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Authoritative and indispensable, Ann Harrison's essential work answers all the questions, decodes the jargon, gives the facts behind the headlines and reveals the real figures underlying the multi-million pound deals. Citing case studies of the biggest recording artists and songwriters, Ann uses her extensive expertise as a music lawyer to describe the precedents that have shaped the law today, to outline what you can expect to find in music business contracts and, in an age of rapid technological change, to show the options for the future.

From recording and publishing deals, making a record, manufacture, distribution and marketing, to ways to harness the new media, branding, merchandising, moral rights and working in the music industry, this fascinating, practical and comprehensive guide could be one of the most important books you ever buy.

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