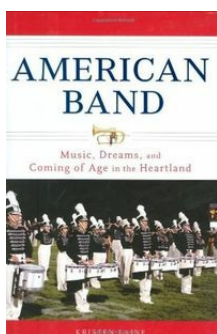


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As a former high school band geek, I was inclined to like this book even before I read it. But even without this bias, I'd give "American Band" five stars. This book follows the Concord High Marching Minutemen, from tiny Elkhart, Indiana, as the Class of 2005 leads their peers to the state marching championship competition. There are...