

## 'Grease Is the Word'

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## Fresh insight into the impact and legacy of the cultural phenomenon 'Grease'

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Bringing together a group of international scholars, '*Grease Is the Word*' offers fresh insight into the impact and legacy of the cultural phenomenon that is *Grease*.

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