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"This book does something new and different ... an exultation of the Fender Telecaster in all its forms."

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From the Back Cover

“Without the Telecaster, there would be a whole lot less music for the world to enjoy!”
—Redd Volkaert, from the afterword

Working-class hero. The ultimate blue-collar guitar. That is the Fender Telecaster. It wasn’t made to be elegant, pretty, or sophisticated. Instead, the Telecaster was designed to be the ultimate utilitarian musical instrument. And somewhere along the way, it changed the world of music.

In the hands of players from James Burton to Muddy Waters, Bruce Springsteen to Joe Strummer, the Telecaster has made the music of working people—country, blues, punk, rock ’n’ roll, even jazz.

Here is the complete tale of an electric guitar that came to work and continues to work hard more than half a century after its birth, still resonating with the purity of the first slab of swamp ash that was carved to that iconic single-cutaway design. Packed with more than 400 photos and memorabilia, plus profiles of the great Tele players, this book is a suitable tribute to the Tele.

Dig in, and feel the music.

“I’m still on the road and so is my Tele. Every hotel room I check into, the first thing I do is take the Telecaster out of its case and lean it against the wall. It looks so good.”
—Wilko Johnson, from the foreword

About the Author

Dave Hunter is an author, musician, and journalist. He is the author of several popular books about guitars, amps, and effects, including Voyageur Press's *Star Guitars*, *The Fender Stratocaster*, *The Gibson Les Paul*, and *365 Guitars, Amps & Effects You Must Play*. A regular contributor to *Guitar Player* and *Vintage Guitar*

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Wilko Johnson is best known as the frenetic guitarist for the 1970s English R&B group Dr. Feelgood, who were an acknowledged influence on the punk rock movement that followed. Mr. Johnson was also guitarist in his own band, the Solid Senders, and for a time in Ian Dury & the Blockheads. He also appeared in four episodes of Game of Thrones and in 2014 released the well-received album Going Back Home with Roger Daltrey.Redd Volkaert succeeded Roy Nichols as lead guitarist in Merle Haggard's backing band and is one of the most revered Telecaster players in the world.

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