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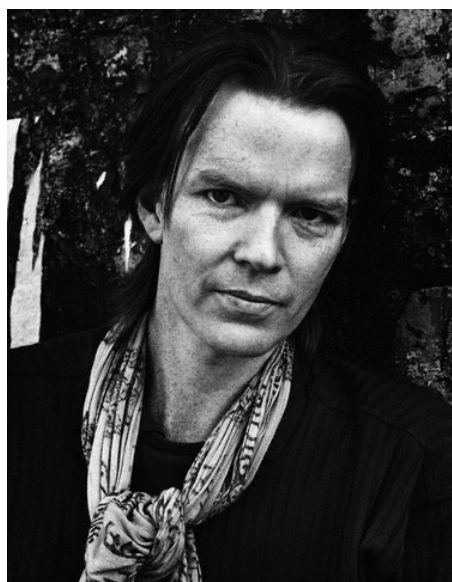
Poet, author and punk rocker [Jim Carroll](#) has died.

The *Basketball Diaries* author passed away Friday, September 11th, from a heart attack at the age of 60, [his ex-wife told the New York Times](#).

Carroll's poetry career began in the late 1960s, when he was still in his teens. But it was his 1978 autobiography *The Basketball Diaries* that exposed him to his biggest audience.

The book -- which was adapted into a movie in 1995 with Leonardo DiCaprio -- began as Carroll's personal journey, before it was eventually published in trade paperback. It chronicles his years as a young sports star at a private Manhattan high school -- and his subsequent drug use.

Carroll has also published several poetry collections and released several music albums, most notably 1980's "Catholic Boy."



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