

"Paul Simon"
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Top Pop Hits

"50 Ways To Leave Your Lover" - 1975 - #1

"Kodachrome" - 1973 - #2

"Loves Me Like a Rock" - 1973 - #2

"Mother and Child Reunion" - 1972 - #4

"Slip Slidin' Away" - 1977 - #5

In 1970 Paul Simon left his performance partnership with Art Garfunkel to seek what became an even more successful solo career. He is known for the intricacy of the social interactions depicted in his songs. Paul Simon has won 13 Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame. The Library Of Congress presented him with their first Gershwin Prize for Popular Song in 2007.



"Carole King"
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Carole King is known both for writing more than two dozen pop chart hits in the 1960s for other artists with her husband Gerry Goffin, and also for her success recording her own songs in the 1970s. By 2000 she had written or cowritten 118 songs that reached the Billboard Hot 100. Carole King's Tapestry album is considered by many to be the definitive singer-songwriter album. It has spent over 300 weeks on the Billboard album chart and has sold over 10 million copies in the US alone. Carole King is a member of the Rock and Roll

Hall Of Fame and Songwriters Hall Of Fame.

Top Pop Hits

"It's Too Late" - 1971 - #1

"Jazzman" - 1974 - #2

"Sweet Seasons" - 1972 - #9

"Nightingale" - 1975 - #9



"Joni Mitchell"
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Joni Mitchell wrote some of the definitive folk pop songs of the 1960s including "Big Yellow Taxi," "Both Sides Now," and "Woodstock." Following her top 10 pop success in 1974 she began to veer more into jazz-influenced music. She is one of the most critically acclaimed songwriters of all time. She has won nine Grammy Awards and is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame.

Top Pop Hit

"Help Me" - 1974 - #7



"Neil Young"
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Neil Young first gained fame writing songs and performing as part of the groups Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. However, since branching out as a solo artist he has become noted for deeply personal music and a wide ranging exploration of musical styles. Neil Young has been twice inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame as a solo artist and as a member of Buffalo Springfield. Neil Young has released seven platinum certified albums as a solo artist.

Top Pop Hit

"Heart Of Gold" - 1972 - #1



"Alanis Morisssette" Photo by Dan Callister / Getty Images

Alanis Morissette set a new standard for female singer-songwriters with her landmark 1995 album Jagged Little Pill. It presented an independent, emotional, and often angry woman with songs that made their way to the upper reaches of the pop singles chart one after another. Ultimately Jagged Little Pill sold 16 million copies in the US alone. It spent over a year in the top 10 on the album chart. She has won seven Grammy Awards and released three #1 hit albums.

Top Pop Hits

"Thank U" - 1998 - #2
"Head Over Feet" - 1996 - #3
"Ironic" - 1996 - #4
"Uninvited" - 1998 - #4
"You Learn" - 1996 - #6



"Dolly Parton"
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<u>Dolly Parton</u> is best known as a country singer and songwriter, but her songs have had major impact in the pop arena as well. She wrote "I Will Always Love You" which topped the country chart in her version and reached the adult contemporary top 20. Whitney Houston's version hit #1 on the pop singles chart and stayed there for a phenomenal 14 weeks. Dolly Parton also hit #1 on the pop chart with the song "9 to 5" which she wrote. It earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Song From a Motion Picture and earned four Grammy Award nominations.

Top Pop Hits

"9 to 5" - 1980 - #1
"Here You Come Again" - 1977 - #3

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