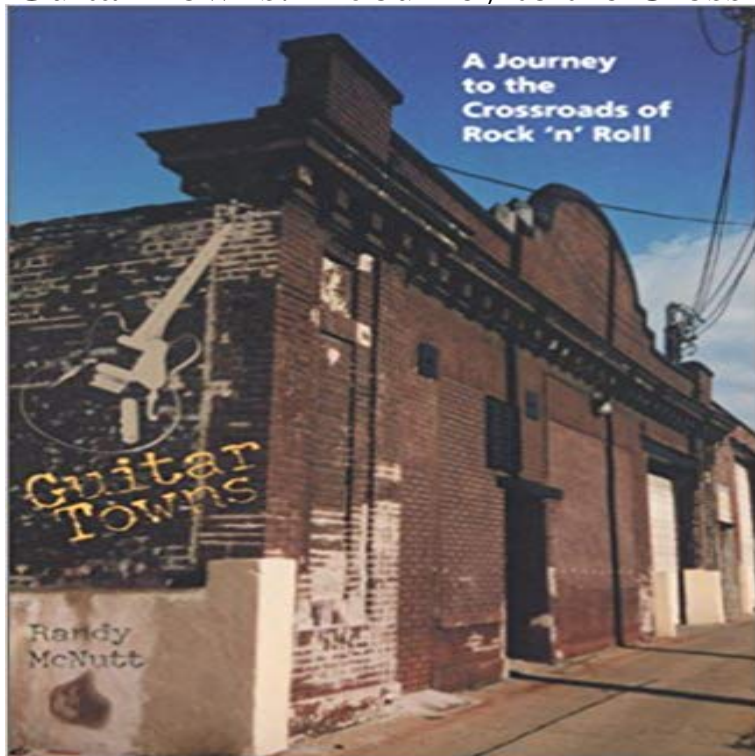


## Guitar Towns: A Journey to the Crossroads of Rock n Roll



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