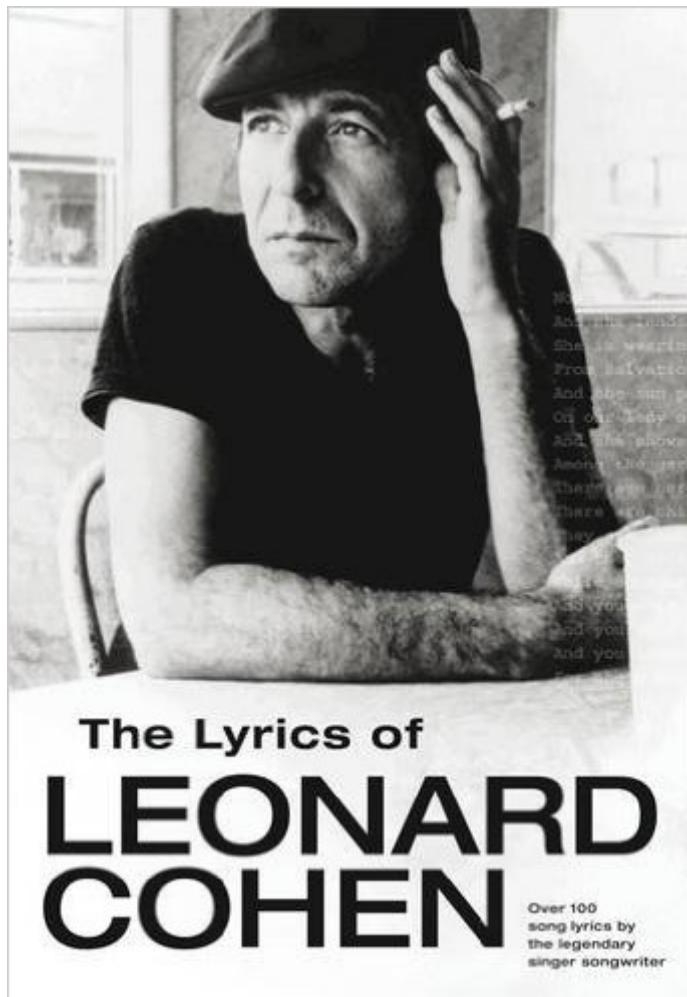


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# The Lyrics Of Leonard Cohen



## **Synopsis**

When his first album made him an unlikely star in the late 1960s, Leonard Cohen was hailed as the new poet of song. His melodies were hauntingly melodic but his lyrics were like no one else's - poignant, romantic, mystical and darkly comic. Already a poet and a novelist, Cohen had found another calling in song..."The Songs of Leonard Cohen", "Songs from a Room" and "Songs of Love and Hate" were the titles of his first three albums. Eight more would follow over the next 40 years. In this collector's edition, can be found the lyrics to over 100 of those classic songs, many of them now recorded by new generations of singers that include U2, Nick Cave, Rufus Wainwright and Teddy Thompson. This unique collection demonstrates why.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I attended the Concert by Leonard Cohen in Florence, Italy on September 1, 2010. It was then that I thought I would have liked to have a book with the lyrics of his songs. This book which I found on was exactly the one I was looking for. English is not my mother tongue and with this book I can say that I do not miss a single word of the magnificent lyrics by Leonard Cohen.

Leonard Cohen's music has thrilled his fans for years; for those interested in his brilliance as a poet, this book is a wonderful selection. As a college professor I can emphasize his extraordinary lyrical and technical genius, without the distraction of his powerful music. Thanks .com for making the purchase easy.

Beautiful book of lyrics and photos of my most favorite singer/songwriter ever. His music and lyrics come from somewhere divine.

I am a fairly casual fan of Leonard Cohen. I grew up with "Suzanne" and I love "Hallelujah." I also have an interest in the back-story of songs, where they come from, what they are supposed to mean, etc. This book scratches a lot of those itches. It contains the lyrics for about 50 to 60 of Cohen's songs, and a short paragraph after the lyrics offers some background to the song, including a bit of Cohen's biography and who covered the song and/or what Cohen album the song can be found on. This book offers a new dimension for appreciating Cohen's lyrics.

This not only has all the lyrics of all his songs up to "Old Ideas", but it is full of interesting footnotes about each song.

The bold yet enigmatic words of Leonard Cohen have fascinated us for many years. At times he is completely puzzling and others almost very frank. His topics are wide ranging, sometimes containing conflicting ideas. Yet he is always interesting and the number of people writing varied interpretations of his works speaks for the numbers of people he reaches. Interpreters will write explanations of his poems/songs in self-assured ways and yet vary widely among themselves as to just what the meaning and purpose is of the same Cohen offering. He is a treasure.

When our hearts feel smashed as if thee only love of our life left for good or bad or when our soul bounces with Spring or the antic dance of those snow-white dots above in the lush wee hours of Summer skies or when the amber-green-orange-vermilion-yellow deep kisses soaring about in a wild flight of fire and spice allow us to forget the arrival of Winter's chill while a ghostly hope shows us reclining before a roaring fire where we may well caress any part of the beloved or, aw, when we find ourselves so soaked in solitude that we need to weep...then, dear friends, may we be blessed with this infernal, eternal collection of lyrics where (if we choose) discover words of comfort, acceptance, and the perfect formula which turns our tears into sobs, sobs so violent our entire history shakes and as we wipe our spirits clean with the certainty each day can be survived and, alas and alack, though the lover may or cannot ever return, still we'll know that we have never been strangers and the proof waits to embrace us in these pages.

I am a huge fan of Leonard Cohen and to be able to see the lyrics as he sings is a bonus. After following along with the song, the lyrics pull the whole piece together.

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