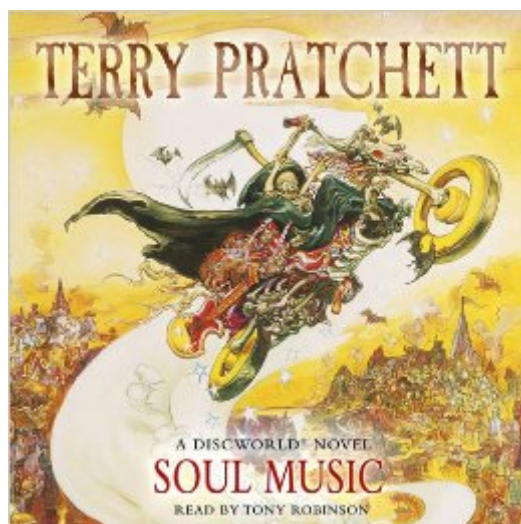


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# Soul Music



## Synopsis

It's hard to grow up normal when Grandfather rides a white horse and wields a scythe " and especially when you have to face the new and addictive music that has entered Discworld. It's lawless. It changes people. It's called Music with Rocks In. It's alive. And it won't fade away.

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## Customer Reviews

No one agrees on which is the best Terry Pratchett novel, but a lot of his fans, myself included, would name this as a candidate. In this novel, he takes his manic punning, wordplay and double- and triple-entendre to the highest level. Soul Music has three narrative threads: Death takes a holiday (which Pratchett fans will remember from [\\_Mort\\_](#)), Mort's orphan daughter, Susan Sto Helit, and her attempts to cope with the family legacy, and the discovery of rock and roll on the disc. The three stories intertwine and the result, for me, ranged from snickers to guffaws. The big news is that rock and roll comes to the disk, through the agency of a pawnshop guitar and a skilled harpist, whose name translates as "Bud of Holly" and who looks kind of Elvis[h]. With a dwarvish horn player named Glod and a trollish drummer named Cliff, the band Music with Rocks In takes the Discworld by storm. The Librarian, the monk... orangutan who runs the Wizard's library, sits in on keyboards, and exceeds even the excesses of Jerry Lee Lewis. You cannot imagine a rock music issue that Pratchett doesn't reach. Women fans pitch articles of clothing; espresso shops appear; rock promoters - C.M.O.T. Dibbler, of course - arrive; even the sedate wizards wear leather, do their best James

Dean and show they, too, are "Born to Rune." Parts of the book are a pastiche of "Blues Brothers" ("We're on a mission from Glod"), "Spinal Tap," and "Woodstock." Other parts are simply Pratchett's own mad invention. And this book also features Ptery's best pun - "some felonious monk;" possibly the best pun in literature since Niven's and Gerrold's *The Flying Sorcerors*. You can spend a lot of time just working out the puns.

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