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A hilarious inside look at the real business of popular music by the drummer of Semisonic that does for rock and roll what Jim Bouton's *Ball Four* did for baseball.

After years of working day jobs and making music in his basement, Jacob Slichter wondered if his dreams of rock stardom were a vain illusion. Then he was recruited by two of his successful musician friends to form a band that became Semisonic. Who could forget the smash single “Closing Time,” a runaway hit in 1998 that thrust Jake and his bandmates into the international spotlight and helped them sell over two million albums worldwide? But along the road to fame and success came bewilderment and personal chaos: *How will we ever get a record deal? Which record company is the best? The worst? Do I really have to wear these ridiculous boots? Why isn't radio playing our song? What if I have a panic attack right here on stage? What should I write on this fan's CD? Am I famous? Why isn't the video director getting more shots of me? Did I say the wrong thing during that interview? Help!*

So You Wanna Be a Rock & Roll Star is a telling and witty look at what happens just before and during one's time in the spotlight. Jake takes readers on a step-by-step journey of his evolution from fledgling drummer to globetrotting performer and proves to be the perfect guide—feisty *and* humbled—to the inner workings of the music industry and instant celebrity. *So You Wanna Be a Rock & Roll Star* speaks to all of us who dream again and again of rock superstardom and shows how one kid can go from picking up a pair of drumsticks to picking up a platinum record.

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