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Description:

Playlist for *The Love Song Of Jonny Valentine* by Teddy Wayne

The pop music in *The Love Song of Jonny Valentine* is, by 11-year-old singer Jonny's own admission, utterly disposable. It's a mainstream product that goes in one ear and out the other, but not before separating the listener from her money. Yet he dreams of creating art that is timeless, along the lines of his idol, Michael Jackson (especially "Billie Jean"). And though my own musical taste runs counter to Top-40 aesthetics, I, too, have a soft spot for catchy, hook-driven pop.

The contemporary landscape of dance-pop shares some attributes with the crooners of the 1950s

and early '60s, but has its strongest roots in synthesizer-heavy pop from the '80s. That also happens to be the music I grew up with. Here are 17 songs from the decade, some iconic, some lesser-known. All remain, to me, listenable and danceable after all these years. In other words: timeless.

1. by Michael Jackson
2. by Bow Wow Wow
3. by The Nails
4. by Prince
5. by Tiffany
6. by A-ha
7. by Fine Young Cannibals
8. by Strawberry Switchblade
9. by The Vapors
10. by The Bangles
11. by Wall of Voodoo
12. by Katrina and the Waves
13. by Dexy's Midnight Runners
14. by Cyndi Lauper
15. by Madonna
16. by Nena
17. by Kim Wilde

--This text refers to the edition.

From Called the “angel of pop,” 11-year-old megastar Jonny Valentine has everything but a father . . . and a childhood. Wayne’s novel follows the preadolescent’s national tour as he wows his tween fans (and the occasional adult predator) while secretly searching the Internet for his absent father, whom he hasn’t seen since he was 5 or 6. In the meantime, his hard-partying mother, who doubles as his manager, is trying to ensure that the young star’s career doesn’t go into eclipse. As for Jonny—discovered, like Justin Bieber, on YouTube—he’s 11 going on 30, still a child who loves playing his favorite video game but also one who speaks with adult savvy about the music industry, talking glibly about “rotation stamina,” “performance protocol,” “packaging-strategy perspective,” “MJ” (Michael Jackson), and the like. Wayne’s second novel is both a cautionary tale and an insider’s look at some of the less salutary aspects of the music industry. Pop-music aficionados will be delighted. --Michael Cart --This text refers to the edition.

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