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# The Billboard Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Jazz And Blues



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Here's the definitive one-volume resource on everything jazz and blues! From their roots in African culture to their expression in the music of the twentieth century, the history of jazz and blues reveals how this truly American music came to be part of the soundtrack of contemporary urban life. Comprehensive, authoritative, and accessible, *The Billboard Illustrated Encyclopedia of Jazz & Blues* is organized chronologically by decade. Each section gives a historical overview plus an A to Z of influential artists and their key recordings. Readers will learn how jazz and blues have changed over the past century and then use dedicated Web links to hear those changes. With history, artist biographies, and illustrative mp3s, this book is one stop shopping for a great overview of two important musical forms. • Comprehensive yet concise • Decade-by-decade history plus A to Z of artists • Perfect for students, jazz and blues fans, and all music lovers

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## Customer Reviews

Tooting my own horn, but not really -- I edited this book, but what's good about it comes from its staff of writers and the superb photo research. This book can be poured over by people of all ages for discovery about great American culture and personages. Probably less interesting to experts in jazz and blues than to newcomers or people with some knowledge, eager to learn more.

This well-illustrated book makes for an intriguing reference on some of the greatest American artists of the 20th century. Lots and lots of books and studies fail to join jazz and blues at all, and none do

as clearly or as effortlessly as this much-needed and very worthwhile volume. It is both comprehensive and sensible. It covers a lot of ground. Though I wish it had more information on specific solos, which is where we really get a grasp of the depth of artistry here, this is the best book of its kind I have seen and I am grateful for it.

Dear , Thank you very much for this book. Excellent, very good printed and beautiful book. Very useful for musicians and other intellectual people. Vakhtang, Georgia

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