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"The Basketball Diaries" author, [Jim Carroll](#), dies at 60



News



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Jim Carroll, author of "The Basketball Diaries" and frontman for new-wave act, The Jim Carroll Band, died in his Manhattan apartment on Friday at the age of 60. The cause of death was ruled a heart attack.



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Carroll became famous for his 1978 memoir, "The Basketball Diaries," which follows

his drug addicted days as a high school basketball star in the 1960's. The memoir was later made into a film starring Leonardo [DiCaprio](#).

Though Carroll will be most remembered for his writing abilities both as a memoirist and poet, he was also a very accomplished recording artist.

Having strong connections with Andy Warhol and his entourage of artists and musicians, Carroll's band, which bears his name, released three albums in the 70's and 80's and collaborated with such acts as [Lou Reed](#) and Blue Oyster Cult.

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