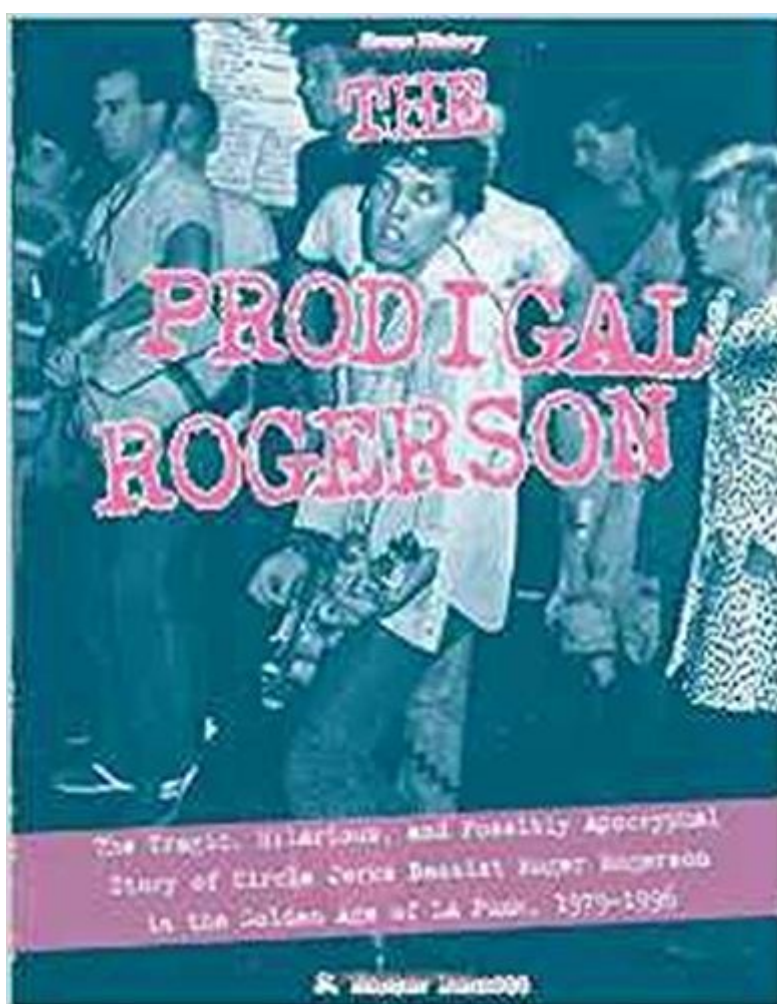


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# The Prodigal Rogerson: The Tragic, Hilarious, And Possibly Apocryphal Story Of Circle Jerks Bassist Roger Rogerson In The Golden Age Of LA Punk, 1979-1996 (Scene History)





## Synopsis

"The definitive account of one of hardcore punk's most enigmatic figures." —Lucky Lehrer, Circle Jerks drummer  
In 1983, Circle Jerks bassist Roger Rogerson stole the band's van and dropped off the face of the earth. Thirteen years later, he came back, demanded that his bandmates reunite so they could become "bigger than the Beatles," and promptly dropped dead. Though he was a founding member of the band and played on three of their best albums, Rogerson was lost to history. Woven from interviews of people who knew him, *The Prodigal Rogerson* explains what happened to Rogerson, where he went, and who he was—all against the backdrop of the Los Angeles punk scene in its prime.

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"With a taste for the ironic and a relentless eye, Hunter Bennett provides the definitive account of one of hardcore punk's most enigmatic figures, Roger Rogerson. Rare recollections and rich reporting reveal a rock rebel running rapidly from reality and at war with himself." —Lucky Lehrer, Circle Jerks drummer  
Hunter Bennett has burrowed deep into the punk rock substrata to uncover the story of the mercurial and mysterious Roger Rogerson. In doing so he illuminates the madness, the audacity and the danger that fueled the early hardcore scene in Southern California. —Mike Stax, Ugly Things Magazine publisher

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Short, quick read but very good.

Bennett interviewed Rogerson's band members, ex-wives, old girlfriends, and a stepson, as well as scenesters, record label owners, and others to produce a portrait of Roger Rogerson through the words of those who knew him. While the pages consist of quotes deftly arranged to tell a story, Bennett acts as a one-man Greek chorus throughout the book to comment on the action and give context. While not a comedy or tragedy in the conventional sense, Rogerson's strange and varied life contains aspects of both. You're likely to laugh, cry and shake your head on every page. If you saw the Circle Jerks live or loved their albums, get this fast-paced book. You'll never listen to their songs the same way.

Excellent book! I've been listening to the Circle Jerks since 1981, but I was totally unaware of this information & story. It's a short, crazy & funny read. Highly recommended!

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