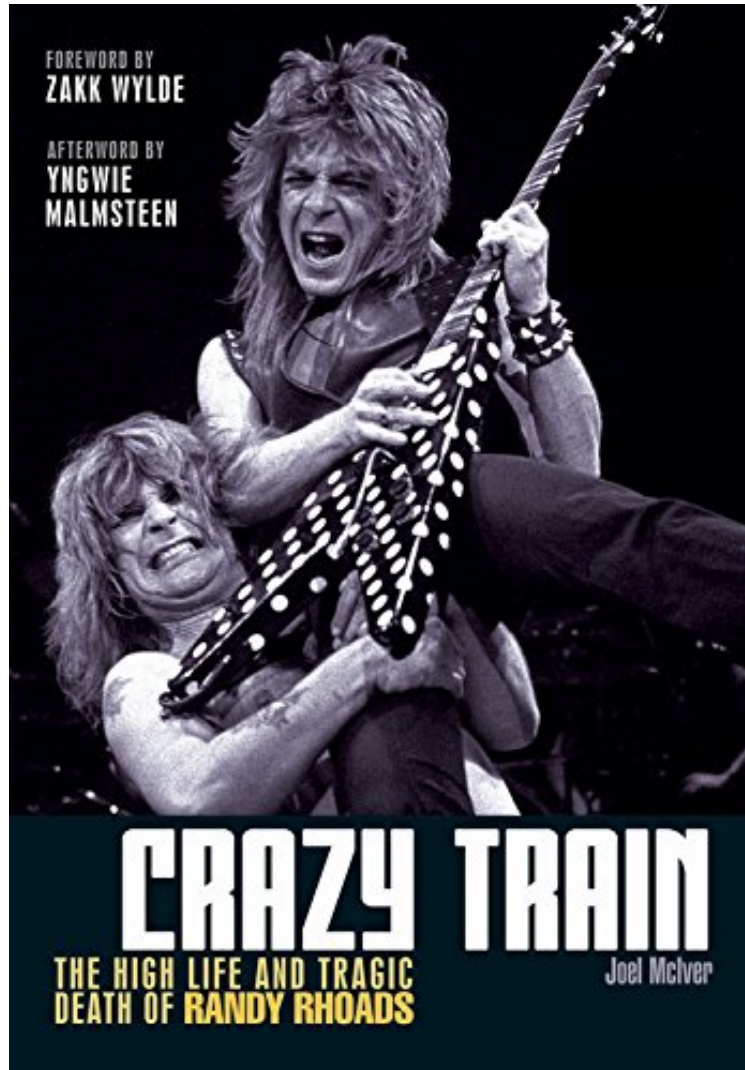


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Long Live Randy Rhoads By Jason B. As a guitar player who is primarily into hard, bluesy rock, I would be lying if I said Randy Rhoads didn't influence my playing in some way. Along with Roth, Blackmore, and Michael Schenker, Randy was one of the first to combine the blues with the classical elements that would go onto form the neo-classical shred movement of the mid to late 80s. This book gives a great account of the rise and tragic death of a master musician. It's a great, quick read that will have you ready to crank

up the Blizzard of Ozz and Diary of A Madman albums. To quote Ozzy, "Long live Randy Rhoads. 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Rushed publication...By lettersfromearthFor diehard Randy fans this book will feel like a patchwork from old guitar magazine interviews and rehashed quotes you have read many times before. There are also plenty of typo-o's etc., which appears very unprofessional and suspiciously rushed for publication to coincide with Ozzy's newly released box set...However, if you are a newer Randy fan the content might appear fresh and informative. And if nothing else, bless the writer for keeping Randy's memory alive and well :-)(I also would have loved more pics! There are only a handful at the beginning of the book.)TO ALL FANS - PURCHASE "OFF THE RAILS" by Rudy Sarzo which includes stories and vignettes told from a first hand account and much of the information has never been revealed in interviews, etc. until this book was published.R.I.P. Randy0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great readBy Daris W GreenFantastic book about the life of a legend. I learned many new facts about Randy. Buy this book, you will not be disappointed.

Randall Rhoads, born in California in 1956 and cut down in his prime at the age of only 26, has been an immense influence on a whole generation of musicians in rock and metal. He first came to international prominence in 1979, when he was recruited from the cult metal band Quiet Riot to play with Ozzy Osbourne, who had been fired from Black Sabbath for his drink and drug addictions and was in urgent need of a co-writer to kickstart a solo career. How and why Ozzy and Randy went on to find enormous success is one of the key themes of Crazy Train, named after the first and most famous Osbourne/Rhoads co-composition. It was Randy's pioneering combination of neo-classical soloing, catchy riffage and unforgettable songwriting which propelled Ozzy. The two albums that Randy recorded with Quiet Riot and the two with Ozzy showcase the young guitarist's immense ability, although the full extent of his talent may never have been revealed. In 1982 he died in an air crash. The parallels between Crazy Train and the author's best-selling To Live Is To Die: The Life And Death Of Metallica's Cliff Burton (Jawbone 2009) are intentional and obvious. Both books deal with a musical prodigy who died tragically in his mid-20s; both men have a vast following and a profile which has risen in the years since their deaths; and both men have a large coterie of friends, family and associates prepared to tell their stories for the very first time.

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