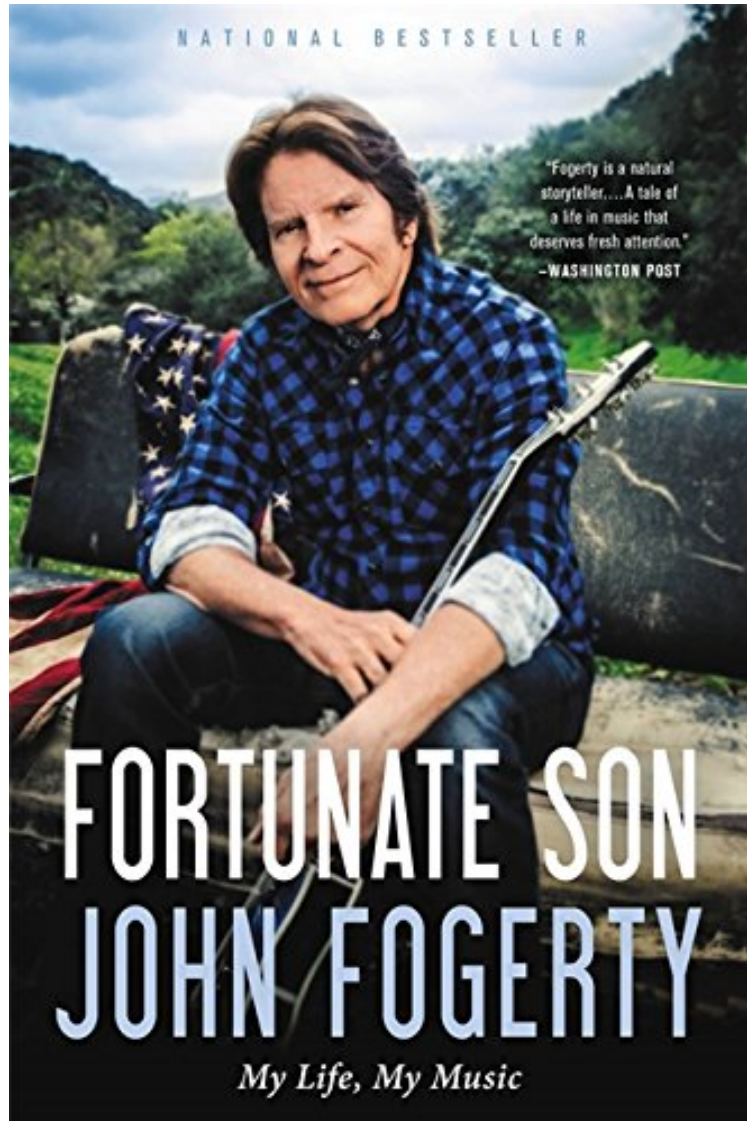


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**John Fogerty : Fortunate Son: My Life, My Music** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fortunate Son: My Life, My Music:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wow! Fascinating on so many levels! By james This book kept me thinking long after I had finished it. I kept wondering what was it about John Fogerty that made his life so difficult for so long, especially considering how cooperative, tolerant, patient and forgiving he was during many years of betrayal by those closest to him. And why was he so obsessed with achieving perfection in his music, while tolerating less than

perfection in his band mates? Many people will see him as a perfectionist, but it's not that. I decided that the word was "commitment." He was committed to his verbal agreements, his written contracts and especially to his vision of what his music should be. But after much thought I decided that wasn't exactly "it" either. Commitment is a conscious act, like a contract, and if the other party breaks the commitment, both parties are released. But John doesn't work that way. He remains "committed" no matter what. It finally occurred to me that the word is "compromise." John will not compromise with himself. It's not a conscious choice. John is "wired" that way, apparently. To compromise means losing your inner compass. You start to dissolve as a person. It doesn't matter what other people do, you have to follow through to end or you have betrayed yourself and have become your own enemy. The truly sad part of this is John was forced to violate his commitments repeatedly by those who betrayed him. Those who don't understand what makes John Fogerty tick will have a hard time understanding why the betrayals almost destroyed him. It is scary to be John Fogerty, but he has dealt with himself and come out on top. What a great story! What a unique artist! The book is also well worth reading as a biography, and as a glimpse into the early days of the rock-and-roll/pop industry. As a non-musician, I was fascinated with the descriptions of how the words and music were created. After learning how meticulous John was with each little piece of the music, I want to go back and listen again to the CCR songs to see if I can pick out those little touches.

68 of 73 people found the following review helpful. And Now You Know the Rest of the (CCR) Story! By Mike O'Connor

Creedence Clearwater is the classic story of a talented if business-naive songwriter/musician whom ran afoul of a sleazy record company who took him and the other members of his group for everywhere they could. John Fogerty's reward for giving the world such rock classics as PROUD MARY, RUN THROUGH THE JUNGLE, BORN ON THE BAYOU and SWEET HITCHHIKER was to be trapped in a twisted web of impossible contracts, shady businessmen and even betrayal by the others in the group. That he survived and eventually rediscovered his musical muse is a measure of the man. FORTUNATE SON is Fogerty's version of those tumultuous but often soul-crushing years. A 2015 Little, Brown release, FORTUNATE SON finally tells music fans 'the rest of the (CCR) story.' That story has been told over the years, sometimes in bits and pieces, sometimes in self-serving accounts by band members. Basically, Fogerty, his brother Tom, Stu Cook and Doug Clifford signed their lives, copyrights and almost all their profits away to Saul Zaentz and Fantasy Records. When CCR folded, Fogerty, being the talent in the group, found himself still chained to Zaentz in terms of new product. The money Fogerty had earned was buried in Fantasy's legal labyrinth and, despite, years of legal wrangling, never came back to him. After hitting rock bottom, Fogerty was saved by the love on a new wife and began making music again. Fogerty's book may strike some as bitter and vindictive but court battles have revealed the truth behind his statements. As far as the relationships between band members goes, things might have gone smoother if Fogerty hadn't been so forceful in his leadership role but, then again, he was the one with the vision, the music, the song ideas so who can say what might "have been better" all those years ago. In any case, FORTUNATE SON is a straight-shooting account of a guy who was there dead center in the music-making, the legal battles, the band fights, etc. In the end, it's terribly sad and grossly unfair what Fogerty went through with Fantasy Records but it's wonderful he got his groove back. It would be great if he did a sequel concentrating on the music! Recommended.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Music Law can be greedy illogical! By V. Holmes

I still don't understand how someone that had nothing to do with writing/playing/singing these songs can honestly hold them hostage. I am so glad the man loves his wife family, but the heck with anyone that came before them. Granted, the book is mainly to tell the world how dirty the music business is how friends can turn their back on you. So glad he found love more children. I imagine his first wife is glad she was in the background even though she was with him through the hits. It's amazing how a band can make money, live a nice life still forget how they got there. JC Fogerty was CCR - his sound, voice, writing. They were a tight band yet "they make their demands". Legal can be so unrealistic, but the courts can award things to people that just played like session musicians when someone else created the sound wrote the music. Oh well.... I still enjoy the remastered CD's just like it was the late 60's/early 70's again. John is still proud of the music he created the everyday fan loved/still loves!

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** The long-awaited memoir from John Fogerty, the legendary singer-songwriter and creative force behind Creedence Clearwater Revival. Creedence Clearwater Revival is one of the most important and beloved bands in the history of rock, and John Fogerty wrote, sang, and produced their instantly recognizable classics: "Proud Mary," "Bad Moon Rising," "Born on the Bayou," and more. Now he reveals how he brought CCR to number one in the world, eclipsing even the Beatles in 1969. By the next year, though, Creedence was falling apart; their amazing, enduring success exploded and faded in just a few short years. FORTUNATE SON takes readers from Fogerty's Northern California roots, through Creedence's success and the retreat from music and public life, to his hard-won revival as a solo artist who finally found love.

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About the Author John Fogerty was songwriter, lead singer, and lead guitarist for Creedence Clearwater Revival and is one of rock's most influential musicians and writers.