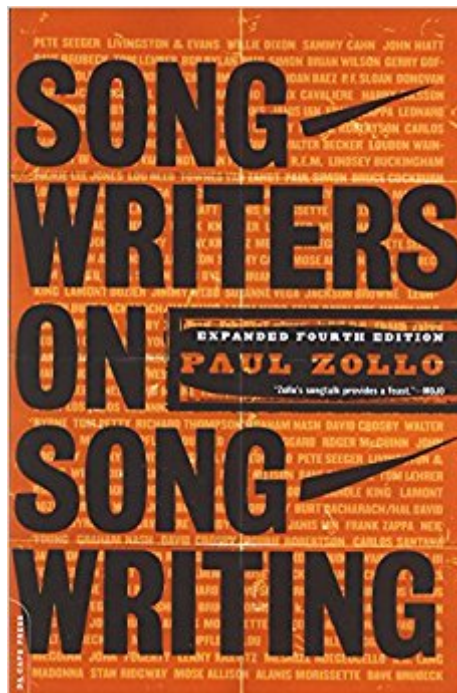


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# Songwriters On Songwriting: Revised And Expanded



## Synopsis

This expanded fourth edition of *Songwriters on Songwriting* includes ten new interviews--with Alanis Morissette, Lenny Kravitz, Lou Reed, and others. In these pages, sixty-two of the greatest songwriters of our time go straight to the source of the magic of songwriting by offering their thoughts, feelings, and opinions on their art. Representing almost every genre of popular music, from blues to pop to rock, here are the figures that have shaped American music as we know it.

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Paul Zollo, a singer-songwriter and the editor of *SongTalk*, has written for magazines such as *Sing Out!*, *Acoustic Guitar*, *Musician*, and more. He lives in Hollywood, California.

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I learned of this book from BrainPickings blog, and wanted to do what I could for that blogger (whenever someone buys a book from the link on her page, she gets 10% profit)...I cannot rave enough about this book. I recommend it to every struggling writer and musician...as well as to the successful ones! I love this book so much, I wrote a little blog post about it on my own website (shameless self-promotion):[...]Zollo has such pointed questions for each of his interviewees, and each songwriter has their own inspirational take on what it means to be a songwriter, the ups-and-downs, the hilarity, the despondency. This is one of the best books I have ever read both for its delight and its thought-provoking content. My only criticism...I wish that Zollo had been able to interview musicians like David Bowie or Joni Mitchell, but I suppose there's only so many fabulous people you can get a hold of.

This book is absolutely amazing if you wish to take a break from all the technicalities of producing great music and wish to focus more on actually writing great songs. I ordered mine from Doggy Doo Books here and their service was just outstanding when it came to my package getting lost and they promptly sent me another one. I don't know if I was speaking with the owner of that establishment but it was extremely pleasant talking to him about my issue and very professional.

Extraordinary. Mr. Zollo takes us intimate hearts and souls of America, and the worlds greatest songwriters. ... It is a magical mystical ride from the first page until the last, Mr. Zollos own talent and history if songwriting beginning at a very tender age is moving as well. There is a magical thread amongst all the songwriters of which are included in this magnificent piece of work. The book is a brilliant concept brought to life by a brilliant writer. Truly..... A book for the ages.....

If you are in the business this should be a must read - especially if you are a songwriter. It is important to know about American music history and American songwriters. The book covers pretty much everyone who has been anyone (or worked with others who are no longer here to tell their story) in the songwriting world. Not only are the stories interesting how certain standards were written but also you will find great advice to help you in your songwriting career.

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