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"... A nuanced portrait of an American underground folk-hero who spread punk's promise to a global audience. Brace yourself." — David Ensminger, author, *Left of the Dial*

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