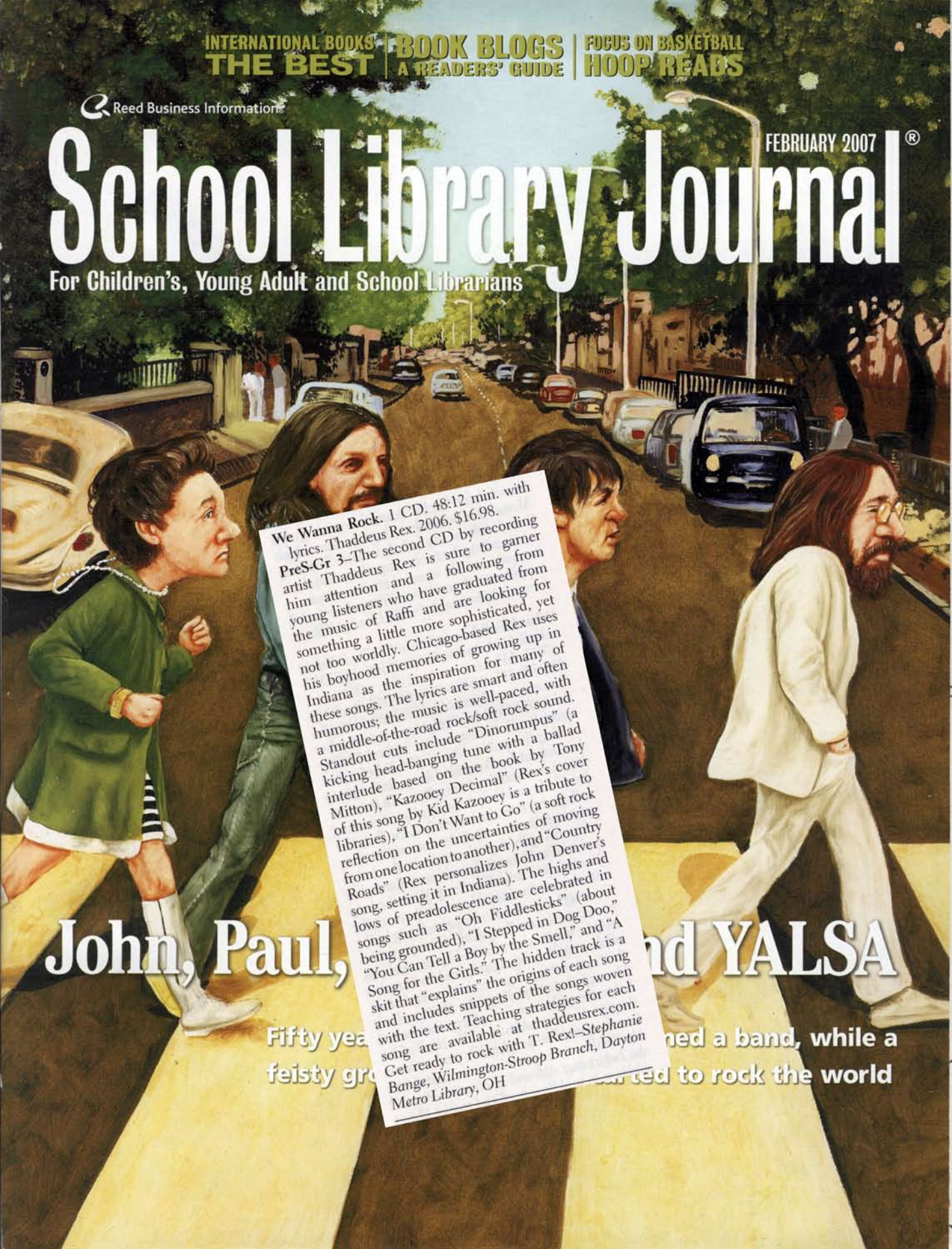


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We Wanna Rock. 1 CD. 48:12 min. with lyrics. Thaddeus Rex. 2006. \$16.98. PreS-Gr 3--The second CD by recording artist Thaddeus Rex is sure to garner him attention and a following from young listeners who have graduated from the music of Raffi and are looking for something a little more sophisticated, yet not too worldly. Chicago-based Rex uses his boyhood memories of growing up in Indiana as the inspiration for many of these songs. The lyrics are smart and often humorous; the music is well-paced, with a middle-of-the-road rock/soft rock sound. Standout cuts include "Dinorumpus" (a kicking head-banging tune with a ballad interlude based on the book by Tony Mitton), "Kazooley Decimal" (Rex's cover of this song by Kid Kazooley is a tribute to libraries), "I Don't Want to Go" (a soft rock reflection on the uncertainties of moving from one location to another), and "Country Roads" (Rex personalizes John Denver's song, setting it in Indiana). The highs and lows of preadolescence are celebrated in songs such as "Oh Fiddlesticks" (about being grounded), "I Stepped in Dog Doo," "You Can Tell a Boy by the Smell," and "A Song for the Girls." The hidden track is a skit that "explains" the origins of each song and includes snippets of the songs woven with the text. Teaching strategies for each song are available at thaddeusrex.com. Get ready to rock with T. Rex!-Stephanie Bange, Wilmington-Stroop Branch, Dayton Metro Library, OH

John, Paul,

and YALSA

Fifty years ago, John, Paul, and YALSA started a band, while a feisty group of librarians wanted to rock the world