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Jim Carroll, author and musician dead at 59

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Jim Carroll, musician, author and poet is dead at the age of 59. Carroll died at his home in New York from a heart attack.

Leonardo Di Caprio starred as Carroll in the 1995 film based on his autobiography, The Basketball Diaries.

Written in 1978 The Basketball Diaries is the story of his life as a teenager growing up in the middle of New York's drug culture.

That same year Patti Smith encouraged him form his own band, The Jim Carroll Band. 'Catholic Boy' was the debut album for The Jim Carroll Band in 1980.

The single from the album was 'People Who Died'. Two years later it was used in the soundtrack to E.T.

During his career, Carroll collaborated with Lou Reed, Boz Scaggs, Ray Manzarek, Pearl Jam, Rancid and Blue Oyster Cult.

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