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Power Ballad: A Definitive Guide to Hard Rock's Softer Side Volume One revisits the decade of decadence like no other before, putting the big hair and spandex rockers' most significant pop culture contribution under the microscope. In Power Ballad, author Timothy D. Minneci dissects the history of the genre and the defining essential criteria before diving in track-by-track to determine the songs worthy of the title "Power Ballad." Born out of frustration with an internet culture that had allowed Celine Dion and other non-rock pop stars to be placed alongside Every Rose Has Its Thorn and When I See You Smile, Power Ballad seeks to reclaim the mantle for the worthy, deconstructing songwriting, influences and band histories with perceptive insight and biting humor. Because all Power Ballads were not created equal, even those who successfully survive the cut are not spared honest critiques, whether it's Aerosmith's heavy reliance on outside songwriters and Alicia Silverstone, Jon Bon Jovi's desire to write a Western concept album, or Great White's knack for writing cringe-inducing lyrics. Multi-platinum selling acts such as Def Leppard, Mötley Crüe and Whitesnake receive as much love (and scorn) as obscure lesser-knownand less successful bands like Craaft, Tyketto or Southgang, with every song getting a chance to prove its mettle. Fans of classic and hard rock can finally settle the age old debate of which songs are truly worthy of being called a Power Ballad.

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