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## **Bothering the Coffee Drinkers**

Musical Fiction and Essays

by **Doug Hoekstra**

**Canopic Publishing** is pleased to announce the publication of ***Bothering the Coffee Drinkers: Musical Fiction and Essays*** by **Doug Hoekstra**.

Doug Hoekstra has long-been recognized as an extraordinary singer-songwriter with a decidedly literary bent. Fans and music critics alike are quick to suggest favorable comparisons to such musical poets as Leonard Cohen and Lou Reed, but ultimately the comparisons give way to recognition that he is indeed a unique artist with a distinctive artistic identity. Integral to that identity are his talents as a prose stylist—talents which are triumphantly borne out in ***Bothering the Coffee Drinkers***, his collection of short stories (and two essays) culled from his experiences as a musical troubadour rolling down the highways and playing gigs at dozens of the world's most renown music clubs and hundreds upon hundreds of gigs at neighborhood pubs and coffee houses. But the setting is ultimately inconsequential: For Doug Hoekstra, everyone is a story and everything a storyline, and if you spend some time listening to his music and reading ***Bothering the Coffee Drinkers***, you'll realize that the songs are stories and the stories are songs and it will all blend together like pure cream poured into a fresh cup of gourmet coffee.

An accomplished scholar with degrees from DePaul University in Chicago and Belmont University in Nashville, Doug Hoekstra is not exactly the prototypical Music Row song-slinger, and he is certainly not merely a musician trying his hand at another genre. His literary roots are every bit as deep as his musical gifts, a point validated by the fact that his essays and short stories have appeared in numerous literary journals and magazines in the US and Europe.

***Bothering the Coffee Drinkers*** is, above all else, a testament to good, solid writing—a collection of prose stylings which fall under the grand heading of fine literature.

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