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The Prodigal Rogerson: The Tragic, Hilarious, and Possibly Apocryphal Story of Circle Jerks Bassist Roger Rogerson in the Golden Age of LA Punk, 1979-1996 (Scene History)



"The definitive account of 1 of hardcore punk's most enigmatic numbers." ?Lucky Lehrer, Circle Jerks drummerIn 1983, Circle Jerks bassist Roger Rogerson stole the band' and promptly dropped dead. Thirteen years later, he returned, demanded that his bandmates reunite so they could become " Though he was a founding person in the band and performed on three of their best albums, Rogerson was dropped to history.s van and dropped off the facial skin of the earth.bigger than the Beatles,"Woven from interviews of people who knew him, The Prodigal Rogerson clarifies what occurred to Rogerson, where this individual went, and who this individual was— all against the setting of the LA punk scene in its prime.



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Highly recommended! Short, quick read but extremely good. highly recommended! Yes it is short (hey it's hardcore!), but you don't have for padding because the story is laid out well and told in a manner that will keep your interest. I've been hearing the Circle Jerks since 1981, but I was totally unacquainted with this information & You might laugh, cry and shake your head on every page. It was an ideal read immediately after the Keith Morris autobiography Roger Rogerson was a fascinating character with a mysterious history that book successfully takes on. If you noticed the Circle Jerks live or treasured their albums, understand this fast-paced book. It was the perfect read immediately after the Keith Morris autobiography. Story. It's a brief, crazy & funny browse.quick read but extremely good. You'll laugh, cry and shake your mind on every page Bennett interviewed Rogerson's band members, ex-wives, old girlfriends, and a stepson, in addition to scenesters, record label owners, among others to make a portrait of Roger Rogerson through the words of these who knew him. While the pages consist of rates deftly arranged to inform a story, Bennett works as a one-guy Greek chorus throughout the book to touch upon the action and give context. Without a humor or tragedy in the conventional sense, Rogerson's strange and varied lifestyle contains areas of both. Well done. Excellent book! You'll never listen to their music the same way.



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