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Passport to the Future: The Amazing Life and Sounds of Electronic Pop Music Pioneer Jean-Jacques Perrey

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Sterling Swan Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 312 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 0.8in. You might not know the name Jean-Jacques Perrey, but chances are that you've heard his music. It's been everywhere: on commercials, in cartoons, and Top 40 hits. It's been sampled by over 70 hip-hop artists including Ice T, Dr. Dre and A Tribe Called Quest. Even the Beatles sampled his music. Just this year, his music was recently used in an episode of South Park, and in a television commercial for NFL Fantasy Football. For nearly 40 years his Baroque Hoedown tune (with Gershon Kingsley) has been featured in Disneyland's much-loved Main Street Electrical Parade. This book chronicles Perrey's musical transformation from being just another young accordion player in France, to eventually becoming a pioneer of electronic pop music. By chance, as a young man, Perrey came upon a new French-invented electronic keyboard instrument called the Ondioline, and soon he became its chief salesperson. While demonstrating the instrument all over Europe, in the late 1950s, he was discovered by legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf. She became Perrey's mentor, and arranged for Perrey to travel to America, where he quickly...



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