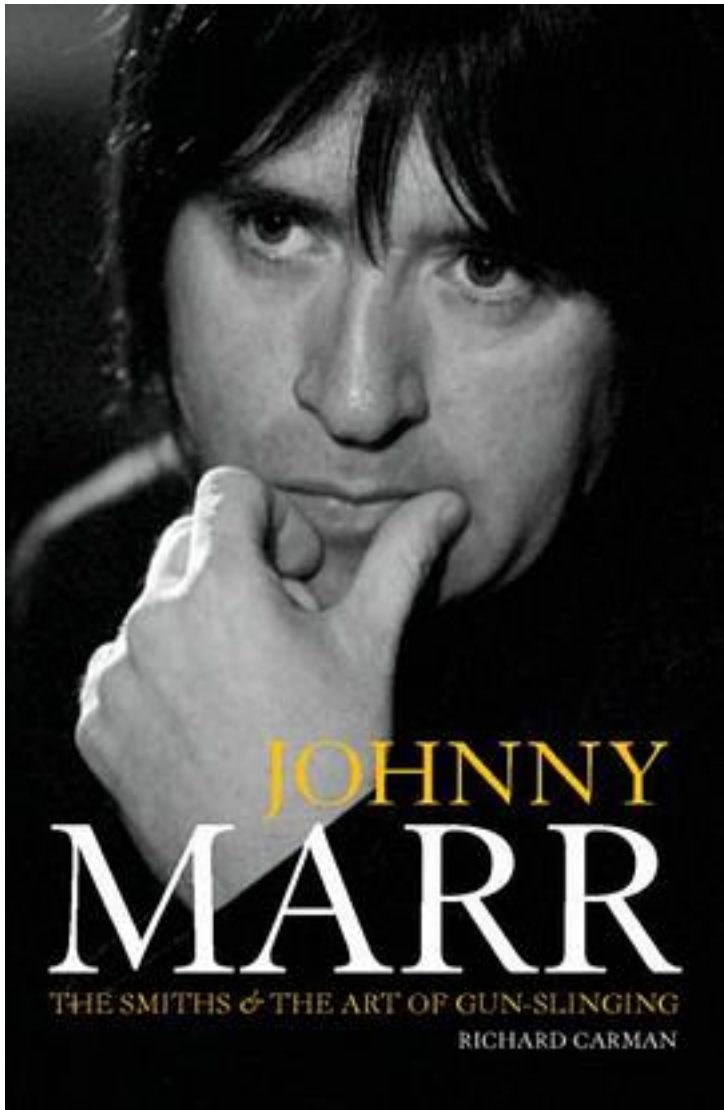


# Johnny Marr



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After The Smiths, Marr continued to inject beautiful, sophisticated guitar into some of the best music of the period: The Pretenders, Kirsty McColl, Billy Bragg, The The and Talking Heads all benefited from his incendiary input. More recently with his band Johnny Marr & The Healers, and the critically acclaimed album Boomslang, Johnny remains as influential and important as ever. A true guitar hero.

This is the first full-length biography of Johnny Marr, looking beyond world of The Smiths and into the solo career of Britain's most influential guitar player of the last two decades. A must-read for anyone who cares about The Smiths as well as great rock or pop.

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