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From Publishers Weekly

Hoskyns (*From a Whisper to a Scream*) proposes that Los Angeles is a city embodying with particular clarity both the brightest and darkest parts of American culture. Yet this aura of "irresistible... disjuncture" has provided a fertile ground for musical creativity. Here, Hoskyns traces the evolution of L.A.'s popular music scene from the 1940s through the 1990s with the intent of demonstrating how the city's unique atmosphere has informed the work of artists ranging from Nat King Cole and Charlie Parker to Neil Young and Joni Mitchell to Jane's Addiction and NWA. The penetrating sociocultural analysis of Hoskyns's introductory chapter loses steam, however, as Hoskyns focuses on the relationships between various artists and music industry executives. Even so, the author constructs a comprehensive and critically astute history of the major developments and players in the Southern California music business. Hoskyns is particularly perceptive about the racial politics of music culture and those musical and cultural moments of dynamic transition when new genres of popular music emerge. The numerous photos and pithy quotes from other observers of the L.A. scene make for enjoyable and informative reading.

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From Library Journal

Los Angeles is often held up a perfect example of the American dream gone bad? a sprawling urban symbol of everything that is garish, shallow, and self-centered in our popular culture. While many Americans are loath to confess any interest in the city at all, it has proven mesmerizing to British writers. Here Hoskyns (*Across the Great Divide*, LJ 9/1/93) has produced an enjoyable overview of the city's musical history. Beginning with the R&B club scene that thrived on Central Avenue in the 1940s, Hoskyns chronicles the rise of such artists as the Beach Boys, Phil Spector, and the Doors, providing interesting (and often gossipy) details about the musicians and their record deals, recording sessions, and chart performances. He also covers the emergence of country rock and the Seventies punk scene, concluding with a brief overview of West Coast rap. Though the appendix listing popular songs with L.A. themes is unnecessary, the book, overall, includes a wealth of detailed information. Recommended for popular music collections. (Index not seen.)?Rick Anderson, Penacook, N.H.

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