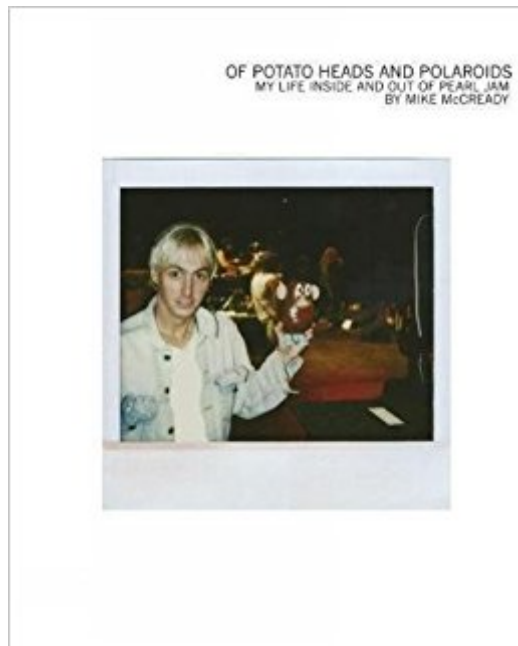




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# Of Potato Heads And Polaroids: My Life Inside And Out Of Pearl Jam



## Synopsis

Pearl Jam. Not many bands have achieved a status needing no adjective or description. Pearl Jam has. And fewer still have had an insider, much less a member, obsessively capture onstage and offhand pics of the experience—the friends, family, and fans...—and one very famous plastic toy. Luckily for us—lead guitarist—Mike McCready—did—trusty Polaroid camera in hand. Documenting years of touring and travels, McCready snaps meetings with heroes and inspirations from all walks of life; time spent with crazy friends and family; and moments—featuring wildly artistic takes on art, nature, and architecture. Also: he once rocked a fab grey shift. And true to form for one not taking things too seriously, Mike sometimes had his pal, Mr. Potato Head, pop in and share in the fun. As wonderfully intimate as group—“selfies”—with the likes of Neil Young, Questlove, Jimmy Page, Ann and Nancy Wilson, Joey Ramone, Johnny Ramone, The Edge, Ben Harper, Peter Buck, Paul McCartney, Mike Mills, Sting, Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, Carrie Brownstein, Robert Plant, Peter Frampton, Dave Grohl, Gene Simmons, Bono, Jack White, Danny Clinch, Lady Gaga, Laura Dern, Dustin Hoffman, Judd Apatow, Will Ferrell, Leslie Mann, Jimmy Fallon, Mira Sorvino, Tim Robbins, Hugh Jackman, Venus Williams, and Kate Hudson are, it’s—the massive homage to the band’s—fans taken from stage view, in places from the Pacific Northwest to Peru, from Brussels to Bolivia, that brings McCready’s—manic intimacy come roaring to life. Of Potato Heads and Polaroids—is the scrapbook for our rockstar world—the friends, family, and fans. With some wattage. And a great deal of fun and good times.

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"One shot at a time, Mike McCready has captured everything from Pearl Jam's increasingly bigger crowds to his ever-changing hair color and growing family. But the photos also allowed a certain intimacy and are artful, like the silhouette of McCready raising the 12th Man flag atop the Space Needle. The Duomo di Milano and Stonehenge. There's a double-shot of McCready's daughter, Kaia, that could be hung in a museum. • The Seattle Times

Mike McCready is the lead guitarist for, and one of the founding members of, rock band Pearl Jam. He is also a member of side-project bands Temple of the Dog, Mad Season, and The Rockfords. In addition to Pearl Jam, McCready currently plays with friends in Flight to Mars, a UFO tribute band which does charity events. When not performing live, McCready scores TV and film projects which have included The Glamour & the Squalor, Shameless, Fat Kid Rules the World, Hawaii Five-O, Fringe, and The Westsiders.

I, like many of the other reviewers on here, bought this for my husband as a birthday present. He is a huge Pearl Jam fan and so he of course loved it. It arrived in perfect condition, and we have really enjoyed looking at the different pictures together. I highly recommend this book especially to any Pearl Jam fan, but really to anyone who likes photography, 90's pop-culture, or alternative music!

Bought this book as an extra Bday gift for my hubby, but not before thumbing through it first. Great purchase and great price point too. Mike captures his world through several decades with what looks to be the same trusted polaroid camera. Who doesn't love a guy who is comfortable and funny enough to cross dress for a photo? I cracked up! The photos brought out several emotions while thumbing through the pages of the many legends we have lost over the years, especially the Soundgarden section (Chris Cornell RIP). Bravo to Mike for keeping it real. If you are a Pearl Jam, grunge and or rock fan period, this is a must have for your collection. Packed with candid never before seen photos shot by Mike with and of many Seattle and international legends. Mike's wife, children and family are a lovely bonus.

Alot bigger than I thought it would be, it's a hard back & very cool! Bought as a gift for a music junkie

& think they'll love it. Fast shipping!

threw it in a big box and it showed up filthy and beat up. Completely disappointed. The book itself is a must for PJ fans.

Mike McCready can do no wrong.

This was a birthday gift for my husband, who is a huge fan of all things grunge and 90s Seattle. He was thrilled with the book. It definitely takes you back to that time and place. Recommended for anyone who may be a fan of this scene or music in general.

Robert R. Barbour was the original creator of Mr. Potato Head in the late 40's! I love Polaroid and have many original models that still work, including a mint Land camera, & SX-70. I loved the fact that Mr. McCready published such a wonderful photo book. I love Pearl Jam's music! Mr. Potato Head was originally developed by Robert R. Barbour in the late 40's, which he sold to Hasbro and the original design was sold for \$500 and was in a cereal box. Robert Barbour sold the rights for his son Leslie Bryan Barbour, and later Robert was a little miffed that Mr. Potato Head became one of the first toys advertised on TV. Ask my wife, Ava, she is Robert R. Barbour's daughter and Leslie was her "Big Brother".-David Allen

I love this book! Great pictures and fun concept

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