

## Could this be *The Best Music You've Never Heard?*

Could there have been another Dylan? Why have you never heard the Beach Boys' Adult/Child Album? Aiming to answer this and more, **Nigel Williamson** has compiled the alternative history of music in ***The Rough Guide to the Best Music You've Never Heard***.

Sifting through every genre of music imaginable, discovering the very best of its obscure artists and missing-in-action albums, this is a guide to some of the music industry's most fascinating behind the scenes stories.

From Strangely Strange's lesser known acid folk album *Nice Enough to Eat*, to Neil Young's undiscovered *Homegrown*, ***The Best Music You've Never Heard*** is a treasure trove of hidden gems, for music aficionados and novices alike.

Kicking off with singer-songwriters, Williamson - along with the help of the Evening Standard's (UK) rock and pop critic David Smyth and music journalist Robert Webb - guides the reader through the unsung heroes of Indie, the pioneers of Alternate Americana, the fraught and wronged tale of R&B and many more. Williamson not only offers a signposted journey of great albums, but also outlines the circumstances in the music industry that kept these musical jewels hidden.

"Ultimately, whether you recognize the names or not, ***The Rough Guide to the Best Music You've Never Heard*** is a book of great stories", comments author Nigel Williamson. "It's been fascinating to discover some of the music industry's most well-kept secrets."

### 5 Great Lost Albums

**Elton John** – Thom Bell Album  
**The Beach Boys** - Adult/Child  
**Bruce Springsteen** - The Ties That Bind  
**Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash** – Nashville Duets  
**Pretty Things** - Rosalyn

### 5 Could've Beens...

**Jobriath** could've been...David Bowie?  
**Jimmy Cliff** could've been...Bob Marley?  
**Pretty Things** could've been...The Rolling Stones?  
**Phil Ochs** could've been...Bob Dylan?  
**Vanilla Fudge** could've been...Led Zeppelin?

**David Ackles – could he have been Elton John?** The story of David Ackles is one such example of how the landscape of pop music could have been very different... In August of 1970 Ackles appeared at the Troubadour in LA, on the same bill as Elton John. With California's music biz elite in the audience, the concert launched Elton on the path to superstardom. Ackles, by contrast, fell back into obscurity. Some felt the industry anointed the wrong man that night and Elton himself admits "Some people don't get hyped enough. People like David Ackles. He's one of the best that America had to offer."

### Radio show!

Author Nigel Williamson, has exclusively revealed his top tracks from the book in a radio show available to download for FREE... <http://www.roughguides.com/bestmusic>  
With an exclusive track featuring Caroline Weeks from Bat for Lashes!

### ABOUT THE BOOK:

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