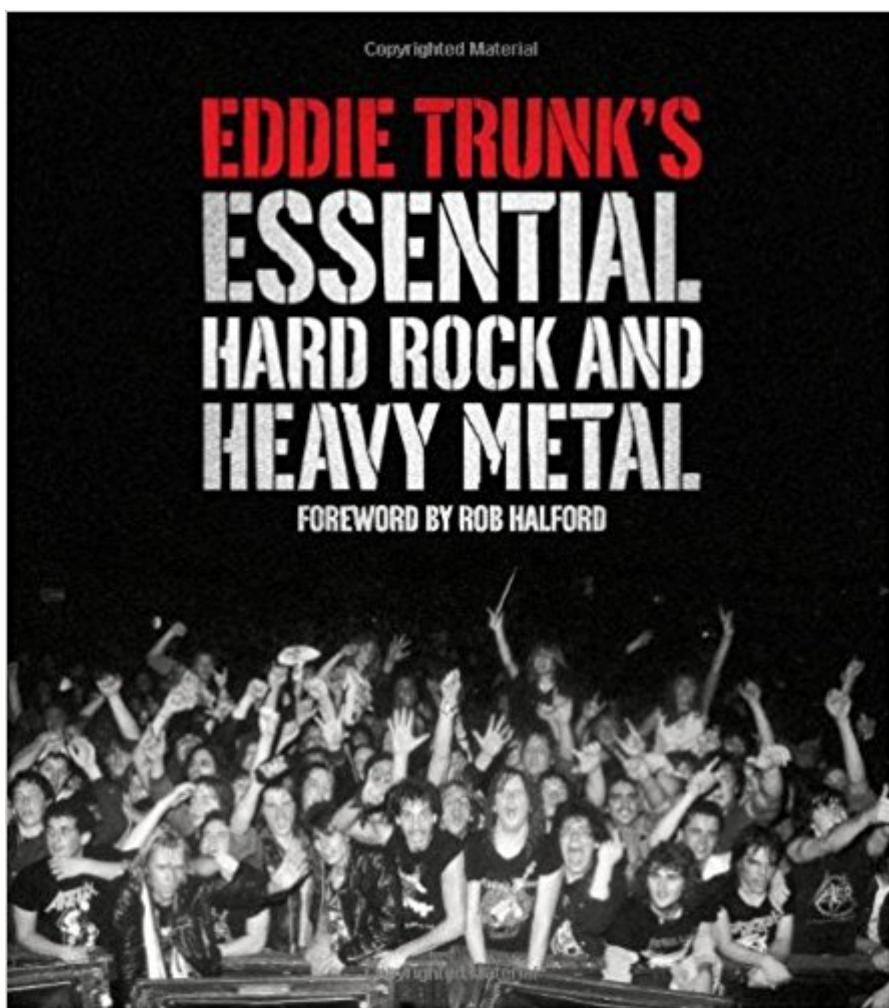


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# Eddie Trunk's Essential Hard Rock And Heavy Metal



## **Synopsis**

Known as a leading expert on all things hard rock and heavy metal, Eddie Trunk continues to entertain fans on the radio and as the host of VH1 Classic's hit television program *That Metal Show* with his passion for music. In his debut book, Eddie discusses his most essential bands, his unique personal experiences with them, his favorite "Stump the Trunk" anecdotes and trivia, as well as his favorite playlists. Whether you're a classic Metallica or Megadeth metalhead or prefer the hair metal of old-school Bon Jovi or Poison, Eddie Trunk's *Hard Rock and Heavy Metal* salutes all who are ready to rock!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Eddie Trunk has been sharing his love of hard rock and heavy metal with fans for more than twenty-five years. He is the host of VH1 Classic's *That Metal Show* and is also heard on two weekly radio shows: Eddie Trunk Live, which airs on Sirius/XM radio's Boneyard channel, and the FM-syndicated Eddie Trunk Rocks, heard live in New York City on Q104.3 and various affiliates. He lives in New Jersey.

I am an avid *That Metal Show* viewer so it only made sense for me to purchase this book. First, let me start by saying that the price of this book is a steal for what you get inside. With all of the color pictures and thickness of the pages, this book is worth more than I paid for it. Then to add the content of the book, along with the experiences of Eddy's life with these bands; it makes this book

priceless to me. If you are a die hard Hard Rock and Heavy Metal lover then this book is must have item. I do have to agree with some of the other reviews that with Eddy's knowledge there could be more in depth information in this but then again it is his first book, so maybe that means that he will write another one down the road, we fans can only hope so. Thank you Eddy for all your hard work and your extreme knowledge of the Rock N Roll industry! M/

Since I reviewed Volume Two I figure I might as well go back & review Volume One. Host of That Metal Show on VH1 Classic, NYC Radio and Sirius/XM Eddie Trunk is the Hard Rock and Heavy Metal savant. Being a fan of "That Metal Show" on VH1 Classic is how I got introduced to Eddie Trunk. Not all bands he likes are my favorites but life would be boring if everyone liked the same music. Eddie is a big UFO, KISS and RUSH fan. When he put this book out he tried to list as many bands as he could w/ limited pages. He gives my favorite Alice Cooper a good number of pages. He starts off admitting he didn't know much of Alice's music but as the article goes on he comes to realize the work Alice Cooper put out from music to theatrics that influenced a number of Hard Rock and Heavy Metal bands. If you enjoy watching "That Metal Show" this book is just an extension of the TV series. A lot of the bands in this book are the ones that are talked about on VH1 Classic. Eddie discusses 35 bands in limited detail. This isn't an extensive background on these bands but it gives you some ground work and if you are interested maybe it'll give you chance to listen to some of these bands. Eddie lists 35 bands mostly the staple ones besides Alice Cooper like AC/DC, Aerosmith, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Kiss, Judas Priest, Motley Crue, Rush, Led Zeppelin, Van Halen to name a few. There is an ending chapter titled "More Essentials" which Eddie covers a few more bands in a paragraph or 2. Also good to point out the many rare photos taken from Eddie's friend Ron Akiyama. Forward by Judas Priest Rob Halford.

A tremendous wealth of information from an industry respected and fan respected trusted biographer. You can hear the music as you read each word. Trunk puts us on stage and backstage with the roadies. He writes about the riffs that led to the breakups without salaciousness. As a preteen I worked at a Community Center as a concession stand girl. Everything was free and the local bands did a great job covering what was underground and on FM radio. It was music you could feel. It transported you to the ecclesiastica and to the guttural sounds of the underworld. Since he was a teenager he has not only gone to the concerts he knows them and has been instrumental in being a peacemaker if only for Cancer and 911 concerts.

Due to Eddie Trunk's status as the reigning trivia master of metal, a book like this was inevitable. However, if you're looking for tons of hitherto unknown facts about the band's covered, you will be disappointed. Much of the background info presented is well known to rock fans. Get the book for Trunk's great personal anecdotes about the band's and artists. I gave the book 4 stars, but it tends to be about 3 in many areas. For that reason, I won't be buying the second volume. Eddie, please write a book about the making of *That Metal Show*. That surely will contain lots of unknown facts about one of the most curious shows on television.

I'm really was never into metal in the old days. Then I started to get into "That Metal Show" on VH-1. I found myself finally understanding and getting into the old bands I grew up with. Sabbath, Zeppelin, Ozzy, and a few others. Heard many good things about Trunks book and really enjoy his knowledge and honesty. He's not a hack. He calls them like he see's them. Love his thoughts on Rock & Roll Hall of Shame. Him and Imus are the only ones with the balls to call these morons out for the fakes and frauds they truly are. Book was great. Very informative, honest, straightforward. Trunk pulls no punches. I learned a lot and will be getting Vol. 2 soon. Thanx Eddy.

Ever watch Beavis and Butthead and there's that neighbor kid who wears the Winger shirt? Well, the best way I can put it is that he's grown up and written a book about metal. People make all kinds of comments about how this book is all about Eddie and his ego but I don't get that impression at all-I think he's just a metal nerd who is stunned to find himself in the center of things and doing what he loves-so he writes about it. But that's really, other than his knowledge of band trivia, his only frame of reference. I think he's surprised as hell that he's met and hung out with the people in the book. That said-the book is ok. The best part are the little stories about the bands and that he brings a degree of insight to the bands and has some great trivia. BUT, Eddie's teenage years were very formative for him so most of the bands were popular in the 80s. Which is fine for me-I loved the 80s and I get that and I enjoy some of the autobiographies of 80s band members but...maybe not for everyone. Personally, I don't see anyone enjoying this book who was a teenager in the 90s but who knows. Also, if you get this book on kindle, I was frustrated to find that the formatting was odd- there are sidebars in the book (who knew Freddie Mercury and Billy Squier recorded together?!) but even if you change the font size these don't come up any larger on the kindle fire and are a challenge to read in

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