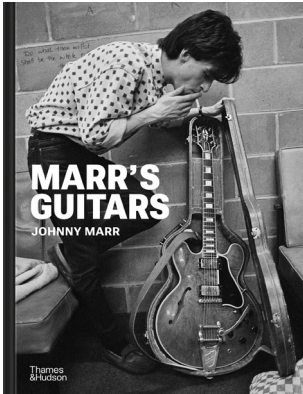


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## Marr's Guitars

Johnny Marr

### Key Sales Information

- Showcasing new photography of more than 100 one-of-a-kind guitars whether now owned or once owned by Johnny Marr, each paired with detailed captions and fascinating personal reflections by Marr.
- Featuring influential guitars that have shaped the sound of Marr and other iconic musicians, including Pete Townshend, Nile Rodgers, Chrissie Hynde and Noel Gallagher.
- Tells the story of rock and pop of the last 40 years through the unique prism of Marr's personal experiences and guitar playing.
- Johnny Marr has pledged commitment to publicizing the book.

### Description

**A stunning photographic presentation of the guitars that defined the distinctive sounds and style of Johnny Marr with personal reflections and insights from the legendary guitarist himself.**

*'Guitars have been the obsession of my life ... they've been a mission and sometimes a lifeline' – Johnny Marr*

The guitarist's guitarist, Johnny Marr redefined music for a generation. His ringing arpeggios and chordal innovations helped elevate The Smiths to be one of the most influential and important British bands of all time.

Tracing Marr's career from his teenage years to his recent work on the Bond soundtrack, *Marr's Guitars* showcases the most significant of Marr's superb collection of electric and acoustic guitars, revealing through them the evolution of his iconic sound and style of playing. Each guitar is identified with a crucial moment, a specific song or a particular sound, and each embodies a key aspect of Marr's lifelong passion.

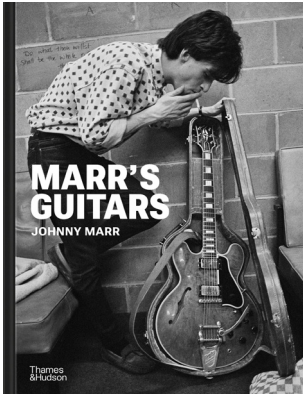
Renowned photographer Pat Graham presents each instrument as a full portrait, supported by micro shots highlighting the specific details that make each one unique, while Johnny Marr himself reveals in his accompanying commentary on what tracks and at which shows the guitars were played. Many of the guitars are closely associated with Marr, such as the Rickenbacker 330, the Gibson ES-355 and the Johnny Marr Signature Fender Jaguar. Some were passed down to him, including Nile Rodgers' Stratocaster, Bryan Ferry's Roxy Music Hagstrom and Bert Jansch's Yamaha. Others are guitars once owned by Marr that have since been passed on to the next generation of guitar heroes, including the Stratocaster used by Noel Gallagher on 'Wonderwall' and the Gibson Les Paul Goldtop used on *In Rainbows* by Radiohead's Ed O'Brien.

Punctuating the photography of the guitars and the accompanying commentary are contextual studio, backstage and onstage shots. Together, they make *Marr's Guitars* a unique cultural history of modern music and guitar playing told through the prism of Johnny Marr's experiences and achievements.

### Author

Johnny Marr was co-creator and lead guitarist of The Smiths. He went on to join The The and The Pretenders and collaborated with Talking Heads and the Pet Shop Boys before forming Electronic with Bernard Sumner. In the 2000s he joined Modest Mouse and The Cribs before launching a successful solo career. He has added his distinctive

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### **Marr's Guitars**

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sound to film soundtracks, collaborating with Hans Zimmer on *Inception*, *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* and the latest James Bond film, *No Time to Die*, which won the Oscar for Best Song. In 2014 Marr developed and launched a guitar with Fender: the Johnny Marr Signature Fender Jaguar has gone on to be one of Fender's most popular models.

#### **Target Market**

Johnny Marr's legion of fans; guitar geeks; musos.

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