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Guitar & Bass Magazine, February 2011

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About the Author

Dave Hunter is an author, musician, and journalist. He is the presenter and co-author of the *Totally Interactive Guitar Bible* and its two follow-ups, *Interactive Fender Bible* and *Interactive Gibson Bible*. Among his other books are the popular *The Guitar Amp Handbook*, *Guitar Rigs*, and *Guitar Effects Pedals*. He contributes regularly to *Guitar Player* and *Vintage Guitar* magazines.

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