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An Obsession With Punk Records by **BOB SUREN**

*"Bob Suren delivers some great punk rock history through anecdote and wit, intermingled with personal stories of love, loss, the characters that have come and gone and that elusive hunk of vinyl that's just around the next corner.... All spanning 30 years of Bob's life."*

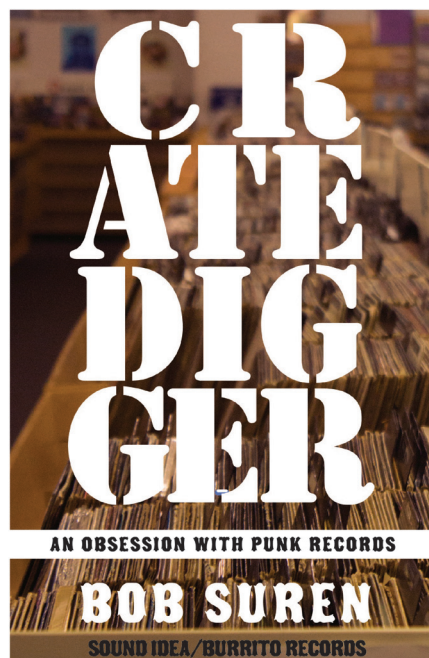
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*"A passionate and cautionary tale of the ecstasy and dark side of a serious vinyl addiction in the golden age of pre-internet wax hoarding. A must read for anyone who collects anything!"*

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*"More than just your typical 'record guide,' Crate Digger allows us to accompany Bob on his passionate 30+ year punk rock journey. The anecdotal approach reminds us that, for the passionate music fan, there's a personal connection to a particular record that often conjures up various memories, both good and bad."*

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"Really brings to life the early days of the American punk scene as it spread slowly across the country, through turntables, fanzines, and word of mouth. His vivid vinyl recollections illustrate how good record stores and adventurous college radio stations were so essential in bringing startling new music into the lives of many previously isolated kids. It follows the trajectory of a kid-turned-concert-promoter as his passion for music became all-consuming."

—Jeff Nelson, Minor Threat

A small town teenager discovers punk rock through a loaned mix tape and it slowly takes over all aspects of his life. His new passion causes him to form a band, track down out of print records that he loves and begin to reissue them, open a record store, begin a record distribution operation as a public service, and to befriend all manner of punk luminaries along the way. Slowly, his life's pursuit pushes him to the point of personal ruination and ultimately redemption.

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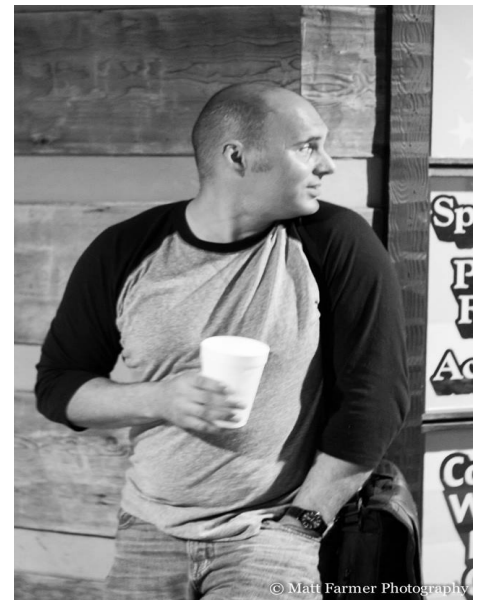
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- 2) Obscure biographical information about important punk rock bands and record labels.
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Bob Suren discovered punk rock as a teenager and spent thirty years of his life obsessing about all aspects of the genre. He is the founder of Sound Idea Record Store, Sound Idea Distribution, Burrito Records and the band Failure Face.

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An insider's account of the last 30 years of punk rock and vinyl records, including new information on many punk luminaries.

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