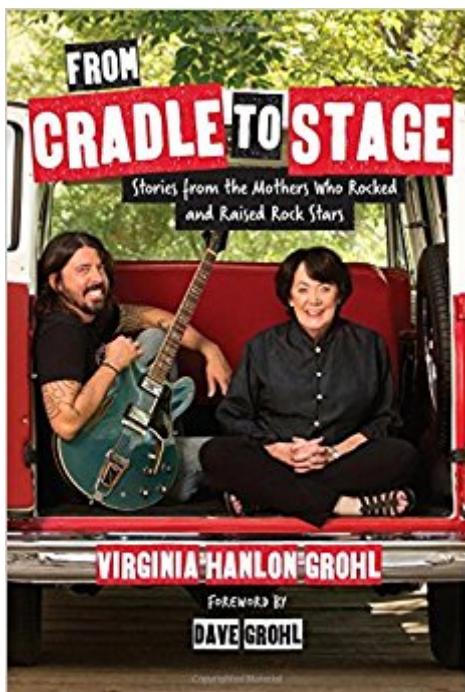


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# From Cradle To Stage: Stories From The Mothers Who Rocked And Raised Rock Stars



## **Synopsis**

While the Grohl family had always been musical—the family sang together on long car trips, harmonizing to Motown and David Bowie—Virginia never expected her son to become a musician, let alone a rock star. But when she saw him perform in front of thousands of screaming fans for the first time, she knew that rock stardom was meant to be for her son. And as Virginia watched her son's star rise, she often wondered about the other mothers who raised sons and daughters who became rock stars. Were they as surprised as she was about their children's fame? Did they worry about their children's livelihood and wellbeing in an industry fraught with drugs and other dangers? Did they encourage their children's passions despite the odds against success, or attempt to dissuade them from their grandiose dreams? Do they remind their kids to pack a warm coat when they go on tour? Virginia decided to seek out other rock star mothers to ask these questions, and so began a two-year odyssey in which she interviewed such women as Verna Griffin, Dr. Dre's mother; Marianne Stipe, Michael Stipe of REM's mother; Janis Winehouse, Amy Winehouse's mother; Patsy Noah, Adam Levine's mother; Donna Haim, mother of the Haim sisters; Hester Diamond, Mike D of The Beastie Boys' mother. With exclusive family photographs and a foreword by Dave Grohl, *From Cradle to Stage* will appeal to mothers and rock fans everywhere.

## **Book Information**

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"In *From Cradle to Stage*, Grohl proves that the most interesting thing about rock moms is not their children - it's a culmination of the decisions they've made as mothers: the sacrifices, boundless

support and trust that granted their children the freedom to pursue their dreams."Ã¢â€¢LA Weekly"From Cradle to Stage finds Grohl interviewing the mothers of 18 music stars, shedding light on what it's like to raise a creative child who becomes a star, as well as sharing elements of their own stories."Ã¢â€¢ New York Post

Virginia Grohl is a longtime educator and writer. She is also the mother of Dave Grohl, frontman for the Foo Fighters and former drummer for Nirvana.

This book is for music lovers. It is for mom's who help guide their children to live their dreams. Great stories.

Thank you. My 15 year old has been drumming since he was 7. I've spent 8 years wondering what to do next for him. Thanks you, Virginia Grohl, for the inspiration.

I found this book to be a gem. Ms. Grohl's interviews with Mothers of musical stars gives a very much different look at what it is that makes for a rock (or other genre) star a success. In all cases, the mothers did everything they could to assist in making their child's career choice possible. One consistent theme is that schools need to do a better job in providing programs that give children with an impulse for the arts an opportunity to express themselves. Most of the subjects of this book (not the mothers - the kids) had difficulty with schooling in general, and not because they were anything less than brilliant. They are brilliant, but not in a "conventional" sense. The one overriding theme throughout the book is that Virginia Grohl unequivocally loves her son David.

I am a big fan of rock music, so this book is a treat-filled account of childhood experiences of some of music's biggest stars. There is good advice here for young mothers who are struggling to be supportive to their child who just doesn't conform. I especially enjoyed reading about Tom Morello's mother. She is quite an inspiration with her early globe trotting adventures and her support of civil rights in Africa. I think Virginia Grohl chose discretion over full disclosure for most of the writing, but I'm OK with that. She is obviously beloved by her children, so she should feel comfortable in her skin at this stage of her life. Kudos!

Fun and entertaining read from the first page to the last!

This was an incredible book. Sometimes books written well-known celebrity type people are "fluff"...fast reads and fun. This book was well written and a great length. It kept my interest. I felt how personal it was to Virginia. I cried in at least half the stories, tears of joy and understanding as a mother and sometimes tears of heartbreak over what people have endured. And, wow, an overarching theme in this book about how our one size fits all education system fails these musical prodigies was eye opening. I loved it and can't wait to discuss it with my book club later this month.

I bought this book for my Son for his birthday because he's a huge fan of Dave Grohl's music, and music in general. He loved the book and knew I would enjoy reading it as well. All I can say is that my Son knows me well because I breezed through the book! It was a quick, interesting book and my Son & I were able to discuss the musicians and their moms.

This is not just a Dave Grohl/Nirvana/Foo Fighters book. It is way more than that. This is a book that speaks to all those who have the passion to pursue dreams. Through the eyes of the mothers of seventeen musician/artists, Virginia Grohl binds the individual stories with threads of common experience. Intertwined are thirteen personal vignettes from her own experiences as a "rock mom." The narrative will appeal to those seeking greatness in any field of endeavor. It will also resonate with parents and grandparents who have the courage and patience to allow their children to chart their own destinies.

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