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Deflowered

My Life in Pansy Division

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The inside story of the first openly queer pop-punk rock band

"We're the buttfuckers of rock-and-roll/We want to sock it to your hole!" With these words written in a notebook, Jon Ginoli sets off on a journey of self-discovery and musical passion to become the founding member of Pansy Division, the first out and proud queer punk rock band. Set against the changing music industry, we follow the band from their inception in San Francisco, to their search for a music label and a permanent drummer, to their current status as indie rock icons. We see the highs—touring with Green Day—and the lows—homophobic fans—of striving for acceptance and success in the world of rock. Replete with the requisite tales of sex, drugs, groupies, band fights, and label battles, this rollicking memoir is also an impassioned account of staying true to the artistic vision of queer rock'n'roll.

JON GINOLI is a guitarist, singer, songwriter, and founding member of Pansy Division, whose CDs include *Undressed*, *Deflowered*, *Wish I'd Taken Pictures*, and more. An Illinois native, he's played both dive bars and arenas, and his favorite color is purple. When not on tour with the band, he lives and works in San Francisco.

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