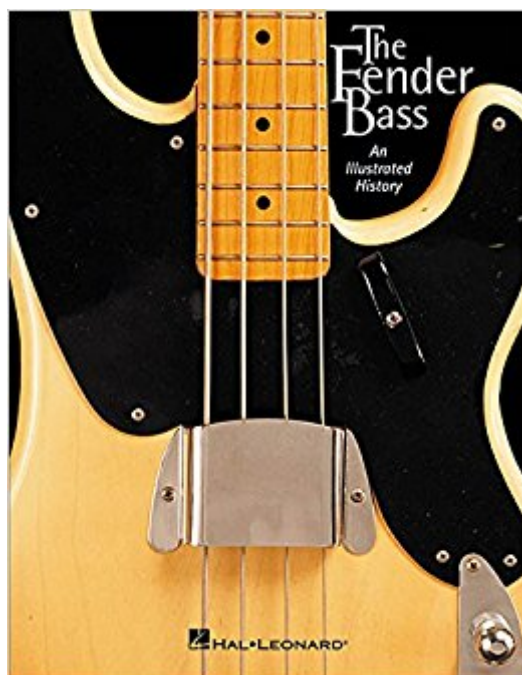


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# The Fender Bass: An Illustrated History



## Synopsis

(Book). When Leo Fender added a bass to his growing family of instruments 50 years ago, he created a new world for musicians and revolutionized an industry in the process. Using hundreds of photographs, this exciting release chronicles the evolution of that instrument from 1951 to 2001, providing background, history and highly researched facts vital to understanding everything about this remarkable member of the Fender family. A must for all music fans!

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## Customer Reviews

I play and own two Fender Precision Basses and I love them. This book just reinforces my love and interest in Fender P-Basses! Interesting history and loads of pictures.

A good overview with some beautiful photos. A little light on the written content. It seems to be aimed at collectors, but without the detail that a collector would want. Also, it ignores some of the lesser known instruments. The Coronado bass only gets one picture (from a catalog) and a couple of brief mentions. Still, it has value for the photos alone.

As the "Illustrated History" title suggests, the content is mostly pictorial and light on commentary. Scads of full color glossy photos take you from the earliest P-basses to the Urge bass and beyond. A good portion of the book is devoted to identifying dates of manufacture by head-stocks, logos, bridges, tuning machines, etc. Topped off with a tour of the vintage Fender factory, this book is a

must have for any Fender bass aficionado. One thing I would've liked to see however, is some information on the various Fender bass neck profiles and their respective eras (i.e. U-shape, vintage C, modern C, soft-V).

This book contains some excellent historical information and some fantastic photography of not only the great basses, but even the amps, catalogs, and the cool advertisements from the early days. (I still had the catalog that I used to browse back in the early '70s!) Great memories!

Good stuff. It helped me identify my '83 American Standard Jazz Bass.

I am a pretty serious Fender Precision bass collector. This book is, by far, the closest thing to a Fender bass "bible" I have read. It is packed with drool inspiring pictures and the reference section which illustrates chronological changes to various parts like tuners and the serial number chart (more accurate than the one on Fender's website!) is invaluable. Buy this book and buy a spare copy too.

This is a delightfully photographed and extremely well printed book. Chock full of eye candy and interesting historical information too. The focus is clearly on the Precision and Jazz basses. Scant attention is paid to anything else. Well worth the price of admission.

If you collect vintage Fender basses or are simply looking for a great investment in a P or J bass, then you need this book. So good, I bought another copy for a friend who likes 1970's Fender basses. Full colour pictures of a wide variety of vintage Fender basses with a great chronological history of its development. Great value.

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