



Top Songwriter Pens New Book

Rand Bishop, BMI Award-winning songwriter who has written songs for such acts as Toby Keith and the Beach Boys, will release a new book on songwriting during a special Dec. 4 launch day at [amazon.com](#).

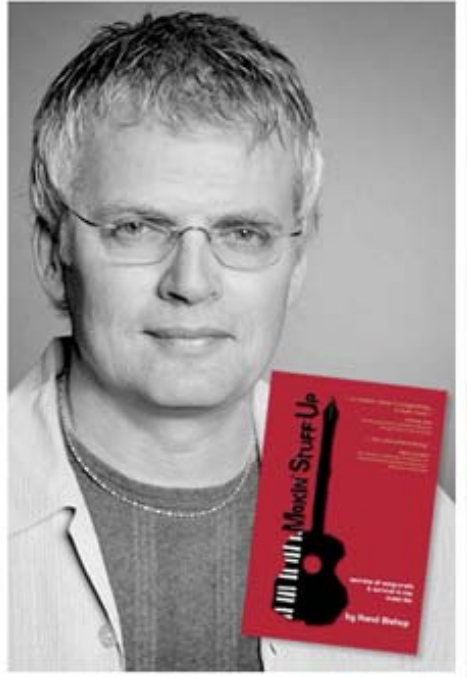
Makin' Stuff Up (Secrets of Songcraft and Survival in the Music-Biz) is described as "a [songwriting](#) course wrapped in a memoir." The book includes a number of career-changing [stories](#) from Rand's often misguided rock 'n' roll past, as well as invaluable insights on crafting songs. "My new book and website ([makinstuffup.net](#)) are all about giving something back to an industry that has provided me with so many opportunities to express myself creatively over the last 40 years," says Rand, who won BMI's Million Play Award for the Toby Keith hit, "My List." "I want to help give developing writers the tools they need to become more successful. Hopefully, by reading the book, they can avoid some of the mistakes I made in my checkered past."

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