

# PowerPop

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## RIP Jim Carroll

[Died Friday at his home in Manhattan.](#)



What a fascinating life....

Posted by NYMary at [7:32 PM](#)




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**[Kid Charlemagne said...](#)**

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I saw the Jim Carrol Band once, at a press thing when the first album came out.. Trax, I think. Keith Richards played on "People Who Died."

Sad news indeed...

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davedave said...

I saw Jim Carrol in the summer of '81 at a little club called The Thunderbird in Tyngsborough, Mass. My best friend had died the year before in a drug-related accident. Iwas right up front and Jim leaned down with the mic and I sang the chorus of this song with him. It was one of the most cathartic experience of my life. Rest in Peace Jim.


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[gttim](#) said...


What a talent he was. "Catholic Boy" was a landmark punk CD and will always be one of my favorites.

And remember commenters, it is 2 R's and 2 L's.

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Anonymous said...

Mr Simels,  
Clearly you are important. Thank you for pointing that out. I thought that the post was about Jim Carroll. I must have been wrong

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[Dutch Canuck](#) said...

Steve:

I bought "Catholic Boy" on the basis of your rave review in The Mag Formerly Etc. and it became a fixture at my high school in our car stereo tape rotation for many months. Somehow it fit in to our simultaneous discovery of William Burroughs and Leonard Cohen. I remember being surprised at how well his non-melodic talking-singing worked, even on slow stuff like Day and Night. Rest in peace, Jim.

Oh, and Mr. Anonymous: go Rest In Peace yourself, already.

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[Alex](#) said...

I was lucky enough to see him in concert once in the 80s. Great show, great energy, great time.

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[goomba](#) said...

Ditto to Dutch. Steve Simels turned me on to so much good music with his Stereo Review critiques in the 70s/80s including Jim Carrol's woefully underappreciated first album.

RIP Jim Carrol

RIP Stereo Review

Stick around, Steve.

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