The Story of The Band: From Big Pink to the Last Waltz
By Harvey Kubernik & Kenneth Kubernik
(hardcover) $29.95
The prolific Kuberniks pay tribute to The Band in this handsome, unofficial retrospective covering everything from collaborations with Dylan through the Thanksgiving 1976 farewell show. The Story of the Band features little-known and previously unpublished interviews with band members and associates—including Ronnie Hawkins, Jerry Garcia, Andrew Loog Oldham and Bill Graham. Add some great, never-before-seen photographs to the mix and this book becomes a mind-and eye-opening experience.

Into The Light: The Photography of Jérôme Brunet
By Jérôme Brunet
(hardcover) $50.00
We’ve seen a lot of photo books, but this one is exceptional. Mainly because Brunet has captured so many of these performers “in the moment” when a song or a note or a chord is peaking. From legends like James Brown, B.B. King, Etta James to more contemporary performers such as Tom Morello, John Mayer, Alabama Shakes’ Brittany Howard and Vintage Trouble, whom Brunet has photographed as all members of the band are locked in and feeling the music deeply.

The History of Gangster Rap
By Soren Baker
(paperback) $24.99
Baker examines the origins of the genre, from Schooly D all the way to the current artists such as Kendrick Lamar and Vince Staples. All of the scene’s biggest feuds, like the East Coast vs. West Coast rivalry in the ‘90s, are explained and there are several interviews from major artists of the genre like Ice-T and Snoop Dogg. Examining the cultural influence of the genre, Baker provides an explanation as to why gangster rap has dominated the music industry and why it continues to be successful.

Dreaming of Dylan: 115 Dreams About Bob
Created, collected & edited by Mary Lee Kortes
(hardcover) $24.99
Realizing she is not the only Bobessive haunted by regular Dylan dreams, singer-songwriter Kortes reached out to the world, asking others to share their subconscious sojourns, and the result is this amusing, artful compilation. From touching to disturbing and all points in between, these dreams are never dull. This heavily visual hardback book, printed on quality art paper, is a unique gift item for Dylan devotees.

The Cure: A Perfect Dream
By Ian Gittins
(hardcover) $29.95
Veteran music journalist Ian Gittins has come up with the ultimate Cure book for the fans, an essential collection of interviews, photographs, and rare memorabilia of the acclaimed British rock band. Having interviewed the group numerous times over the years, Gittins provides an insightful look into exactly what makes them special. Documenting the group’s numerous lineup changes and evolving sound over the years, this heavily visual retrospective tells a detailed story of The Cure’s 40-year career.

Cash And Carter Family Cook Book
By John Carter Cash
(hardcover) $29.99
Gotta say, this might be the most entertaining cookbook we’ve seen. It not only presents beautiful images of the appetizers, main courses and desserts that the legendary clan prepared at home over the years, but includes snaps of the folks as they enjoyed those dishes. Photos with Johnny & June’s house guests like Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, U2, Billy Bob Thornton, Jane Seymour and Loretta Lynn add a special seasoning to this tasty tome.