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*Perspectives on German Popular Music* - Michael Ahlers 2016-11-25

In this book, native popular musicologists focus on their own popular music cultures from Germany, Austria and Switzerland for the first time: from subcultural to mainstream phenomena; from the 1950s to contemporary acts. Starting with an introduction and two chapters on the histories of German popular music and its study, the volume then concentrates on focused, detailed and yet concise close readings from different perspectives (including particular historical East and West German perspectives), mostly focusing on the music and its protagonists. Moreover, these analyses deal with very original specific genres such as Schlager and Krautrock as well as transcultural genres such as Punk or Hip Hop. There are additional chapters on characteristically German developments within music media, journalism and the music industry. The book will contribute to a better understanding of German, Austrian and Swiss popular music, and will interconnect international and especially Anglo-American studies with German approaches. The book, as a consequence, will show close connections between global and local popular music cultures and diverse traditions of study.

*Heimat* - Elizabeth Boa 2000

'What this study achieves, above all else, is to underscore the constant yearning of the German psyche for a potent and cohesive identity, compelling us to ponder not only the cultural accomplishments this has inspired, but also the afflictions it has, in no small part, brought upon the nation' -Forum for Modern Language Studies  
German identity has been a controversial theme throughout the modern age, especially in the wake of unification. This study explores the theme of identity between locality and nation in literature and film from the late nineteenth-century through to the present, locating key novels and films in a wider cultural context of great significance for an understanding of German history.

*Listening to Popular Music, Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Led Zeppelin* - Theodore Gracyk 2007

Publisher description

*Bytes and Backbeats* - Steve Savage 2019-02-28

From Attali's "cold social silence" to Baudrillard's hallucinatory reality, reproduced music has long been the target of critical attack. In *Bytes and Backbeats*, however, Steve Savage deploys an innovative combination of designed recording projects, ethnographic studies of contemporary music practice, and

critical analysis to challenge many of these traditional attitudes about the creation and reception of music. Savage adopts the notion of "repurposing" as central to understanding how every aspect of musical activity, from creation to reception, has been transformed, arguing that the tension within production between a naturalizing "art" and a self-conscious "artifice" reflects and feeds into our evolving notions of creativity, authenticity, and community. At the core of the book are three original audio projects, drawing from rock & roll, jazz, and traditional African music, through which Savage is able to target areas of contemporary practice that are particularly significant in the cultural evolution of the musical experience. Each audio project includes a studio study providing context for the social and cultural analysis that follows. This work stems from Savage's experience as a professional recording engineer and record producer.

**Sounding Out Pop** - Mark Stuart Spicer 2010

Brings together a diverse collection of voices to explore a broad spectrum of popular music

**Are We Not New Wave?** - Theo Cateforis 2011-06-22

"Are We Not New Wave? is destined to become the definitive study of new wave music." -Mark Spicer, coeditor of Sounding Out Pop New wave emerged at the turn of the 1980s as a pop music movement cast in the image of punk rock's sneering demeanor, yet rendered more accessible and sophisticated. Artists such as the Cars, Devo, the Talking Heads, and the Human League leapt into the Top 40 with a novel sound that broke with the staid rock clichés of the 1970s and pointed the way to a more modern pop style. In *Are We Not New Wave?* Theo Cateforis provides the first musical and cultural history of the new wave movement, charting its rise out of mid-1970s punk to its ubiquitous early 1980s MTV presence and downfall in the mid-1980s. The book also explores the meanings behind the music's distinctive traits—its characteristic whiteness and nervousness; its playful irony, electronic melodies, and crossover experimentations. Cateforis traces new wave's modern sensibilities back to the space-age consumer culture of the late 1950s/early 1960s. Three decades after its rise and fall, new wave's influence looms large over the contemporary pop scene, recycled and celebrated not only in reunion tours, VH1 nostalgia specials, and "80s night" dance clubs but in the music of artists as diverse as Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus, and the Killers.

**A Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Music** - Tosca A. C. Lynch 2020-07-08

A COMPANION TO ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN MUSIC A comprehensive guide to music in Classical Antiquity and beyond Drawing on the latest research on the topic, *A Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Music* provides a detailed overview of the most important issues raised by the study of ancient Greek and Roman music. An international panel of contributors, including leading experts as well as emerging voices in the field, examine the ancient 'Art of the Muses' from a wide range of methodological, theoretical, and practical perspectives. Written in an engaging and accessible style, this book explores the pervasive presence of the performing arts in ancient Greek and Roman culture—ranging from musical mythology to music theory and education, as well as archaeology and the practicalities of performances in private and public contexts. But this Companion also explores the broader roles played by music in the Graeco-Roman world, examining philosophical, psychological, medical and political uses of music in antiquity, and aspects of its cultural heritage in Mediaeval and Modern times. This book debunks common myths about Greek and Roman music, casting light on yet unanswered questions thanks to newly discovered evidence. Each chapter includes a discussion of the tools or methodologies that are most appropriate to address different topics, as well as detailed case studies illustrating their effectiveness. This book Offers new research insights that

will contribute to the future developments of the field, outlining new interdisciplinary approaches to investigate the importance of performing arts in the ancient world and its reception in modern culture. Traces the history and development of ancient Greek and Roman music, including their Near Eastern roots, following a thematic approach. Showcases contributions from a wide range of disciplines and international scholarly traditions. Examines the political, social and cultural implications of music in antiquity, including ethnicity, regional identity, gender and ideology. Presents original diagrams and transcriptions of ancient scales, rhythms, and extant scores that facilitate access to these vital aspects of ancient music for scholars as well as practicing musicians. Written for a broad range of readers including classicists, musicologists, art historians, and philosophers, *A Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Music* provides a rich, informative and thought-provoking picture of ancient music in Classical Antiquity and beyond.

*The Cambridge Companion to Music in Digital Culture* - Nicholas Cook 2019-09-19  
Digital technology has profoundly transformed almost all aspects of musical culture. This book explains how and why.

*Sound Tracks* - John Connell 2003-09-02

*Sound Tracks* is the first comprehensive book on the new geography of popular music, examining the complex links between places, music and cultural identities. It provides an interdisciplinary perspective on local, national and global scenes, from the 'Mersey' and 'Icelandic' sounds to 'world music', and explores the diverse meanings of music in a range of regional contexts. In a world of intensified globalisation, links between space, music and identity are increasingly tenuous, yet places give credibility to music, not least in the 'country', and music is commonly linked to place, as a stake to originality, a claim to tradition and as a marketing device. This book develops new perspectives on these relationships and how they are situated within cultural and geographical thought.

***I Don't Sound Like Nobody*** - Albin Zak 2010-08-26

A definitive study of the most important decade in post-World War II popular music history

*Krautrock* - Ulrich Adelt 2016-08-30

The first in-depth study of one of the most influential movements of contemporary popular music

*Brill's Companion to German Platonism* - Alan Kim 2019-02-04

In *Brill's Companion to the German Platonism*, an international team of scholars traces the interpretation and appropriation of Plato among German thinkers and writers from Nicholas of Cusa to Peter Sloterdijk, with special emphasis on nineteenth- and twentieth-century reception.

***Rhymin' and Stealin'*** - Justin A Williams 2013-07-25

*Rhymin' and Stealin'* begins with a crucial premise: the fundamental element of hip-hop culture and aesthetics is the overt use of preexisting material to new ends. Whether it is taking an old dance move for a breakdancing battle, using spray paint to create street art, quoting from a famous speech, or sampling a rapper or 1970s funk song, hip-hop aesthetics involve borrowing from the past. By appropriating and reappropriating these elements, they become transformed into something new, something different, something hip-hop. *Rhymin' and Stealin'* is the first book-length study of musical borrowing in hip-hop music, which not only includes digital sampling but also demonstrates a wider web of references and quotations within the hip-hop world. Examples from Nas, Jay-Z, A Tribe Called Quest, Eminem, and many others show that the transformation of preexisting material is the fundamental element of hip-hop aesthetics. Although all music genres use and adapt preexisting material in different ways, hip-hop music celebrates and flaunts its "open source" culture through highly varied

means. It is this interest in the web of references, borrowed material, and digitally sampled sounds that forms the basis of this book—sampling and other types of borrowing becomes a framework with which to analyze hip-hop music and wider cultural trends.

**I Am Damo Suzuki** - Damo Suzuki 2019

By the time The Fall released 'I am Damo Suzuki' in the mid-1980s, the elusive legend to which the song paid tribute had returned to music. Since making his name as the vocalist of the great German band Can, Kenji 'Damo' Suzuki has united a vast range of musicians across the globe through the Damo Suzuki Band and Damo Suzuki's Network. Now in his seventh decade, Damo is as contemporary a figure as ever. I am Damo Suzuki encompasses his personal travelogue, his spiritual journey and the life-force that has allowed him to twice rise above life-threatening illness. Paul Woods' narrative—drawing on interviews with Suzuki himself, family members, bandmates and friends—evokes the decades-long odyssey of a musical enigma.

*Future Days* - David Stubbs 2015

"First published in Great Britain in 2014 by Faber and Faber Ltd"—Title page verso.

*Beyond No Future* - Mirko M. Hall 2016-09-08

The first book of its kind in English, *Beyond No Future: Cultures of German Punk* explores the texts and contexts of German punk cultures. Notwithstanding its "no future" sloganeering, punk has had a rich and complex life in German art and letters, in German urban landscapes, and in German youth culture. *Beyond No Future* collects innovative, methodologically diverse scholarly contributions on the life and legacy of these cultures. Focusing on punk politics and aesthetics in order to ask broader questions about German nationhood(s) in a period of rapid transition, this text offers a unique view of the decade bookended by the "German Autumn" and German unification. Consulting sources both published and unpublished, aesthetic and archival, *Beyond No Future's* contributors examine German punk's representational strategies, anti-historical consciousness, and refusal of programmatic intervention into contemporary political debates. Taken together, these essays demonstrate the importance of punk culture to historical, political, economic, and cultural developments taking place both in Germany and on a broader transnational scale.

*Krautrock* - Nikolaos Kotsopoulos 2009

*Krautrock: Cosmic Rock and its Legacy* charts the history of this influential music genre, from its roots in free jazz, psychedelia and the music of Karlheinz Stockhausen, to the groundbreaking experiments of Faust, Kraftwerk and Can. The late 1960s in West Germany was a period of profound breakthroughs, upheavals and reversals. Out of this climate, a music scene exploded that would forever change the face of western rock; at times anarchic, at others mystical, magickal, or utopian, it pushed rock beyond any known limits. Illustrated with concert photos, posters, record cover art and other rare visual material, and also including essays by Michel Faber, Erik Davis, David Stubbs, Ken Hollings and testimonials from Gavin Russom (Delia and Gavin/Black Meteoric Star), Plastic Crimewave, Stephen Thrower (Coil/Cyclobe), and Ann Shenton (Add N to (X)) this is an essential compendium to a music whose spirit and ideas still vibrate through contemporary culture today.

*Kraftwerk: I Was a Robot* - Wolfgang Flür 2017-05-15

Wolfgang Flür was vital cog in the Kraftwerk machine, galvanising the group's electric drum sound throughout the 1970's and propelling the rhythmic backbone of iconic albums such as *Autobahn* and *Electric Café*. *I Was A Robot* is a detailed, evocative account, written in Flür's no-nonsense style. It takes us from his youth into the band's formation and touring of their influential

works, laying bare the acrimonious break-up and court cases that later followed. This book is the final word on Kraftwerk, their continued influence and what it felt like to be a Man-Machine. "This is a first-hand account of human life inside the robot factory. A world that I could barely have imagined as a 16-year-old Kraftwerk fan stranded in a suburb on the wrong side of the river from Liverpool. A window into a world that I could never have imagined." Andy McCluskey, OMD "Kraftwerk is a myth. Wolfgang is for real. Thus handsome elder statesman of Electronic Music gives a lot of useful inside information about the Men-Machines." Rudi Esch, ELECRI\_CITY

**Powerful Voices** - Joshua S Duchan 2012-04-04

The first scholarly account of the music and culture of collegiate a cappella  
**A Companion to Literary Theory** - David H. Richter 2018-02-16

Introduces readers to the modes of literary and cultural study of the previous half century A Companion to Literary Theory is a collection of 36 original essays, all by noted scholars in their field, designed to introduce the modes and ideas of contemporary literary and cultural theory. Arranged by topic rather than chronology, in order to highlight the relationships between earlier and most recent theoretical developments, the book groups its chapters into seven convenient sections: I. Literary Form: Narrative and Poetry; II. The Task of Reading; III. Literary Locations and Cultural Studies; IV. The Politics of Literature; V. Identities; VI. Bodies and Their Minds; and VII. Scientific Inflections. Allotting proper space to all areas of theory most relevant today, this comprehensive volume features three dozen masterfully written chapters covering such subjects as: Anglo-American New Criticism; Chicago Formalism; Russian Formalism; Derrida and Deconstruction; Empathy/Affect Studies; Foucault and Poststructuralism; Marx and Marxist Literary Theory; Postcolonial Studies; Ethnic Studies; Gender Theory; Freudian Psychoanalytic Criticism; Cognitive Literary Theory; Evolutionary Literary Theory; Cybernetics and Posthumanism; and much more. Features 36 essays by noted scholars in the field Fills a growing need for companion books that can guide readers through the thicket of ideas, systems, and terminologies Presents important contemporary literary theory while examining those of the past The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Literary Theory will be welcomed by college and university students seeking an accessible and authoritative guide to the complex and often intimidating modes of literary and cultural study of the previous half century.

**Future Days** - David Stubbs 2014-08-05

West Germany following the Second World War was a country in shock: estranged from its recent history, and adrift from the rest of Europe. But this disorientating landscape proved fertile ground for a generation of musicians who, from the 1960s onwards, would develop the experimental and various sounds that became known as Krautrock. Eschewing the Anglo-American jazz/blues tradition, they took their inspiration from elsewhere: the mysticism of the East; the fractured classicism of Stockhausen; the pneumatic repetition of industry and the dense forests of the Rhineland; the endless winding of Autobahns. Faust, Neu!, Cluster, Ash Ra Tempel, Amon Düül II, Can and Kraftwerk. These may not all be household names, but the influence of their ruminative, expansive compositions upon Western popular music is incalculable. These groups were key to the development of postpunk, electronica and ambient music. Without them Bowie would not have made his Berlin trilogy, Talking Heads would have been a straight-ahead rock band, and the Pet Shop Boys would have a completely different stage act. Future Days is an in-depth study of this meditative, sometimes abstract, often very beautiful music and the groups that made it, throwing light on the social and political context that informed them. It's an indispensable book for those wanting to understand how much of today's music came about, and to discover a wealth of highly influential and pioneering

musicians.

German Pop Music - Uwe Schütte 2017-01-11

The development of German pop music represents a fascinating cultural mirror to the history of post-war Germany, reflecting sociological changes and political developments. While film studies is an already established discipline, German pop music is currently emerging as a new and exciting field of academic study. This pioneering companion is the first volume to provide a comprehensive overview of the subject, charting the development of German pop music from the post-war period 'Schlager' to the present 'Diskursrock'. Written by acknowledged experts from Germany, the UK and the US, the various chapters provide overviews of pertinent genres as well as focusing on major bands such as CAN, Kraftwerk or Rammstein. While these acts have shaped the international profile of German pop music, the volume also undertakes in-depth examinations of the specific German contributions to genres such as punk, industrial, rap and techno. The survey is concluded by an interview with the leading German pop theorist Diedrich Diederichsen. The volume constitutes an indispensable companion for any student, teacher and scholar in the area of German studies interested in contemporary popular culture.

Kraftwerk - Tim Barr 2013-08-31

The future of modern music began in Dusseldorf in 1970, when an avant-garde German band, the Organisation re-invented themselves as Kraftwerk and set in motion a train of events which introduced a whole new language into popular culture. By pre-dating electro, house, ambient and techno by more than two decades, they are quite simply the most influential band of the late 20th century. Having studied compositional theory at the Dusseldorf Conservatory, they have more in common with Stockhausen and Russian Constructivism than Chuck Berry and Andy Warhol and yet, in creating classic pop hits like 'Autobahn', 'Trans Europe Express', 'The Model' and 'Tour de France' Kraftwerk created a mass-market blueprint. The list of those directly and profoundly influenced is staggering: Bowie & Iggy Pop; Human League; disco (Giorgio Moroder's seminal work with Donna Summer); Gary Numan: Sparks; Simple Minds; Orbital; Underworld; in fact, ALL modern Dance music. As well as telling the tale of this famously enigmatic and reclusive group, Tim Barr will also speak to the full range of musicians who have been touched by Kraftwerk's extraordinary influence.

Rammstein on Fire - John T. Littlejohn 2013-09-27

This volume contains 13 original essays exploring Rammstein's stage performance and recorded works from multiple academic perspectives. Topics range from Rammstein's connection with 19th century German literature and their East German heritage to cannibalism and the supernatural. The panoramic view of approaches to Rammstein's music and performance goes beneath the surface and provides fan and scholar alike with a deeper appreciation for the band.