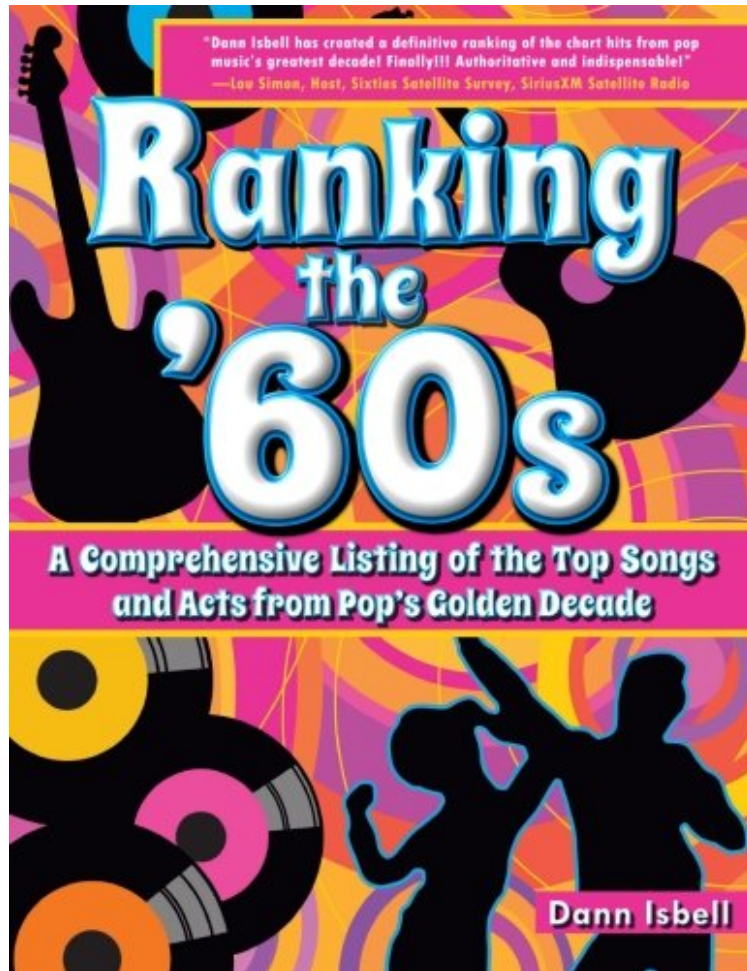


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About the Author Dann Isbell has been fascinated by the charting of pop music and its ties to popular culture for more than forty-five years. Dann grew up in Southern California during the sixties where storied battles broiled between radio stations KFWB, KRLA and KHJ, all competing for listeners with renowned dee jays at the top of their game. For the past thirty years he has lived in Taiwan where he teaches in the Department of English at National Central University.