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Review

"An entertaining, insightful book on the hold that rock music has on its most passionate and devoted fans. Anyone who's been seduced by the power of music will find something to relate to in it."—**Clive Davis**

"As intensely as any musician or songwriter, Matt Pinfield has walked the walk of rock and roll for decades and in doing so has made and enhanced the careers of dozens of great artists. He also turns out to be a revelatory writer with an ability to express emotionally powerful detail about both his own journey and those of many rock and roll greats. *All These Things That I've Done* is one of the deepest and most entertaining books ever about rock culture."--**Danny Goldberg, author *Bumping Into Geniuses***

"Pinfield deftly narrates his musical life, offering a fascinating history of rock music told from his passionate perspective...His encyclopedic knowledge of contemporary sounds makes the memoir as informative as it is personal. This is an excellent read for anyone interested in rock's history."--***Publishers Weekly***

"Matt was the Man for those of us who beheld his rock wisdom on MTV. This is his life as a raconteur, a bon vivant, but most of all a fan who never lost his raw passion and burning heart and gargantuan music appetite. He makes rock & roll fandom sound like a lifelong heroic quest—which it is."—**Rob Sheffield, author of *Love is a Mixtape***

"A charming, rambling account of a life saved by rock 'n' roll...Pinfield is a disarmingly likable guide through rock 'n' roll's twilight."--**Kirkus Reviews**

"[Pinfield's] obvious joy for getting to work with the very people who have inspired him since his early days in New Jersey, as a boy listening to records at his parents' home, fills each page with warm humor and insider's knowledge of the rock-and-roll business, from the 1980s through the present."--***Shelf Awareness***

"Beautifully crafted....Whether its encounters with The Ramones and Lou Reed or interviewing Paul McCartney, Nirvana and Jay Z, Pinfield tells each story with wit, candor and above all a love and an appreciation for the music."--***The Interrobang***

"A true story of a boy's love of music that turned into a career and gave him access to all of his heroes."--***Billboard***

"One of the defining personalities of classic-era MTV...a frank, funny new memoir."--***Salon***

About the Author

Matt Pinfield is a music personality, TV host, and video deejay on MTV and VH1. He lives in Harrison, New Jersey, and *All These Things That I've Done* is his first book.

Mitchell Cohen has written on music and film for such publications as *Creem*, *Film Comment*, *Village Voice*, *Phonograph Record*, *Musician* and *High Fidelity*, and was a senior A&R executive at Arista, Columbia and Verve Records. He has won a Clio Award, was nominated for a Grammy, and writes the culture blog *Lost In a Fool's Paradise*.

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