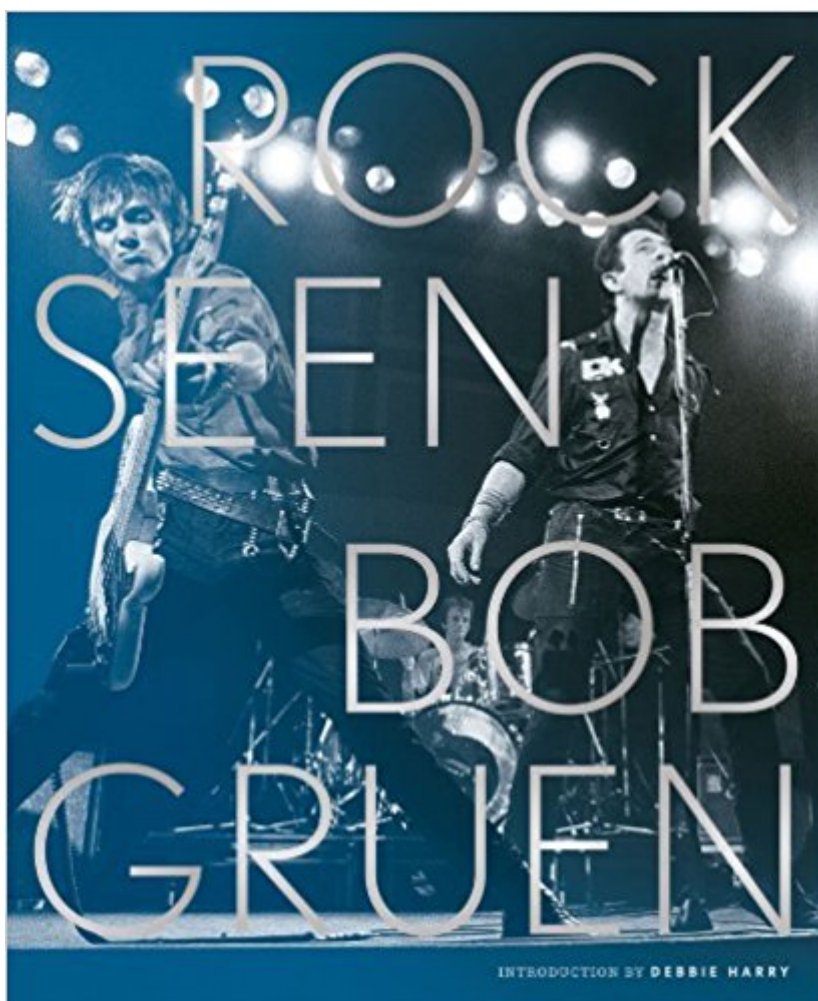


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# Rock Seen



## Synopsis

For 40 years, Bob Gruen's name has been synonymous with rock and roll. From taking early photos on tour with Ike and Tina Turner, to capturing the early CBGB/Max's Kansas City scene to covering current stadium rockers such as Green Day, Gruen has always been at the right place at the right time and he's always gotten the shot. In this lavish monograph, Gruen has curated his favorite photographs from his career, with intimate captions and behind-the-scenes anecdotes. Featuring such illustrious acts as the Clash, Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, Sex Pistols, Ramones, and more, and including an introduction by the legendary Debbie Harry of Blondie, this collection is a must-have for all fans of rock and roll. Praise for Rock Seen: "Rock Seen offers a disarmingly natural look at icons like Blondie and Cher before the era of the posed rock-star portrait kicked in." • Entertainment Weekly "Rock Seen . . . hits the high points on and off the stage in rock's past four decades." • USA Today "Go backstage with 40 years' worth of rock-and-roll images from the legendary lens of Bob Gruen, who was once John Lennon's personal photographer. From over-the-top action shots of Elton John's acrobatics to private pics of Lennon and Yoko in bed with baby Sean to boozy plane rides with the Sex Pistols, the glossy pages act as your VIP pass to the rock-star lifestyle you've dreamed of." • Marie Claire "The official monograph of rock and roll's most famous photographer, Rock Seen is a must-have for all rock fans." • RollingStone.com "Gruen had a front-row seat to the rise of many rock legends [from] Elton John to Green Day." • New York Post "If you want to give the gift of great music photos, you honestly cannot do better than these thrilling images from Bob Gruen's forty-year-long career as one of rock's iconic photographers." • Creative Loafing "It all came flooding back when I opened Bob Gruen's beautiful new book, Rock Seen, a sparkling collage of live concert shots and portraits from the last forty years." • Irish Echo

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## Customer Reviews

Bob Gruen is one of the most well-known rock-and-roll photographers of all time. For 40 years his images have appeared worldwide in every form – from T-shirts to postage stamps. He is the author of *John Lennon: The New York Years* and *New York Dolls*. He lives in New York.

Without a doubt Bob Gruen is rock music's best photographer. The combination of knowing when to take the picture and his ability to move comfortably among the artists at the right time and the right place makes every photo in this book a masterpiece. It helps if you have a love for the New York music scene that exploded through CBGBs and Max's Kansas City in the seventies, other wise you might not be that thrilled about fabulous shots of the Heartbreakers, Dictators and the Dead Boys. Still, there are plenty of stunning photos of the Stones, Zeppelin, Tina Turner, Lennon, etc., etc. for you to revel in. Many pictures were posed, but the best are the candid moments preserved forever when the stars let Bob catch them off guard. This book belongs in your home.

I absolutely loved this book! It is loaded with tons of the most treasured Rock Star Moments & Memories that us Rock & Roll Fans dream of! Bob's Photography Techniques & Style (Soft Focus), along with his Shutter Speed Manipulation Technique is inspiring especially to me; A Amateur Rock & Roll Photographer - who has had the good fortune of shooting several Musicians (Pat Travers Band, Point Blank, Queensryche "The Band", Geoff Tate's Queensryche, Yngwie Malmsteen, Cinderella's Tom Keifer, Flock of Seagulls, Aaron Carter & several other musicians). I have taken many great shots that were not "Tack Sharp", but instead "Softly Focused", and after reading & reviewing Bob Gruen's book, I realized that the most important message is that as long as a feeling is captured, it is & can be a keeper!

While the photos are good, there aren't as many rockers featured as I expected. I like the idea of the

"behind the scene" photos and appreciate Bob Gruen's talent. I just can't believe there are so few rockers shown. It becomes repetitious quickly. I wanted to give this as a gift, but will keep it myself because I do like the photos and don't think it's as good of a gift book as expected.

What a fantastic collection of photographs of some of the great stars of rock. They are truly legends in the music world. They don't make them like that anymore. The photos of Ike & Tina were awesome. I remember seeing them perform in their heyday over 40 years ago back in San Francisco and Milwaukee. A wonderful publication for anyone's library.

Wow WOW WOW!!! These photographs capture so vividly the NYC street and club scene way back when. Page by page, photo by photo was a gem to behold and to explore. Thanks Bob for the great work!!!

Very good book with many photos capturing the moment rather than ensuring the "perfect" technical shot. Well worth a look.

Incredible photos, an excellent rock star book by one of the best photographers in the scene, Bob Gruen. Is a big book, with many pages in great quality paper. A must to have if you like John Lennon, Led Zeppelin, and those 60's- 70's bands. The book alike has photo from Elvis to Green Day.

Bought this a Bday gift for my bro who is huge into Classic Rock. He loved it!!

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