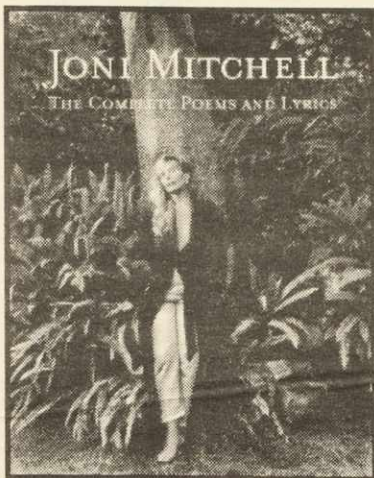


BOOK REVIEW

Mitchell writes straight from the soul



Joni Mitchell
The Complete Poems and Lyrics
Random House Canada

Upon reading this compilation of works, it becomes evident that Joni Mitchell's artform is not so much music but perhaps melodious poetry instead. *The Complete Poems and Lyrics* is essentially a collection of all the lyrics to every song released by the legendary artist written in the form of poetry.

This collection was fascinating to read for many reasons, the foremost

being that reading a poem rather than hearing a song gives one a new perspective on the lyrics due to a lack of musical distraction. Also, when one plays a Joni Mitchell CD, one might notice that the lyrics are slightly obscured by the poor sound quality of the not-so-technologically amazing recordings of her earlier work. Nevertheless, this book is an absolute must-buy for hardcore Joni Mitchell fans and definitely an interesting read for those fans who are not so hardcore.

Mitchell writes brilliantly and straight from the soul. Her lyrics contain

fragments of life that everyone has experienced, and these fragments are eloquently put into words.

The one aspect of the collection that struck me as repetitive was the large number of poems concerning being in love, the loss of love, being cheated on by a lover, and so on. The political songs were more moving and provocative than the songs about love. Near the end

of the book I found myself skimming the love poems quickly and thinking "yeah, yeah, another similar poem about love." However, the collection was eye-opening and it gave me a totally new perspective on a lot of songs I might have ignored.

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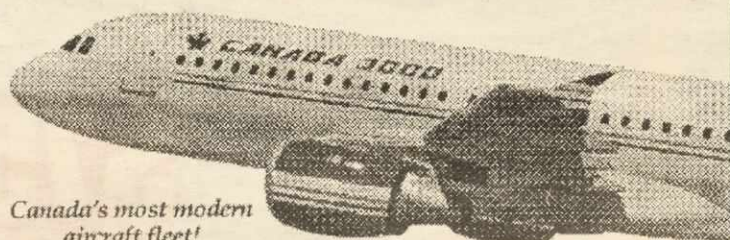
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