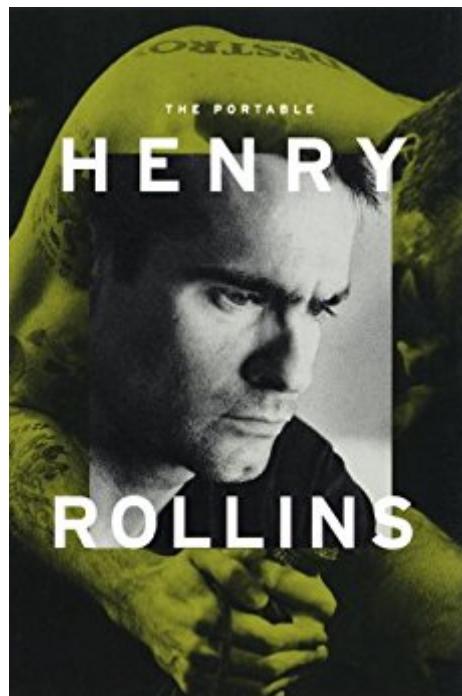


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# The Portable Henry Rollins



## Synopsis

Henry Rollins is an artist whose legendary, no-holds-barred performances encompasses music, acting, and written and spoken word. As Details magazine said when it named Rollins the 1994 Man of the Year: "through two decades of rage and discipline, Henry Rollins has transformed himself from an L.A. punk rocker into a universal soldier." His enemies: slackers and hypocrites. His mission: to steel your soul and rock your world. "Rollins was frontman for the seminal punk band Black Flag, and since 1987 has led the Rollins Band, whose ninth album, Come In and Burn, was just released by DreamWorks. As a spoken-word artist, he regularly performs at colleges and theaters worldwide and has released eight spoken-word audiotapes. His album Get in the Van won the Grammy for Best Spoken Word Album for 1995. As an actor, he has appeared in The Chase, Johnny Mnemonic, Heat, and David Lynch's forthcoming film, Lost Highway. From his days as front man for the band Black Flag and the current Rollins Band to his books and spoken-word audiotapes, Henry Rollins is the music, the attitude, and the voice that takes no prisoners. In his twelve books, he has led us on a hallucinatory journey through the decades--and his mind--with poems, essays, short stories, diary entries, and rants that exist at "the frayed edges where reality ends and imagination begins" (Publishers Weekly). For the first time, the best of his legendary, no-holds-barred writings are available. This collection includes new photos and works from such seminal Rollins books as: High Adventure in the Great Outdoors, Art to Choke Hearts, Bang! Black Coffee Blues, Get in the Van, Do I Come Here Often? Solipsist, Plus, never before released stories and more... From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have been following Henry's post-black flag career since I was in college. He has dealt with a lot of depression throughout his life, and uses his writing to let it out (sometimes with very graphic/violent descriptions). His writing style is informed by some great writers of the past and I'm convinced that being able to articulate your negative emotions (rage, anger, frustration and depression) is a great way of getting through them without saying hurtful things to the people around you.

I have known and enjoyed Henry Rollins since I fourteen, listening to Black Flag and then the Rollins Band, enjoyed his short lived tv show, watched his spoken word events, live and on YouTube and sampled his literature on occasion. However, this is the first time that I have read his work in a methodical, consecutive manner. Drinking it in, I found myself inspired, annoyed, educated, disappointed, enthralled, bored and at times, scratching my head. The one constant is that he is unfailingly honest in his writing.

This book is an excellent compilation of the works of Henry Rollins. As a longtime reader of his books, I should mention that his writing style is direct, raw, and at times disturbing. Don't let this scare you. This book is worth your time and money. The Portable Henry Rollins contains poems, 3 short stories, an essay entitled "The Iron", journal entries, and reflections from a man raised in the urban streets of Washington D.C. At times, passages can be brutal and intense, but Henry will always make you think after setting the book down. He has a distinct honesty about him that is difficult to put into words, especially when commentating on death, feeling alienated, dating, and introversion. I genuinely want to meet this man someday. I bet conversations with him are straight up knockouts.

makes me think, makes me mad, makes me laugh, Henry Rollins puts it out there and if you like it great, if you don't - piss off. He writes for himself and it shows in the writing. While I don't agree with

everything he writes, I resonate with the spirit of what he writes.

I was more than pleased by this book. A combination of writings from Henry's works that give an inside look to his soul and thoughts. You won't be able to put it down.

This used book was in such great condition it is like it's brand new. I love this collection style book. Awesome for starting a Rollins collection.

Came in great condition!

I read this in only a few hours. Some parts are laugh out loud funny, some of it is deeply disturbing but none of it is sugar coated. With each word you read, you can hear the voice of Rollins. Part of this is a diary, some it contains musings, and there are three stories in the end. Absolutely what you would expect from such an eclectic icon. You can feel the energy coming off the pages. You will not be disappointed.

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