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“A truly amazing body of work, with Marcus delivering insightful thoughts on a wide range of topics, including books, movies, art shows, concerts, spam emails, and, more than anything else, music. This is essential reading for anyone interested in critical writing”—Matthew Perpetua, *BuzzFeed*, “21 Great Books About Music for 2015”  
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“*Real Life Rock* collects 29 years of Greil Marcus' unique real life rock columns, each of which stuffs opinions about books, movies and politics into entries about music and vice versa. If you doubt that monthly columns assembled in bits and pieces can hold up over time, I direct you to page 141 and his remarks on a 1995 FRONTLINE documentary about Hillary Clinton. Marcus' words read like tomorrow's news and they definitely rock.”—Ken Tucker, *NPR's* “Fresh Air”  
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About the Author

**Greil Marcus's** books include *Mystery Train: Images of America in Rock 'n' Roll Music*, *Lipstick Traces: A Secret History of the Twentieth Century*, and *The History of Rock 'n' Roll in Ten Songs*. He teaches at Berkeley and the Graduate Center at the City University of New York.

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