

A Bob Dylan Book List

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Developed for It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Reading):
A Bob Dylan Book Club
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Categories of Dylan books (see notes at end)

Belief, theology, philosophy, meanings

Song/album analysis

Tarantula

Place in culture, politics

Biography/often with song/album analysis

Authors with many titles! **Barker, Gray, Heylin, Marcus, Markhorst, Williams**

Barker (An editor of Isis Magazine, a mix of biography, performances, analysis)

Gray (a mix of cultural context, song analysis, biography)

Heylin (a mix of biography and criticism)

Marcus (a mix of criticism and cultural context)

Markhorst (books on several albums and songs)

Williams (focuses on performances)

Recording/music

On tour/performance

Photography, overviews, tributes

Visual Art, Film

Encounters with Bob Dylan

Interviews

Fandom

Places

Fellow travelers

Women's Voices

Books By Bob Dylan

Teaching Bob Dylan

Available on audible.com

Websites that list Bob Dylan books

Belief, theology, philosophy, meanings

Arnoff, Stephen Daniel. Bob Dylan: About Man and God and Law. (2022)

Barnett, Christopher B. Bob Dylan and the Spheres of Existence (Theology, Religion, and Pop Culture. (2023)

Bauldie, John (editor). Wanted Man: In Search of Bob Dylan. (1992)

Bauldie, John. The Ghost of Electricity. The Bridge [Books \(two-riders.co.uk\)](https://two-riders.co.uk)

Bauldie, John, and Bill Allison. The Chameleon Poet: Bob Dylan's Search for Self. (2021)

Benson, Carl (editor). The Bob Dylan Companion: Four Decades of Commentary. (1998)

Boucher, David, and Lucy Boucher. Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen: Deaths and Entrances. (2021)

Brown, Peter Stone. The Joker and the Thief: A Life in Pursuit of Bob Dylan. (2023)

Browning, Gary, and Constantine Sandis. Dylan at 80: It Used to Go Like That and Now It Goes Like This. (2021)

Bowden, Betsy. Performed literature: Words and Music by Bob Dylan (2001)

Corcoran, Neil (ed.) Do You, Mr. Jones? Bob Dylan with the Poets and Professors (2003)

Dalton, David. Who Is That Man? In Search of the Real Bob Dylan. (2016)

Dettmar, Kevin J. H. The Cambridge Companion to Bob Dylan. (2009)

Egan, Sean (editor). Mammoth Book of Bob Dylan. (2011)

Estanove, L., A. Grafe, A. McKeown, & C. Helie. 21st-Century Dylan: Late and Timely. (2022)

Flanagan, Bill. Written in My Soul. (1990)

Fram, F. E. The Art of Dylan. (2020)

Friedman, J. Forget About Today: Bob Dylan's Genius for (Re)Invention, Shunning the Naysayers, and Creating a Personal Revolution (2012)

Gibben, John. The Nightingale's Code: A Poetic Study of Bob Dylan. (2001)

Gilmour, Michael J. Tangled Up In the Bible: Bob Dylan and Scripture. (2004)

Gilmour, Michael J. The Gospel According to Bob Dylan: The Old, Old Story for Modern Times (2011)

Goss, Nina, and Eric Hoffman (editors). Tearing the World Apart: Bob Dylan and the Twenty-First Century (2018)

Goss, Nina, and Nick Smart (editors). Dylan at Play. Google Books.

Gutman, David (ed.) The Dylan Companion. (2001, updated from 1990 publication)

Hudson, Robert. The Monk's Record Player: Thomas Merton, Bob Dylan, and the Perilous Summer of 1966. (2018)

Hughes, John. Invisible Now: Bob Dylan in the 1960s. (2013)

Humphries, Patrick, and John Bauldie. On No, Not Another Bob Dylan Book. (1990)

Kelly, Roy. Bob Dylan's Dream: My Life With Bob. (2015).

Ledeem, Jenny. Prophecy in the Christian Era.

Leigh, Spencer. Bob Dylan: Outlaw Blues. [Bob Dylan: Outlaw Blues | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#)

Marshall, Scott M. Bob Dylan, a Spiritual Life. (2017)

Marshall, Scott, and Marcia Ford. Restless Pilgrim: The Spiritual Journey of Bob Dylan. (2002)

Mason, Phil, and others. A Voice From On High: The Prophetic Oracles of Bob Dylan. (2018)

McCarron, Andrew. Light Come Shining: The Transformations of Bob Dylan. (2017)

McGregor, Craig. Bob Dylan a Retrospective. (1972)

Mellers, Wilfrid. A Darker Shade of Pale: A Backdrop to Bob Dylan (1985)

Morley, Paul. You Lose Yourself You Reappear: The Many Voices of Bob Dylan. (2021)

Morris, Chris. Together Through Life: A Personal Journey with The Music of Bob Dylan. (2017)

Naskos, Dimitrios P. And the Nobel Prize Goes to...Bob Dylan? (2024)

Pickering, Stephen. Bob Dylan Approximately: A Portrait of the Jewish Poet in Search of God: A Midrash. (1975)

Portelli. Alessandro. Hard Rain: Bob Dylan, Oral Cultures, and the Meaning of History. (2022)

Rinzler, Alan. Bob Dylan: The Illustrated Record. (1978)

Raab, Father Christian. Walk the Line: Rock Music and the Christian Imagination. (2023)

Rogovay, Seth. Bob Dylan: Prophet, Mystic, Poet. (2012)

Scobie, Stephen. Alias Bob Dylan: Revisited. (2003)

Scobie, Stephen. Always Other Voices: Writings on Bob Dylan in the 21st Century. The Bridge, []

Stewart, Jon. Dylan, Lennon, Marx, and God. (2022)

Thomson, Elizabeth, and David Gutman. The Dylan Companion: A Collection of Essential Writing About Bob Dylan. (1990)

Unhjem, Alexander. I Was So Much Older Then: Change and Self-reflection in the Topology of Bob Dylan's Lyrics, 1962-1966. (2008)

Verneezze, Peter, and Carl Porter (editors). Bob Dylan and Philosophy: It's Alright Ma (I'm Only Thinking). (2005)

Wade, Chris. Bob Dylan Through Time. (2017)

Webbman, Alan J. The Devil and Bob Dylan: Bob Dylan and his Deal with the Devil. (2011)

Williamson, Nigel. The Dead Straight Guide to Bob Dylan. (2014)

Westlein, Richard B. 12 Rounds with Bob Dylan: the Pugilistic Poet. (2023)

Yaffe, David. Bob Dylan: Like a Complete Unknown (2012).

Zoppas, Marco. Bob Knows: Conversations with Dylanologists. (2023)

Song/album analysis

Barker, Derek. Bob Dylan: Too Much of Nothing. (2018)

Brillow, Andrea. Basement Tales: Bob Dylan – Basement Tapes on Disk. (2023)

Day, Aidan. Jokerman: Reading the Lyrics of Bob Dylan. (1988)

Gans, Terry. Surviving in a Ruthless World: Bob Dylan's Voyage to Infidels. (2020)

Gill, Andy. Don't Think Twice, It's All Right – Bob Dylan, the Early Years: the Stories Behind Every Song. (1998)

Gill, Andy. Classic Bob Dylan: My Back Pages. (1999)

Gregory, Chris. Determined to Stand: The Reinvention of Bob Dylan. (2021)

Griffin, Sid. Million Dollar Bash: Bob Dylan, the Band and Basement Tapes. (2014)

Guillez, Francois. Bob Dylan in the 2020s: Rough and Rowdy Ways, Shadow Kingdom, and All that Philosophy. (2023)

Hampton, Timothy. Bob Dylan: How the Songs Work, (originally Bob Dylan Poetics). (2019).

Harvey, Todd. The Formative Dylan: Transmission & Stylistic Influences, 1961-1963. (2001)

Hedin, Benjamin. Studio A: The Bob Dylan Reader. (2004)

Herdman, John. Voice Without Restraint: Bob Dylan's Lyrics and Their Background. (1982)

Herren, Graley. Dreams and Dialogues in Dylan's "Time Out of Mind" (2021)

Hinchey, John. Like a Complete Unknown: The Poetry of Bob Dylan's Songs 1961-1969. (2002)

Latham, Sean (editor). The World of Bob Dylan (2021)

Lepidus, Harold. Friends and Other Strangers: Bob Dylan Examined. (2017)

Mai, Ann Marie. Bob Dylan, the Poet. (2019)

Marcus, Griel. The Old Weird America: The World of Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes. (2011)

Margotin, Philippe and Jean-Michel Guesdon. All the Songs: Bob Dylan: The Story Behind Every Track. Expanded Edition (2022)

Metsa, Paul, and Rick Shefchik. Blood in the Tracks: The Minnesota Musicians Behind Dylan's Masterpiece. (2023)

Muir, Andrew. Troubadour: Early and Late Songs of Bob Dylan. (2003)

Negus, Keith. Bob Dylan. (2008) [one of the few to emphasize the music itself, melody, rhythm, etc]

Nogowski, John. Bob Dylan: a Descriptive, Critical Discography, and Filmography, 1961-2007. (2008)

Ricks, Christopher. Dylan's Visions of Sin. (2003)

Riley, Tim. Hard Rain: a Dylan Commentary. (1999)

Rollason, Christopher. Read Books, Repeat Quotations: The Literary Bob Dylan. [Books \(two-riders.co.uk\)](https://books.two-riders.co.uk) (2021)

Starr, Larry. Listening to Bob Dylan. (2021). [One of the few to focus on the music itself!]

Thomas, Richard. Why Bob Dylan Matters. (2017)

Trager, Oliver. Keys to the Rain: The Definitive Bob Dylan Encyclopedia. (2004)

Varesi, Anthony. The Bob Dylan Albums (2nd Edition). [The Bob Dylan Albums – 2nd Edition | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#)

Various Artists. Bob Dylan Revisited: 13 Graphic Interpretations of Bob Dylan's Songs. (2009)

Williamson, Nigel. The Rough Guide to Bob Dylan the Man, the Music, the Myth (2 editions) (2nd edition 2006)

(?), Steven. I Don't Love Nobody: Bob Dylan at the End of Time. Serialized on Substack, [I Don't Love Nobody: Bob Dylan at the End of Time | Steven | Substack](#)

Tarantula

Witting, Robin. Help those that cannot understand not to understand: A Guide to Reading Tarantula. (2023). [help those that cannot understand not to understand \(e-book\) | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#)

Place in culture, politics

Adamczewski, Tymon (Editor). All Along Bob Dylan: America and the World. (2021)

Banauch, Eugen. Refractions of Bob Dylan: Cultural Appropriations of an American Icon. (2015)

Boucher, David, and Gary Browning. The Political Art of Bob Dylan. (2004)

Cran, Rona. Collage in Twentieth Century Art, Literature, and Culture: Joseph Cornell, William Burroughs, Frank O'Hara, and Bob Dylan. (2014)

Doggett, Peter. Are You Ready for the Country: Elvis, Dylan, Parsons, and the Roots of Country Rock. (2001)

Dominguez, Freddy Cristobal. Bob Dylan in the Attic: The Artist as Historian. (2022)

Falco, Raphael. No One To Meet: Imitation and Originality in the Songs of Bob Dylan (2022)

Gilliland, John. Ballad in Plain D: An introduction to the Bob Dylan era. (1969)

Jones, Tudor. Bob Dylan and the British Sixties: a Cultural History. (2019)

Laurie, Gregg. Lennon, Dylan, Alice, and Jesus. (2022)

Marqusee, Mike. Chimes of Freedom: the Politics of Bob Dylan's Art. (2003)

Marqusee, Mike. Wicked Messenger: Bob Dylan and the 1960s. (2005)

Marshall, Lee. Bob Dylan: The Never Ending Star. (2007)

Miles, K.G., and Jeff Towns. Bob Dylan and Dylan Thomas: the Two Dylans (2023)

Ribakove, Sy and Barbara. Folk Rock: The Bob Dylan Story (1967; Scott Warmuth says this is the first book on Bob Dylan)

Santoro, Gene. Highway 61 Revisited: The Tangled Roots of American Jazz, Blues, Rock, & Country Music. (2004)

Shafer, John C. (translator). Trinh Cong So'n & Bob Dylan: Essays on War, Love, Songwriting, and Religion (2013 in Vietnamese) (2023)

Smiley, Larry David. Bob Dylan, Springsteen, and American Song. (2002)

Wilentz, Sean. Bob Dylan in America. (2010)

Windolf, Jim. Bob Dylan and the Beatles: Minds in Dialogue. (forthcoming)

Wolff, Daniel. Grown-up Anger: The connected mysteries of Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, and the Calumet Massacre of 1913. (2017)

Biography, often with song/album analysis

Batchelor, Bob. Bob Dylan: A Biography. (2014)

Bauldie, John, and Patrick Humphries. Absolutely Dylan: An illustrated Biography. (1991)

Bell, Ian. Time Out of Mind: the lives of Bob Dylan (2014)

Bell, Ian. Once Upon a Time: The Lives of Bob Dylan (2012)

Epstein, Daniel Mark. The Ballad of Bob Dylan: A portrait. (2011)

Geraldine, Amanda. Bob Dylan: Biography of the Greatest Songwriter. (2023)

McDougal, Dennis. Dylan: the Biography. (2014)

Polizzotti, Mark. Bob Dylan's Highway 61 Revisited (33 1/3).

Rowley, Chris. Blood on the Tracks: The Story of Bob Dylan. (1984)

Rushby, Chris. Bob Dylan: An Illustrated Biography. (2009)

Scaduto, Anthony. Bob Dylan: An Intimate Biography (1971)

Scaduto, Anthony (Stephanie Trudeau, editor). The Dylan Tapes: Friends, Players, and Lovers Talkin' Early Bob Dylan. (2022)

Shelton, Robert. No Direction Home: the Life and Music of Bob Dylan. (1986)

Shelton, Robert. No Direction Home: the Life and Music of Bob Dylan, Revised and Updated Editor. (2011)

Sounes, Howard. Down the Highway. (2014)

Southall, Brian. Treasures of Bob Dylan (2012)

Spitz, Bob. Dylan: A Biography. (1989) Williams, Richard. A Man Called Alias. (1992)

Thompson, Toby. Positively Main Street: Bob Dylan's Minnesota. (2008); earlier edition published as An Unorthodox View of Bob Dylan Positively Main Street (1971)

Authors with multiple titles! Barker, Gray, Heylin, Marcus, Markhorst, Williams

Barker (An editor of Isis Magazine, a mix of biography, performances, analysis)

Barker, Derek. Too Much of Nothing. (2018). [Too Much of Nothing \(Hardback\) | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#)

Barker, Derek. The Songs He Didn't Right: Bob Dylan Under the Influence. (2008)

Barker, Derek (editor). ISIS: A Bob Dylan Anthology. (2004)

Barker, Derek (editor). Bob Dylan: Anthology Volume 2: 20 years of ISIS.

Barker, Derek (editor). Bob Dylan Anthology, Volume 3. (2019)

Barker, Derek. Humdinger Folk Singer: The Story of Judas and the Communists, [Humdinger Folk Singer | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#), the third in a series that also includes:

Barker, Derek. As the Island Slowly Sank. (2014)

Barker, Derek. A Picnic Surprise. (2015)

Gray (a mix of cultural context, song analysis, biography)

Gray, Michael. Song and Dance Man (3 volumes being reissued)

Gray, Michael. Hand Me My Travellin' Shoes: In Search of Blind Willie McTell. (2009)

Gray, Michael. The Bob Dylan Encyclopedia. (2006)

Gray, Michael. Outtakes on Bob Dylan: Selected Writings 1967-2021. (2021)

Gray, Michael and John Bauldie. All Across the Telegraph: A Bob Dylan Handbook (1988)

Heylin (a mix of biography and criticism)

Heylin, Clinton. Saved!: The Gospel Speeches of Bob Dylan. (1990)

Heylin, Clinton. A Life in Stolen Moments. (1996)

Heylin, Clinton. Bob Dylan: Behind the Shades: Take Two. (2000)
Heylin, Clinton. Revolution in the Air: The Songs of Bob Dylan , 1957-1973. (2009)
Heylin, Clinton. Still on the Road: the Songs of Bob Dylan, 1974-2008. (2010)
Heylin, Clinton. Behind the Shades. 20TH Anniversary Edition. (2011)
Heylin, Clinton. Judas! From Forest Hills to the Free Trade Hall: A Historical View of Dylan's Big Boo. (2016)
Heylin, Clinton. Trouble in Mind: Bob Dylan's Gospel Years, What Really Happened.
Heylin, Clinton. The Double Life of Bob Dylan. Volume 1: 1941-1966, A Restless Hungry Feeling. (2021)
Heylin, Clinton. The Double Life of Bob Dylan. Volume 2: 1966-2021: Far Away From Myself. (2023)

Marcus (a mix of criticism and cultural position)

Marcus, Griel. Invisible Republic: Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes (1998) Also published as The Old, Weird America: The World of Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes.
Marcus, Griel. The Old Weird America: The World of Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes. (2011)
Marcus, Griel. Folk Music: a Bob Dylan Biography in Seven Songs (2022)
Marcus, Griel. Like a Rolling Stone: Bob Dylan at the Crossroads. (2003)
Marcus, Greil. Bob Dylan: Writings 1968-2010.

Markhorst, Jochen. [The joy of being a Dylan author | Untold Dylan \(bob-dylan.org.uk\)](https://www.bob-dylan.org.uk)

Markhorst, Jochen. Blood on the Tracks: Dylan's Masterpiece in Blue. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Blonde on Blonde: Bob Dylan's Mercurial Masterpiece. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Where Are You Tonight? Bob Dylan's Hused-up Classic from 1978. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Desolation Row: Bob Dylan's Poetic Letter from 1965. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Basement Tapes: Bob Dylan's Summer of 1967. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Mississippi: Bob Dylan's Midlife Masterpiece. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits. (2021)
Markhorst, Jochen. John Wesley Harding: Bob Dylan Meets Kafka in Nashville. (2020)
Markhorst, Jochen. Tombstone Blues b/w Jet Pilot: Dylan Lookin' for the Fuse. (2021)
Markhorst, Jochen. Street-Legal: Bob Dylan's Unpolished Gem from 1978. (2021)
Markhorst, Jochen. Bringing It All Back Home: Bob Dylan's 2nd Big Bang. (2021)
Markhorst, Jochen. Time Out of Mind: The Rising of an Old Master. (2022)
Markhorst, Jochen. Crossing the Rubicon: Dylan's Latter Day Classic. (2022)
Markhorst, Jochen. Nashville Skyline: Bob Dylan's Other Type of Music. (2023)
Markhorst, Jochen. I Contain Multitudes: Bob Dylan's Account of the Long Strange Trip. (2023)
Markhorst, Jochen. Bob Dylan's Rough and Rowdy Ways – Side B. (2023)

Williams (a focus on performances)

Williams, Paul. Bob Dylan Performing Artist.
Williams, Paul. Bob Dylan Performing Artist: the early years 1960-1973. (1991)
Williams, Paul. Bob Dylan Performing Artist 1974-1986.
Williams, Paul. Bob Dylan Performing Artist The Middle Years.
Williams, Paul. Bob Dylan Performing Artist 1986-1990 & Beyond: Mind Out of Time.
Williams, Paul. Watching the River Flow – Observations on his Art-in-progress, 1966-1995. (1996)
Williams, Paul. Dylan—What Happened. (1979)

Recording/music

Barker, Derek. The Songs He Didn't Right: Bob Dylan Under the Influence. (2008)
Berger, Glenn. Never Say No To a Rock Star: In the Studio with Dylan, Sinatra, Jagger and More. (2016)
Bream, Jon. Dylan: Disc by Disc. (2015)
Brooks, Harvey, Frank Beacham, and Bonnie Brooks. View From the Bottom: 50 Years of Playing with Bob Dylan, The Doors, Miles Davis, and Everybody Else. (2022)
Cable, Paul. Bob Dylan, His Unreleased Recordings. (1980)
Gill, Andy, and Kevin Odegard. A Simple Twist of Fate: the Making of Blood on the Tracks. (2005)
Irwin, Colin. Bob Dylan: Highway 61 Revisited. (2007)

Krogsgaard, Michael. *Positively Bob Dylan: A Thirty-Year Discography, Concert & Recording Session Guide, 1960-1991*.
Lewis, John. *Whirly Gig: Inside the Time Out of Mind Sessions*.
Padgett, Ray. *Pledging My Time: Conversations with Dylan Band Members* (2023)
Sanders, Daryl. *That Thin, Wild Mercury Sound: Dylan, Nashville, and the Making of Blonde on Blonde*. (2018)

On tour/performance

Bjorner, Olof. *Olof's Files: A Performance Guide*. Multiple volumes covering different years.
Callahan, Erin C., and Court Carney (editors). *The Politics and Power of Bob Dylan's Live Performances: Play a Song for Me* (1st edition). (2023)
Cossu, Andrea. *It Ain't Me Babe: Bob Dylan and the Performance of Authenticity*. (2012)
Fong-Torres, Ben and others. *Knockin' On Dylan's Door: On the Road in '74*. (1974)
Howard, Mark, and Chris Howard. *Listen Up! Recording Music with Bob Dylan, Neil Young, U2, R.E.M., the Tragically Hig, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tom Waits*. (2019)
Ingate, Matthew. *Together Through Life: My Never Ending Tour with Bob Dylan*. (2022)
Krogsgaard, Michael. *Positively Bob Dylan: A Thirty-Year Discography, Concert & Recording Session Guide, 1960-1991*.
Lindh, Anders. *Bob Dylan In Performance: A Filmography. Inside the Museum and on to 1998*. [Books \(two-riders.co.uk\)](https://www.two-riders.co.uk)
Lindh, Anders. *Bob Dylan in Performance: A Filmography. 1962-1987*. [Books \(two-riders.co.uk\)](https://www.two-riders.co.uk)
Marisco, Tony. *Late Nights with Bob Dylan*. (2008)
Muir, Andrew. *Razor's Edge: Bob Dylan & the Never Ending Tour*. (2001)
Nainby, Keith, and John M. Radosta. *Bob Dylan in Performance: Song, Stage, and Screen*.
Padgett, Ray. *Pledging My Time: Conversations with Dylan Band Members* (2023)
Shepard, Sam. *Rolling Thunder Logbook*. (2004)
Sloman, Larry "Ratso". *On the Road with Bob Dylan*. (2013)
Wald, Elijah. *Dylan Goes Electric: Newport, Seeger, Dylan, and the Night that Split the Sixties*. (2015)
Wyvill, Mike, and John Wraith. *Take the High Road: Bob Dylan's 2021-2022 Concerts*. [TAKE THE HIGH ROAD | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](https://www.isismagazine.com)

Photography & overviews

Blake, Mark (editor). *Dylan: Visions, Portraits, and Back Pages*. (2005)
Cohen, John. *Here and Gone, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie and the 1960s*. (2014)
Cohen, John. *Young Bob: John Cohen's Early Photographs of Bob Dylan*. (2003)
Cott, Jonathan. *Dylan*. (1984).
Davidson, Mark, and Parker Fishel. *Bob Dylan: Mixing up the Medicine* (to be issued October 24, 2023)
Feinstein, Barry. *Early Dylan*.
Gilbert, Douglas R. *Forever Young: Photographs of Bob Dylan*. (2005)
Kramer, Daniel. *Bob Dylan*.
Kramer, Daniel. *Bob Dylan: A Year and a Day*.
Kramer, Daniel, Jim Marshall, and Arlo Guthrie. *Early Dylan*. (1999)
Lee, C.P. (with photographs by Paul Kelly). *Like the Night (Revisited): Bob Dylan and the Road to the Manchester Free Trade Hall*. (1998)
Russell, Ted. *Bob Dylan: NYC 1961-1964*. (2015)
Santelli, Robert. *The Bob Dylan Scrapbook: 1956-1966*. (2005)
Schatzberg, Jerry. *Dylan by Schatzberg*. (2018)
Shapiro, Harry. *Bob Dylan: His Life in Pictures*. (2019)
Silkman, Ty. *Bob Dylan: Alias Anything You Please*. (2009)
Southall, Brian. *Bob Dylan: The Story of the World's Greatest Singer-Songwriter* (2015)

Visual art, film

Elderfield, John. *Bob Dylan: The Brazil Series*. (2010)
Hodgers, Jonathan. *Bob Dylan on Film: The Intersection of Music and Visuals*. (2024)
Lee, C.P. *Like a Bullet of Light: the Films of Bob Dylan*. (2000)
Nogowski, John. *Bob Dylan: a Descriptive, Critical Discography, and Filmography, 1961-2007*. (2008)

Milne, Larry. Hearts of Fire, A novel based on the screenplay written by Scott Richardson and Joe Eszterhas. (1987)
Pennebaker, D.A. Don't Look Back. (1968)
Tsika, Noah. I'm Not There (21st Century Film Essentials). (2023)

Encounters

Johnson, Tracy. Encounters with Bob Dylan. (2000)

Interviews

Cott, Jonathan (editor). Dylan on Dylan: The Essential Interviews. (2006)
Brillo, Paolo. No Such Thing as Forever: Images from 30 Years of the Never Ending Tour 2989-3029. (2021)
Burger, Jeff (editor). Dylan on Dylan: Interviews and Encounters (2018)
Ellison, James. Younger Than That Now: The Collected Interviews with Bob Dylan. (2004)
Fong-Torres, Ben. (editor). The Rolling Stones Interviews. Volume 2. (1973)
Giuliano, Geoffrey. There is a series of short recordings on audible.com which bear the subtitles The Lost Interviews.
Williams, Christian. Bob Dylan: In His Own Words. (1993)

Fandom

Cossar, Neil. Bob Dylan: The Day I Was There (2017)
Kinney, David. The Dylanologists: Adventures in the Land of Bob. (2015); see [From Fandom to Obsession: The Cult Following of Bob Dylan - YouTube](#)
Kortes, Mary Lee. Dreaming of Dylan: 115 Dreams About Bob. (2018)
Zaran, Lisa. Dear Bob.

Places

Bob Dylan's Hibbing (EDLIS Café Series) (2019)
Engel, Dave. Just Like Bob Zimmerman's Blues: Dylan in Minnesota. (1997)
Foulk, Ray, and Caroline Foulk. Stealing Bob Dylan from Woodstock: When the World Came to the Isle of Wight. Volume 1. (2015)
Miles, K.G., and Jackie Lees. Bob Dylan in London: Troubadour Tales (2021)
Miles, K.G., with contributors. Bob Dylan In the Big Apple: Troubadour Tales of New York. (2022)
Miles, K.G., with contributions from Paul Metsa, Ed Newman, Marc Percansky and Matt Steichen. Bob Dylan in Minnesota: Troubadour tales from Duluth, Hibbing, and Dinkytown. (2023)
Newman, Martin. Bob Dylan's Malibu. (EDLIS Café Series) (2021)
Sawyers, June. Bob Dylan's New York. (2022)
Sheehy, Colleen J., and Thomas Swiss (editors). Highway 61 Revisited: Bob Dylan's Road from Minnesota to the World.
Thompson, Toby. Positively Main Street: Bob Dylan's Minnesota. (2008); earlier edition published as An Unorthodox View of Bob Dylan Positively Main Street (1971)
Weissman, Dick. Bob Dylan's New York, a Historic Guide. (2022)
Woliver, Robbie. Hoot! A 25-year history of the Greenwich Village Music Scene. (1994)

Fellow travelers

Ash, Niema. Nomad Girl: Adventures with Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, The Dalai Lama, and more. (2022)
Baez, Joan. And a Voice to Sing With: A memoir (1989)
Barone, Richard. Music + Revolution: Greenwich Village in the 1960s. (2022)
Barretta, Scott. The Conscience of the Folk Rival, the Writings of Israel "Izzy" Young. (2012)
Carpenter, Davian A. Lead Belly, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and American Folk Outlaw Performance. (2019)
Dann, David. Guitar King: Michael Bloomfield's Life in the Blues. (2020)
Goodman, Fred. The Mansion on the Hill: Dylan, Young, Geffen, Springsteen, and the Head-on Collisions of Rock and Commerce. (1997)
Guthrie, Woody. Bound for Glory. (1943)
Hajdu, David. Positively 4th Street: The Lives and Times of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Mimi Baez Farina, and Richard Farina. (2004)

Harris, Craig. *The Band: Pioneers of Americana Music* (2014)

Helm, Leon. *This Wheel's On Fire: Levon Helm and the Story of the Band*. (1993)

Hilburn, Robert. *Paul Simon, the life*. (2018)

Hoskyns, Barney. *Small Town Talk: Bob Dylan, the Band, Van Morrison, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and Friends in the Wild Years of Woodstock* (2016)

Hoskyns, Barney. *Across the Great Divide: The Band and America*. (1993)

Jackson, Blair. *Garcia*. (1999)

Kemp, Louis. *Dylan & Me: 50 Years of Adventures*. (2019)

MacKay, Kathleen. *Bob Dylan: Intimate Insights from Friends and Fellow Musicians*. (2007)

Maymudes, Jacob, and Victor Maymudes. *Another Side of Bob Dylan: A Personal History on the Road and Off the Tracks*. (2014)

McKenzie, Peter. K. *Bob Dylan: On a Couch & Fifty Cents a Day*. (2021)

Norman, Philip. *George Harrison, the Reluctant Beatle*. (2023)

O'Dell, Chris. *Miss O'Dell: My Hard Days and Long Nights with the Beatles, the Stones, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and the Women They Loved*. (2009)

Remnick, David. *Holding the Note: Profiles in Popular Music*. (2023)

Robertson, Robbie. *Testimony* (2016)

Rogan, Johnny. *Byrds: Requiem for the Timeless, Volume 1* (2011)

Rogan, Johnny. *Byrds: Requiem for the Timeless, Volume 2* (2017)

Rose, Caryn. *Why Patti Smith Matters* (2022)

Rotolo, Suze. *A Freewheelin' Time: A memoir of Greenwich Village in the Sixties* (2008)

Shain, Britta Lee. *Seeing the Real You at Last: Live and love on the road with Bob Dylan*. (2016)

Thal, Terri. *My Greenwich Village: Dave, Bob, and Me*. (2023). [MY GREENWICH VILLAGE Dave, Bob and Me | Bob Dylan](#)
[ISIS Magazine](#)

Thomas, Nick. *The Traveling Wilburys: The Biography* (2017)

Thompson, Graeme. *George Harrison: Behind the Locked Door* (2016)

Van Ronk, Dave. *The Mayor of MacDougal Street: A Memoir*. (2012)

Von Schmidt, Eric, and Jim Rooney. *Baby Let Me Fall You Down*. (1979)

Ward, Ed. *Michael Bloomfield, the Rise and Fall of an American Guitar Hero*. (2016)

Weiner, Howard. *Dylan and the Grateful Dead: A Tale of Twisted Fate*. (2017)

Yaffe, David. *Reckless Daughter: A Portrait of Joni Mitchell* (2017)

Zanes, Warren. *Petty: The Biography* (2016)

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Ash, Niema. *Nomad Girl: Adventures with Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, The Dalai Lama, and more*. (2022)

Baez, Joan. *And a Voice to Sing With: A memoir* (1989)

Bowden, Betsy. *Performed literature: Words and Music by Bob Dylan* (2001; this book is based on Bowden's PhD thesis at Berkeley in 1978 which is reported to be the first ever PhD thesis on Bob Dylan; an earlier version of the book was published by Indiana University Press in 1982)

Brillow, Andrea. *Basement Tales: Bob Dylan – Basement Tapes on Disk*. (2023)

Brooks, Harvey, Frank Beacham, and Bonnie Brooks. *View From the Bottom: 50 Years of Playing with Bob Dylan, The Doors, Miles Davis, and Everybody Else*. (2022)

Browning, Gary, and Constantine Sandis. *Dylan at 80: It Used to Go Like That and Now It Goes Like This*. (2021)

Callahan, Erin C., and Court Carney (editors). *The Politics and Power of Bob Dylan's Live Performances: Play a Song for Me* (1st edition). (2023)

Cossu, Andrea. *It Ain't Me Babe: Bob Dylan and the Performance of Authenticity*. (2012)

Cran, Rona. *Collage in Twentieth Century Art, Literature, and Culture: Joseph Cornell, William Burroughs, Frank O'Hara, and Bob Dylan*. (2014)

Goss, Nina, and Eric Hoffman (editors). *Tearing the World Apart: Bob Dylan and the Twenty-First Century* (2018)

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Foulk, Ray, and Caroline Foulk. Stealing Bob Dylan from Woodstock: When the World Came to the Isle of Wight. Volume 1. (2015)

Latham, Sean (editor). The World of Bob Dylan (2021)

Ledeen, Jenny. Prophecy in the Christian Era.

Kortes, Mary Lee. Dreaming of Dylan: 115 Dreams About Bob Dylan. (2018)

Marshall, Scott, and Marcia Ford. Restless Pilgrim: The Spiritual Journey of Bob Dylan. (2002)

MacKay, Kathleen. Bob Dylan: Intimate Insights from Friends and Fellow Musicians. (2007)

Mai, Ann Marie. Bob Dylan, the Poet. (2019)

Miles, K.G., and Jackie Lees. Bob Dylan in London: Troubadour Tales (2021)

O'Dell, Chris. Miss O'Dell: My Hard Days and Long Nights with the Beatles, the Stones, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and the Women They Loved. (2009)

Ribakove, Sy and Barbara Ribakove. Folk Rock: The Bob Dylan Story (1967; Scott Warmth says this is the first book)

Rotolo, Suze. A Freewheelin' Time: A memoir of Greenwich Village in the Sixties (2008)

Sawyers, June. Bob Dylan's New York. (2022)

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Thal, Terri. My Greenwich Village: Dave, Bob, and Me. (2023). [MY GREENWICH VILLAGE Dave, Bob and Me | Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine](#)

Tomson, Elizabeth, and David Gutman. The Dylan Companion: A Collection of Essential Writing About Bob Dylan. (1990)

Zaran, Lisa. Dear Bob.

Books By Bob Dylan

The Philosophy of Modern Song (2022)

Chronicles Volume One (2004)

Tarantula (1971)

Hollywood Foto-Rhetoric: The Lost Manuscript (Bob Dylan text, Barry Feinstein photos) (2008)

Lyrics 1961-2012 (2016)

Lyrics 1962-1985 (1985)

Writings and Drawings (1973)

Teaching Bob Dylan

Faulk, Barry J. and Brady Harrison. Teaching Bob Dylan. (forthcoming in 2024)

Available on audible.com (*that site also lists podcasts and short contributions that are overviews*)

Bell, Ian. Time Out of Mind: the lives of Bob Dylan (2014)

Brooks, Harvey, Frank Beacham, and Bonnie Brooks. View From the Bottom: 50 Years of Playing with Bob Dylan, The Doors, Miles Davis, and Everybody Else. (2022)

Dalton, David. Who Is That Man? In Search of the Real Bob Dylan. (2016)

Dann, David. Guitar King: Michael Bloomfield's Life in the Blues. (2020)

Dominguez, Freddy Cristobal. Bob Dylan in the Attic: The Artist as Historian. (2022)

Epstein, Daniel Mark. The Ballad of Bob Dylan: A portrait. (2011)

Falco, Raphael. No One To Meet: Imitation and Originality in the Songs of Bob Dylan (2022)

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Goss, Nina, and Eric Hoffman (editors). Tearing the World Apart: Bob Dylan and the Twenty-First Century (2018)

Hajdu, David. Positively 4th Street: The Lives and Times of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Mimi Baez Farina, and Richard Farina. (2004)

Heylin, Clinton. The Double Life of Bob Dylan. 2 volumes. Volume 1: 1941-1966, A Restless Hungry Feeling. (2021)

Hoskyns, Barney. Small Town Talk: Bob Dylan, the Band, Van Morrison, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and Friends in the Wild Years of Woodstock (2016)

Latham, Sean (editor). The World of Bob Dylan (2021)

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McCarron, Andrew. Light Come Shining: The Transformations of Bob Dylan. (2017)
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Sanders, Daryl. That Thin, Wild Mercury Sound: Dylan, Nashville, and the Making of Blonde on Blonde. (2018)
Sloman, Larry "Ratso". On the Road with Bob Dylan. (2013)
Sounes, Howard. Down the Highway. (2014)
Thomas, Richard. Why Bob Dylan Matters. (2017)
Westlein, Richard B. 12 Rounds with Bob Dylan: the Pugilistic Poet. (2023)
Wilentz, Sean. Bob Dylan in America. (2010)
Wolff, Daniel. Grown-up Anger: The connected mysteries of Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, and the Calumet Massacre of 1913. (2017)
Several of Dylan's own books are also available: The Philosophy of Modern Song (2022), Chronicles Volume One (2004), Tarantula (1971)

Websites that carry lists of books about Bob Dylan

[Come Writers And Critics, The Bob Dylan paper site \(bobdylan-comewritersandcritics.com\)](#)

[Bob Dylan ISIS Magazine | Run By Dylan Fans – For Dylan Fans](#)

Note 1: publishers are not listed with the hopes that they can be easily found online.

Note 2: dates may be misleading because they may be dates of reissue, with or without updates, and because some dates may be only for the issue date of audible versions rather than the original publication date

Note 3: like Dylan himself, the books don't fit easily into categories! And most books could be put in more than one category. But there are so many books we wanted to supply a "way in" to this diversity.

Note 4: We avoided books that seemed promotional—these rehash old information, present seemingly no new research, and repeat well-known photos. These books seem exploitive of Dylan but not essential. Children's books, lyric and song books, and unpublished dissertations and theses are not included. Only books available in English are listed.

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