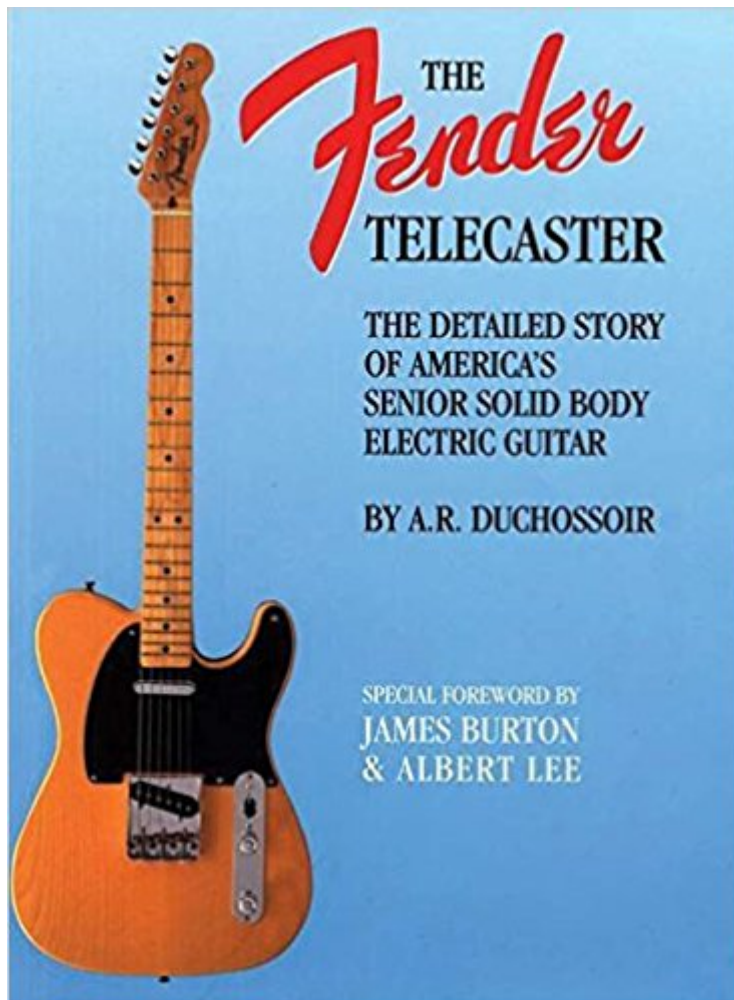


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# The Fender Telecaster



## Synopsis

(Reference). The Fender Telecaster is regarded as the first commercially successful solid body electric 'Spanish' guitar. Designed by Leo Fender at a time when the words rock and roll were not even coined, the 'Telly' is the senior member of a family of instruments whose sounds and looks helped revolutionize the world of popular music. This book relates the story of Telecaster Guitars since 1950 - everything you ever wanted to know is explored through lots of color and black and white photos, charts and interviews.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book simply as a reference guide since I was building a copy of a 1952 Telecaster for my brother. I'm a guitarist and luthier and I build a variety of stringed instruments from guitars, to ukuleles, to dulcimers ([...]). I'd never built a solid body electric before. I wanted to make sure I was staying true to the '52 external specs as much as possible, while looking into the later years of the guitar for upgrading the "innards" of the project. So in the beginning, my use of the book was limited. However, the more I read, the more I learned about the Tele in general, things I never knew about the father of all electric guitars as it matured. It was actually quite fascinating and well presented. There are plenty of illustrations and photos and the text is very readable. It ended up putting more ideas in my head for building future guitars of the Tele genre. The book is full of accurate and interesting information on all aspects of the Telecaster family. It isn't what I'd call a coffee table book, but is an excellent technical reference and quite interesting in many other aspects. Highly

recommended.

If you're looking to gain knowledge and factual information about the greatest solid body electric guitar ever produced, this is the book you want. Leo Fender got it EXACTLY right with his first attempt when it comes to solid body electric guitars and this book gives you all of the nitty gritty you will need to find the right Telecaster for yourself or just add to your guitar knowledge. I highly recommend this book and I am a fifty year Telecaster player.

Several comments about the Fender Telecaster have been heard since I began listening to Roy Buchanan play guitar in the mid-70's, and I was very ready to read about the guitar which sounded so good in such hands. The book is the best I've seen on the subject of guitars. The subject of another well-known Fender guitar hasn't interested me nearly so much. Good book.

again...im not trying to split the atom here...but book is informative...too bad its paperback...it will soon get lost with all the thin guitar method type books im collecting...wish it was a coffee table book or something close...just kinda a big magazine...enjoy

This book is quite old, only covering up to the early '90's. An updated edition would be appreciated by many guitarists.

As usual, Duchossoir provides an excellent description. All the nitty gritty details are covered.

The Telecaster Bible for many years but a lot has happened in the Tele world since 1990.

Of all the telecaster books I have this is the best detailed reference material, I used it in putting my partscaster together. Simple things like when slotted head screws were replaced with Phillips head ones; how the decals were applied and looked are invaluable. Highly recommended

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