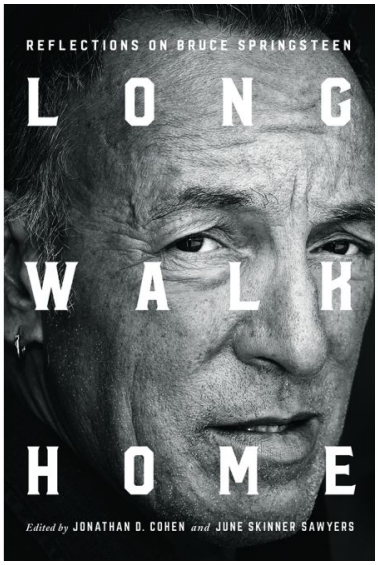

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Reflections on Bruce Springsteen

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DESCRIPTION

Bruce Springsteen might be the quintessential American rock musician but his songs have resonated with fans from all walks of life and from all over the world. This unique collection features reflections from a diverse array of writers who explain what Springsteen means to them and describe how they have been moved, shaped, and challenged by his music.

Contributors to ***Long Walk Home*** include novelists like Richard Russo, rock critics like Greil Marcus and Gillian Gaar, and other noted Springsteen scholars and fans such as A. O. Scott, Peter Ames Carlin, and Paul Muldoon. They reveal how Springsteen's albums served as the soundtrack to their lives while also exploring the meaning of his music and the lessons it offers its listeners. The stories in this collection range from the tale of how "Growin' Up" helped a lonely Indian girl adjust to life in the American South to the saga of a group of young Australians who turned to *Born to Run* to cope with their country's 1975 constitutional crisis. These essays examine the big questions at the heart of Springsteen's music, demonstrating the ways his songs have resonated for millions of listeners for nearly five decades.

Commemorating the Boss's seventieth birthday, ***Long Walk Home*** explores Springsteen's legacy and provides a stirring set of testimonials that illustrate why his music matters.

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