



## FICTION BOOKS

***Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow by Siobhan Curham***

*Irrepressible Stevie is determined not to be beaten and she takes inspiration from the lyrics of her father's 1980s record collection and dreams of a life as a musician.*

***Solo by Kwame Alexander***

*Blade, son of a washed-up rock star, rejects a life of fame. Unwillingly tied to a family marked by tragedy, he longs to escape the shadow of lost potential.*

***Broken Strings by Maria Farrer***

*Jess's violinist dream shatters after a failed audition. When her grandmother offers tuition in exchange for obedience, Jess uncovers a devastating secret during their shared time together.*

***Rock War by Robert Muchamore***

*Jay dreams of rock stardom, Summer balances school and caregiving, and Dylan takes life easy. Fate converges as they enter a reality TV show, "Rock War," changing their lives.*

***On the Come Up by Angie Thomas***

*Bri aspires to rap greatness, burdened by her late father's legacy. When her debut song sparks controversy, she battles media portrayal, striving to prove herself as an artist.*

## NON-FICTION BOOKS

***50 Things You Should Know About Music by Rob Baker***

A comprehensive introduction to music's diverse realms, covering genres, musicians, instruments, and global musical events. From Western rock to Mongolian throat singing, music unites humanity!

***The Ultimate Guide to Music by Joe Fullman***

A fascinating introduction to music and the orchestra for children. This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know about the subject - presented in a novel format.

***The Music Scene series by Matt Annis***

A detailed, accessible exploration of contemporary music for young readers, offering practical advice and intriguing case studies on beloved bands and artists worldwide.

***Black History Makers: Musicians by Debbie Foy***

Key musicians from black history such as Paul Robeson, Michael Jackson and Shirley Bassey. Biographies and looking at the legacy they have left behind.

***The Tom Gates Music Book by Liz Pichon***

Learn how to play all your favourite songs from the series with REAL notation for: Guitar Ukulele Piano Recorder And with notation for drums and tips and tricks for vocals!

## ONLINE ARTICLES AND MAGAZINES

[BBC Bitesize Music KS3](#)

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## PODCASTS AND MEDIA

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[Sticky Notes: Music Podcast](#)

[Strong Songs Podcast](#)





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### ***I Was Born For This* by Alice Oseman**

Angel Rahimi's life revolves around The Ark, a pop-rock trio. The fandom brings her joy, friendships, dreams, and a sense of belonging in the world alongside her friend Juliet.

### ***Sing (Like No One's Listening)* by Vanessa Jones**

Nettie, unable to sing since her mother's death, faces a challenge at a prestigious performing arts college. With everyone watching, she strives to overcome this obstacle and find her voice.

### ***Kaleidoscope Song* by Fox Benwell**

In South Africa, two young women find love through music but endure hostility for their relationship. Neo learns using her voice has unexpected challenges, revealing consequences and resilience.

### ***The Haters* by Jessie Andrews**

Three friends escape a jazz camp, navigating seedy bars, evading parents and police, and bonding in a makeshift tour bus, where romance blossoms amidst the adventure.

### ***Who put this song on?* By Morgan Parker**

Seventeen-year-old Morgan, stuck in a stifling suburb, faces therapy due to racial isolation and teasing. Battling stereotypes, she recounts a tearful summer spent in bed, confronting identity challenges.

## NON-FICTION BOOKS

### **How Music Works** by David Byrne

Byrne shows how music emerges from cultural circumstance as much as individual creativity. It is his magnum opus, and an impassioned argument about music's liberating, life-affirming power.

### **Inner City Pressure: The Story of Grime** by Dan Hancox

In the year 2000, amid Britain's millennium celebrations, a group of London teens, influenced by UK garage, hip-hop, and reggae, pioneers a dazzling new genre using stolen software and pirate radio.

### **Music Legends** by Herve Guillemot

Top 40 Famous titles explore non-fiction subjects through notable individuals or groups, with lively illustrations, concise biographies, and informative pull-out boxes for accessibility.

### **The Impact of Technology in Music** by Matt Aniss

Delve into the symbiotic relationship between music and technology, tracing how advancements over the years have revolutionized music creation.

### **The Classical Music Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained** by DK

Part of the fascinating Big Ideas series, this book tackles tricky topics and themes in a simple and easy to follow format. Learn about Classic Music in this overview guide to the subject.

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[Manwaring Music Education Blog](#)

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