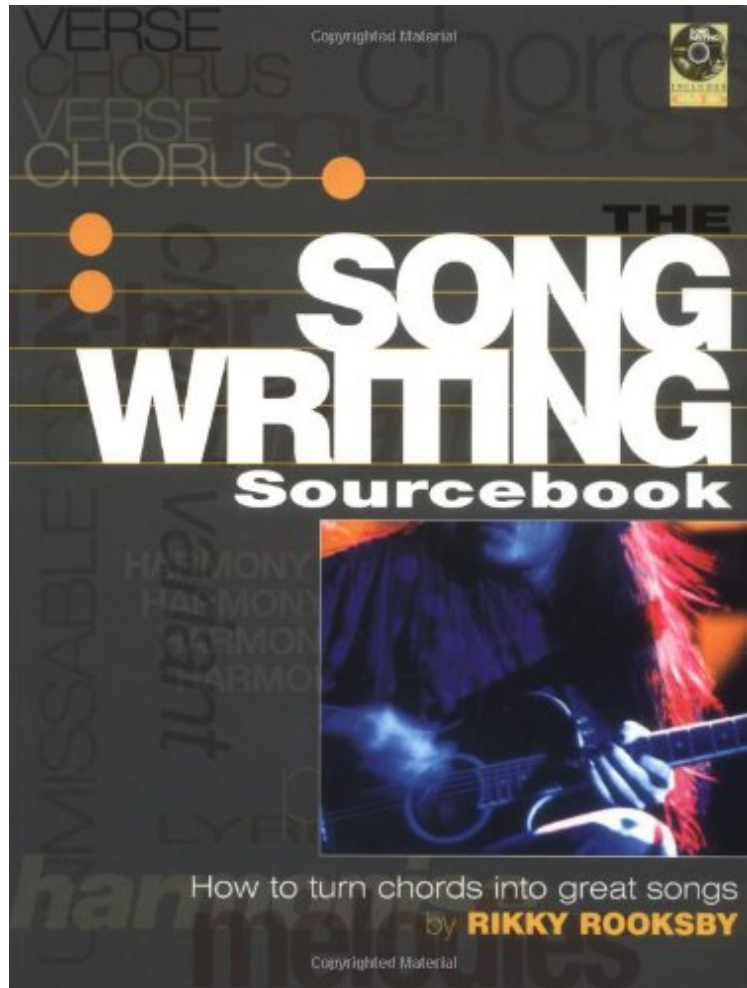


# The Songwriting Sourcebook: How to Turn Chords Into Great Songs

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A lot of content!By customerI just received this book the other day and I've been reading through it since then. I have been using it in conjunction with band in a box which makes for a great way to listen to the different examples in the book. However when I say there is a lot of content in the book I'm not joking. This one is going to take some time to get though and really absorb. Also because of the amount of examples in the book it's going to take some time to really experiment with the different examples and techniques in the book. Luckily there is a quick reference list in the back of the book that will allow you to quickly look up a topic

and find the related example in the book. Overall I would highly recommend this book to others. I'm sure it's not the end all be all of songwriting but for people like me who enjoy making music as a hobby, and using applications like band in a box to create backing tracks, this book is the perfect companion to that program. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you ever wondered how to put a song together...By Doug DePewRicky Rooksby is more of a classical writer than a popular song writer. I think that background helped him in writing this how-to guide on structuring songs. Because of his extensive background in music theory, he's able to put together a guide that makes all of our songs sound better. This book won't teach you how to write a song. It wasn't designed to do that. It will, however, teach you to put together a song in a way which will be appealing to the ear. I've written songs for a long time with little success. The things I learned in this book immediately made me a better songwriter. I recommend it to anyone who is struggling to put together a song. He'll give you a step by step guide. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Insight, Inspiring and SuprisingBy B. D. LubbersI have over last two years developed into a real fan of Rikky's books. This one really surprised me for progressive depth in the structure of each chapter. Each chapter builds on the next. And sandwiched between the 'tips' are these gems of compositions that helps broaden and deepen the constructive elements of songwriting. The book is focused more on chord progression in songs and then the composition of the song's components, verse, chorus, bridge, etc. The great surprise, and I think, and real beauty of the book is the way he uses the CD with the last chapter. He records 12 or so songs, and then in that chapter, he breaks them down in to their component structure, and tells you why he made the choices he did. A really GREAT book. Worth the price!

Using visual examples of songwriting techniques, this book teaches guitarists to write better songs. The CD demonstrates how the examples sound, and it includes dozens of chord progressions, evolving melodies and structures, and harmony effects, making the book especially useful to those who don't read music. The book starts with basic chords, describes how to write a song with simple elements, then gradually develops more complex structures. By seeing and hearing step-by-step examples of the song craft, the reader can easily learn the secrets of songwriting.