

RICK BERLIN
THE BIG BALLOON (A Love Story)
646 PAGE, SOFT-COVER BOOK

Prominent Boston singer-songwriter-author Rick Berlin has enjoyed a long and storied career in the New England music scene. From his early days with Orchestra Luna, Berlin Airlift and The Shelley Winters Project, to recent collaborations with Jane Mangini and The Nickel & Dime Band,

Berlin has never been one to rest on his laurels (while etching his name in to the record books of Boston music history). So when musician's lives came to an alarming halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Yale graduate Berlin took pen to paper at his Jamaica Plain pad and chronicled his long and eventful life alongside hundreds of offbeat photographs.

The result is this prolific, well-written documentation (and diary of sorts) of Berlin's escapades through the many facets of his being. He touches on his childhood days, teen years, musical achievements and countless relationships with genuine affection fueled by a bevy of cleverly conjured words that evoke colorful imagery *and* stark realities. While the pages are many, Berlin manages to control each chapter with condensed genius. It's a heartfelt tome filled with sentiment that will resonate with all who pick it up. Open the pages and jump in. [B.M.O.]

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