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Review

Heavy metal music's followers are detailed in nine in-depth profiles of heavy metal fans. This is a volume heavy metal enthusiasts are sure to follow: it explains the origins of the music, analyzes themes and songs, and studies its appeal to young audiences. -- *Midwest Book Review*

From the Back Cover

This book helps us gain insight into a segment of the youth culture that most adults find strange, if not bizarre. This extremely well-written book provides the reader with insight into the psychology of metalheads and is sprinkled with many case examples.

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