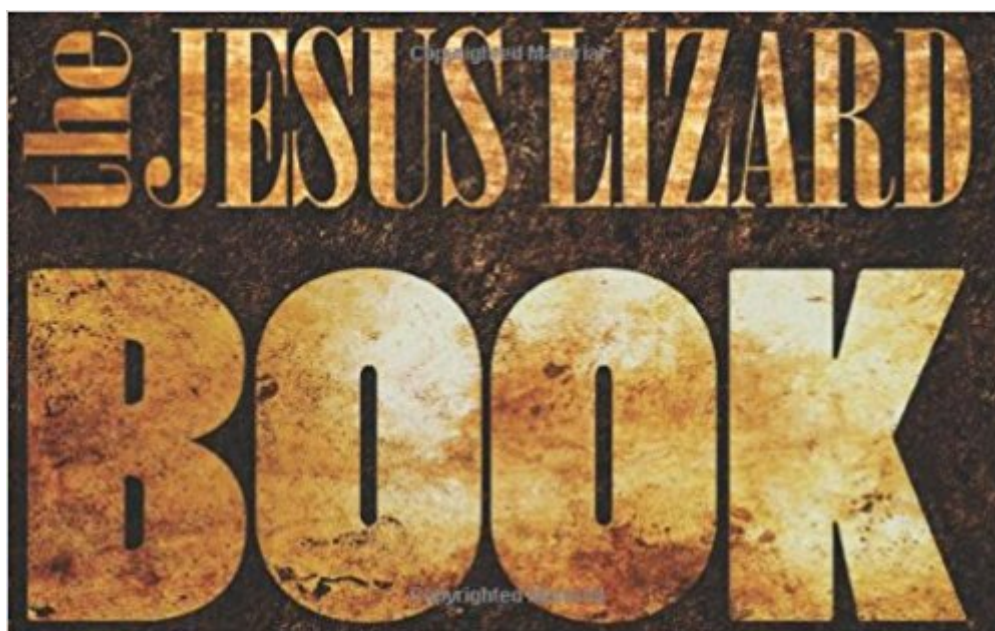


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# The Jesus Lizard Book



## Synopsis

Featured as a "This Week's Reading/What We're Loving" pick at The Paris Review Named the Best Music-Related Book of 2014 by Joel Gausten "If you're a Jesus Lizard fan or a David Yow devotee, you're sure all over this. But even if you've never heard of the band, the book stands as one of the best ways to experience being in a tight, cohesive band. You get everything except the sweat, spilled beer, and blood. It's a fun ride, and the closest thing possible to getting in the van with these guys."--Mother Jones "The Jesus Lizard Book is a beautiful document of a band that wasn't afraid to be abrasive, chaotic, brutal, and sometimes, ugly."--The Chicago Tribune/Printers Row "These guys deserve to pat themselves on the back...If the spectacular photography in The Jesus Lizard Book is to be believed, their shows resembled nothing more than that scene in Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom where some poor dude has his still-beating heart removed in an elaborate ritual."--The Paris Review "As a reader, you don't need to hear the songs to appreciate the story--and Book delivers the band right to your coffee table loud and clear."--BoingBoing.net "The gorgeously crafted, 176-page hardcover Book...dives deep and candidly into the Jesus Lizard's first decade and touches a bit on that 2009 coda, too. Through many thousands of words, hundreds of photos, and collected ephemera, it celebrates the sweat, menace, humor, musicianship, lasting power, and genitals of one of the best bands ever coughed up by the rock underground."--The Village Voice "Book is a valuable document that brings us back to the era when artists were conditioned to practice the art of self-defense."--Pitchfork "A series of essays and photos that illuminates the Jesus Lizard--humorous, jolting, sometimes surprisingly moving."--The Chicago Tribune "If there is any recurring theme within the 176 pages of the newly released The Jesus Lizard Book it's this: The Chicago-grown noise rockers will be remembered as one of the greatest live bands to ever grace--or very well desecrate--the stage."--Chicago Sun-Times "Impressively candid, informed and informative history of a remarkable group of musicians. A 'must read' for their legions of appreciative fans...Highly recommended."--Midwest Book Review "Even if you're unfamiliar with or disinterested with the band's music, Book makes for an intriguing exploration of the alternative music scene of the '90s--a short burst in time when a band as gloriously odd as The Jesus Lizard could do whatever they wanted to do and get a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."--Joel Gausten "The Jesus Lizard Book is a coffee table affair of exclusive photography, art, and other imagery with written pieces by all four members of the seminal indie rock band the Jesus Lizard. The layout is stylish and elegant, particularly in contrast with the harshness of much of the band's music. Included are many Polaroids by David Wm. Sims, a delicious recipe by David Yow, a concise list of every show the Jesus Lizard played, and writings by two producers who recorded the

band--Steve Albini and Andy Gill. There is biographical material of each member that covers childhood to the demise of the group. Other contributors include, Mike Watt, Alexander Hacke, Steve Gullick, Rebecca Gates, Jeff Lane, Sasha Frere-Jones, KRK, Bernie Bahrmassel, and many more.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

As beautiful as a drunk pissing in the corner of the Louvre, the Jesus Lizard were the last great rock band. They played art rock that rocked. The adjectives "noisy" and "abrasive" are always tossed around when describing the music of this band, but I never got that. As an alt-rock kid coming of age in the nineties, this stuff is classical music to me. BOOK is worthy of it's subject. Page after page of lovely photographs. I really enjoy the unfiltered commentary and prose from the musicians themselves, and the associates, friends, and spouses of the band as well. The Pitchfork review that summarized BOOK as a meditation on the notion of success is spot on. Also, plenty of good stuff to chew on for fans of the band who are music theory/gear nerds without getting bogged down in that stuff for regular fans. Highly highly recommended.

One of my favorite bands since I was a kid, I wasn't quite sure what to expect with this book. It's heavy on the candid photos, which are cool but don't quite capture the feel of the band's music or live performances. There's some amazing stuff in here though such as David Wm. Sims recounting info, memories, writing process, time signatures, etc. about nearly every song released by the band. There's also pages of technical mic placement and studio recording notes. Lots of stories from the

band's friends recounting how amazing they are. But I think my favorite part is the recurring image of David Yow urinating nonchalantly while walking down the street. If you're a fan of the band enough to own a few of their albums, this book is a great addition to their catalog.

I have waited for this my whole adult life. So many fuzzy memories. Thanks fellas for all the rock !

"Book" really does a great job of fleshing out what the band was like and how they grew over time. I, myself, was happy to learn that the guys got some money for all their work. They may not be billionaires but were able to make music their only job and have things to show for it, unlike many bands out there.

This book was better than I expected. I am a huge fan and seen the Jesus Lizard many times. They even included a poster from one of my favorite shows Dirt, Jesus Lizard and Sonic Youth. The writing is well done. I got this for a gift for someone special and I am probably going to order another for me.

Bought this for my boyfriend who's a huge fan. He was very pleased with the craftsmanship and overall quality. Great gift for all punks!

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