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"In the captivating new Carlton photobook Brian May's Red Special, the Queen guitarist finally divulges the secrets behind his prized axe, taking fans back in time to vicariously oversee the two-year father/son bonding experience that would ultimately produce one of rock 'n' roll's most recognized weapons. . . . Red Special is the pinnacle of guitar porn, revealing the intricate, what-makes-it-tick workings of a beloved musical instrument whilst showcasing its aesthetic beauty." --Examiner

"[I]t's a rare and amazing look into the conception, construction, and execution of one of the most unique guitars visually and sonically of all time. Every aspect of the instrument is examined, and there's a story behind every part, component, and decision. The book will be fascinating for the players and non-players alike, but it's a must read for Brian May fans..." --Guitar Player magazine

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#### About the Author

Although best known to the world as the lead guitarist of supergroup Queen, Brian May has a PhD in astrophysics and is an expert in 3D photography. He co-wrote Bang! The Complete History of the Universe with Chris Lintott and Patrick Moore, A Village Lost and Found with Elena Vidal and Diableries: Stereoscopic Adventures in Hell with Denis Pellerin and Paula Fleming. Simon Bradley has been a guitar journalist since 1996 and he has written hundreds of articles and interviews on all aspects of the instrument, for many magazines and websites including Guitarist, Total Guitar, What Guitar?, Classic Rock, Metal Hammer, Future Music, MusicRadar.com, Brianmay.com, and many more.

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