book every metal fan should own. (**Alice Cooper**)

“*Louder Than Hell* comes straight from the twisted minds of rock icons and flows seamlessly through various eras of heavy metal. . . I really dig this book.” (**Riki Rachtman**)

“I’ve said thousands of times that reading ‘totally sucks.’ But this book does indeed not suck. Books on the history of even something as cool as metal can be a bit antiseptic and boring—not this one.” (**Brendon Small, Dethklok**)

“Who likes rock n roll here?? Well if you do, this is the book for you! . . . This is the definitive chronicle of all that is heavy metal and I’ve read them all!” (**Chris Jericho, Fozzy**)

“As definitive as it gets, bonding historical anecdotes to pieces of debauched mythology from the scene’s platinum superstars and fringe icons . . . as indispensable as a skull-adorned leather jacket.” (**Entertainment Weekly, A-**)

From the Back Cover

Louder Than Hell is the definitive oral history of heavy metal, crafted from more than four hundred interviews with icons of the genre from its inception to today, including Ozzy Osbourne, Eddie Van Halen, Tommy Lee, Lars Ulrich, Vince Neil, Axl Rose, Corey Taylor, Dave Grohl, Trent Reznor, Marilyn Manson, Rob Zombie, and Dimebag Darrell. From groundbreaking innovations such as the dawn of distortion and the birth of cookie monster vocals to amazing tales of destruction and wild sexcapades, *Louder Than Hell* is packed with raw, unflinching stories, eye-opening admissions, and the truth behind some of metal's wildest moments.

About the Author

Jon Wiederhorn is a veteran rock journalist who wrote the authorized biography *Ministry: The Lost Gospels of Al Jourgensen* and is currently working with Anthrax guitarist Scott Ian on his memoir *I'm the Man*, due in 2014. In the past, he has worked on editorial staffs at *Rolling Stone*, *Guitar* magazine, and MTV. He is a senior writer for *Revolver* magazine and regularly writes for major publications, including *Guitar World*, emusic.com, and *SPIN*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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