

# Categorizing artists becomes confusing task

It's getting harder to "classify" musical artists.

The American Music Awards has added more categories this year - but you can't identify a category simply by looking at the names of the nominees.

Michael Jackson and George Michael, for instance, are not only finalists in the male pop/rock category, but also are among the nominees for top male soul/rhythm and blues vocalist.

Sweet Child O' Mine, by Guns N' Roses, is among the songs nominated for favorite single of the year in the pop/rock category. Yet, the group itself is a nominee for favorite artist in the heavy metal category.

A number of other artists - from Whitney Houston to Def Leppard - are nominated in more than one music "category."



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Winners of the American Music Awards are determined by a poll of record buyers.

The show will be aired Jan. 30 by CTV.

A lot of Canadians are rattlin' and hummin' along with U2, the popular Irish rock group. U2's Rattle and Hum album has passed the 500,000-sales level in Canada.

Seventy-five years ago, Cana-

dians laid down their pencils and picked up rifles when Canada entered the Great War.

A quarter-century later, the Great War - the war to end all wars - had to be renamed the First World War when a second "great" war broke out.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War and the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Canadian publisher Lester and Orpen Dennys Ltd. is publishing two illustrated books on Canada's role in the two world wars.

Co-written by historians Desmond Morton and J.L. Granatschein, the books will be released separately.

The first, *Marching To Armageddon: Canadians and The Great War 1914-1918*, will be

published in March.

Then, *A Nation Forged In Fire: Canadians and The Second World War 1939-1945*, will be released in September.

You could have bought a new Cobra 427 Roadster for \$6,500 in 1966.

Today, if you can find one, that 1966 will cost you a little more - \$500,000 is the going price.

Classic car collectors vie with each other these days for masterpieces from the past.

One of the segments on CTV's Live It Up program on Jan. 23 is devoted to a relatively new billion-dollar-a-year industry - classic car collections.

Collectively, romance novels us-

ed to be the top sellers in the paperback industry.

These days, however, more readers are heading for the science-fiction section in bookstores.

Science fiction has become the best-selling genre in the mass-market paperback industry, reports Quill and Quire, the bible of the Canadian book-publishing sector.

Some former fans of "romance" novels really haven't changed their reading habits that much, though. The science-fiction classification includes both science-fiction and fantasy novels. A number of these are romance/adventure novels - but set on exotic worlds or in Earth's distant past or future.

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