

## 'Jimi Hendrix: The Ultimate Lyric Book' Due In November - July 17, 2012

"**Jimi Hendrix: The Ultimate Lyric Book**" is a new 304-page hardcover book compiled by **Jimi's** sister, **Janie Hendrix**, president and CEO of the family-run company that oversees the use of his music and image. It is due on November 13 via **Backbeat**.

The official book description: "**Jimi Hendrix** was such an extraordinary guitarist, it can be easy to forget that as much passion, soul, and precision went into his lyrics.

"Inspired by **Bob Dylan**, **Hendrix** was a fearless lyrical innovator, willing to let his imagination guide him to landscapes hitherto unexplored within the realm of pop music. From the existential euphoria of '**I Don't Love Today**' to the elusive beauty of '**Little Wing**' to the psychedelic blues of '**My Friend**' to the otherworldly '**1983 (A Merman I Should Turn to Be)**', his lyrics remain among the greatest in the pantheon of rock, infused with the same inventiveness, virtuosity, and courage that informed his guitar playing. Here are all the words to the **Hendrix** classics you've rocked along to for years, as well as unpublished songs from '**Valley Of Neptune**' and other hitherto undiscovered sources, have been gathered together.

"'**Jimi Hendrix: The Ultimate Lyric Book**', compiled by **Janie L. Hendrix**, is extraordinarily personal. It includes numerous examples of **Jimi's** handwritten lyrics, often scribbled on hotel stationery, as well as photos of Jimi to accompany every song. Much of this material never been seen before.

"'**Jimi Hendrix: The Ultimate Lyric Book**' will give you a glimpse of the lyricist behind the songs, a songwriter whose words were just as searing as his solos."

"When I was a child, I was always fascinated by my brother **Jimi's** handwriting," says **Janie** in a statement about the book. "I remember the feeling of being captivated the first time I saw his handwritten lyrics, thinking how beautiful, how complicated both the writing and the words were on paper. Even now they offer such an insight into who my brother was and is."

"**Jimi Hendrix: The Ultimate Lyric Book**" is available for pre-order now for \$40 at [BackbeatBooks.com](http://BackbeatBooks.com).

