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Editorial Review

Review

“What truly amazes me is what a fine, honest, introspective author Cherie is, with an incredible tale about an incredible life, and a fascinating personal odyssey.” (Joan Jett)

“I don’t think a lot of people know the story of Cherie Currie. It’s an amazing story and she’s an amazing woman and performer.” (Dakota Fanning on The Tonight Show)

“Raw and riveting.” (LA Weekly)

“Details the band’s short, messy history and the struggle with addiction that nearly claimed her life.” (Entertainment Weekly)

“[NEON ANGEL] reveals how the liberated life of a 16-year-old rock star in Los Angeles included many dark moments.” (Spin)

“Unflinchingly honest.” (Boston Globe)

“The striking thing about The Runaways, is how authentic it feels... One reason may be that the movie is partly based on Neon Angel, a newly revamped autobiography by the group’s lead singer Cherie Currie, whose chillingly quick self-destruction is relived through Dakota Fanning.” (New York Times)

“Currie is looking forward to giving Neon Angel its second life...the new version, with a foreword by [Joan] Jett, adds the sex, drugs and darkness that were missing from the first edition.” (Reuters)

From the Back Cover

At the tender age of fifteen, groundbreaking lead singer Cherie Currie joined a group of talented girls—Joan Jett and Lita Ford on guitar, Jackie Fox on bass, and Sandy West on drums—who could rock like no one else.

Arriving on the Los Angeles music scene in 1975, The Runaways catapulted from playing small clubs to selling out major stadiums—headlining shows with opening acts like the Ramones, Van Halen, Cheap Trick, and Blondie while riding a wave of hit songs and platinum albums, and touring the world.

A shocking, funny, and touching re-creation of a bygone era of rock and roll that chronicles the Runaways' rise to fame and ultimate demise, *Neon Angel* is also an intensely personal account of Currie's struggles with drugs, sexual abuse, and violence in a decadent, high-pressure music scene—a world of uncontrolled excess where she and her unsupervised bandmates had to grow up fast and experience things that no teenage girls should.

About the Author

Cherie Currie has been described as "the lost daughter of Iggy Pop and Brigitte Bardot." Shortly after the Runaways disbanded, the rock star landed a coveted role in the Jodie Foster movie *Foxes*, and later went on

to appear in a number of other films. Currie is still performing, writing, and acting, and she continues to take on unorthodox endeavors. One of the most prominent chain-saw carvers in the world, she placed in two major competitions in 2005. She lives in California with her son, Jake.

Tony O'Neill is the author of *Digging the Vein* and *Down and Out on Murder Mile*, and the coauthor of *Neon Angel* and the *New York Times* bestseller *Hero of the Underground*. He lives in New York with his wife and daughter.

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