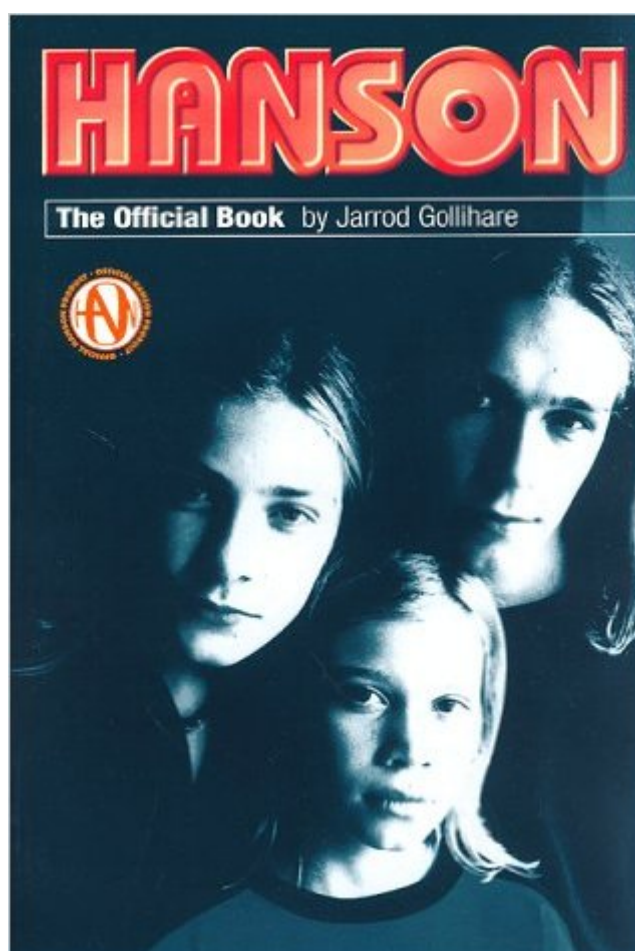


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# Hanson: The Official Book



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## Customer Reviews

This was a book I got for Christmas in 1998 from my parents. I lost it when my parents divorced and I moved. So my husband found it on [Amazon](#) after hearing my sob story and bought it for me for Christmas! I love the book. Hanson is still to this day my favorite band. The book came to me in perfect condition, just like my old book when i was 11.

Who wants to know the true story about how Hanson became who they are today? This book is the best way to teach you the basics, written by Jarod Gollihare, who was a friend of theirs (also a musician). It's a GREAT account, leading you through Isaac, Taylor, and Zac's love and devotion to music and what it took for them to reach their dreams. The book is well written and truthful, as well as exciting to read and full of great pictures. I absolutely recommend it for any fans of the band!

I think this book is great and it's because it was written by a close friend of them, and it's the true story. You read what they felt and how they started. Maybe the other books have better pictures, but no one of them have ever said only true stuff about them and their beginning. Just half true, and the rest, what they have heard. (Mariana G.N.)

This book definately is a recommendee. It has the truth and nothing but. The photography is

fantastic and the pictures blend well with the quotes and stories. Though there are not separate chapters for each of the brothers, the group facts are enough to make up for it. Great job, Mr. Gollihare, for capturing the true blue Hanson.

I had to order this book from Borders because I ordered it in July, 2000. I received it the day before the Hanson concert in Tulsa. Yes, I was at the kick off concert for the "This Time Around" tour. It wasn't, at all, easy to get tickets to the Tulsa one, but I did it. I also went to the Norman, OK one the day after Zac's 15th b-day. They were both excellent. The Norman one was much better than the Tulsa one. In just 3 months time their concerts had changed a lot. Definitely for the better. Just as they've improved in their live shows, their albums keep getting better and better. I loved this book for the pure reason that it's Official. They're friends with the author and they had input on it. All of the other books, you never know. If only, these other authors actually had input by Hanson, not to mention, permission. Oh, FYI, I'm nowhere near being a teeny bopper. I'm 29. Yes, I live in Tulsa. No, I've never met them. The question that people ask me the most is "Why do you like Hanson?" I just say, "They're the real thing." What you see is what you get. There's no hidden motive. That doesn't happen often, in this world. Needless to say, I read the book the day that I got it. I couldn't put it down until it was done. There's so much to learn and so little time.

I thought Jarrod did a good job with this book, a lot of it was vague but it was informative and at least with this book that the information is true unlike the slew of unofficial teenybopper biographies out there. I would suggest however, for serious Hanson fans looking for more information to purchase Ravi's "Dancin' With Hanson." It includes a lot of specific information, including good and bad things.

Why do I say it's official? The reason is obvious enough... Why dependable? Well, you get the point... Why reasonable? I have both heard of and read about comments made on this Hanson Official Book and find that the majority of the people/fans find it appealing while some others would say that it does not provide much information...etc... In my opinion, yes, this book might not give the kind of information such as the size of Taylor's boxers, the kind of shampoo Isaac uses, or Zac's shoe size...just to name a few...(trust me, according to a lot of the fans, this is THE type of info they have been trying to find...not that there is anything wrong with it, the curiosity is understandable...) but it does provide readers with a reasonably detailed look into what Hanson's earlier years have been like, revealing 'nothing but the truth' (am I in court?) about how Hanson has come to be the

internationally known band, the music sensation, how Isaac, Taylor, and Zac feel about their success, and, you know, basically their insights on music (after all, this whole thing is supposed to be focused on music..."we're three guys who write, play and sing our music...That's what Hanson is..." said Taylor Hanson...That's what Hanson is about...and I feel that the book does make the point...) I enjoyed the book and think that as the content added to what I already knew about Hanson, it gave me a better idea of Ike, Tay, and Zac's background. It would not be a bad idea to have a 'Hanson biography II' some time in the future since there are so much going on in their lives...=)

Visit [hanson.net](http://hanson.net) please! This is probably the most popular book put out for Hanson fans. Of course, if you're a Fanson, you will have to have it. We Fansons collect anything having to do with the band.

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