



## Every Song Ever: Twenty Ways to Listen in an Age of Musical Plenty (Hardback)

By Ben Ratliff

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 160 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. What does it mean to listen in the digital era? Today, new technologies make it possible to roam instantly and experimentally across musical languages and generations, from Detroit techno to jam bands to baroque opera or to dive deeper into the set of tastes that we already have. Either way, we can listen to nearly anything, at any time. The possibilities in this new age of listening overturn old assumptions about what it means to properly appreciate music to be an educated listener. In *Every Song Ever*, the veteran New York Times music critic Ben Ratliff reimagines the very idea of music appreciation for our times. As familiar subdivisions like rock and jazz matter less and less and music's accessible past becomes longer and broader, listeners can put aside the intentions of composers and musicians and engage music afresh, on their own terms. Ratliff isolates signal musical traits such as repetition, speed, and virtuosity and traces them across wildly diverse recordings to reveal unexpected connections. When we listen for slowness, for instance, we may detect surprising affinities between...



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