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The Voice of the Blues 14 2021 Some voices you will hear in The Voice of the Blues: "I sing blues for some money and I sing love 'em. They tried to put me over in another bag but I just don't fit no other bag. Exactly I fits one shoe, and that is the blues." Waters "I never did name one of my records 'the blues' . . . Everybody else called my sounds what I made 'the blues.' But I always good behind 'em; I didn't feel like I was playin' no blues. I felt like it sound just as good to the spiritual people as it would to a bar. . ." -Jimmy Reed "The Voice of the Blues" brings together lengthy interviews with pioneering blues performers including Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter, Jimmy Reed, B. B. King, and many others. Each interview captures the "voice" of the blues, reflecting life experiences, musical influences, and achievements. Illustrations include rare archival photographs and documents for fans of the blues--both traditional and electric.

The Blues: A Very Short Introduction Oct 23 2021 Praised as "suave, soulful, ebullient" (Tom Waits) and "a meticulous researcher, graceful writer, and a committed contrarian" (New York Times Book Review), Elijah Wald is one of the leading popular music critics of his generation. In The Blues, Wald surveys a genre at the heart of American culture. It is not an easy thing to pin down. As Howlin' Wolf described it, "When you ain't got no money and can't pay your house rent and can't buy you no food, you've damn sure got to be defined by lyrical structure, or as a progression of chords, or as a set of practices reflecting West African "tonal and rhythmic approaches," using a five-note "blues scale." Wald sees blues less as a style than as a broad musical tradition within a constant conversation with pop culture. He traces its roots in work and praise songs, and shows how it was transformed by such professional performers as Handy, who first popularized the blues a century ago. He follows its evolution from Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith through Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix; identifies the impact of rural field recordings of Blind Lemon Jefferson, Charley Patton and others; explores the role of blues in the development of both country music and jazz; and looks at the popular rhythm and blues trends of the 1940s and 1950s, from uptown West Coast style of T-Bone Walker to the "down home" Chicago sound of Muddy Waters. Wald brings the story up to date, touching on the effects of blues on American poetry, and its connection to modern styles such as rap. As with all of Oxford's Very Short Introductions, The Blues tells you--with insight, clarity, and wit--everything you need to know to understand this quintessential musical genre.

More Blues Singers Feb 12 2021 The first book by David Dicaire, Blues Singers: Biographies of 50 Legendary Artists of the Early Blues Century, (McFarland, 1999), included pioneers, innovators, superstars, and cult heroes of blues music born before 1940. This book covers those born after 1940 who have continued the tradition. This work has five sections, each with its own introduction. Section one, Modern Acoustic Blues, covers artists that are major players on the acoustic blues scene of recent time, such as John Hammond and the second, Contemporary Chicago Blues, features artists of amplified, citified, gritty blues (Paul Butterfield and Melvin Taylor, among others). Section three, Modern American Electric Blues, includes some Texas blues singers such as Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimmy Vaughan and examines how the blues have spread throughout the United States. Contemporary Blues Women are in section four, and five, Blues Around the World, covers artists from four different continents and twelve different countries. Each entry provides a biography and critical information on the artist, and a complete discography. A bibliography and supplemental discographies are also provided.

Blues People Aug 01 2022 This study attempts to place jazz and the blues within the context of American social history. The author, LeRoi Jones - also known as the poet Amiri Baraka - combines a knowledge of black American culture with his direct contact with blues musicians who have provided the backbone to this vital strand of American 20th-century culture.

Big Road Blues Apr 16 2021 Examines the processes of composition, learning, and performance used by Southern black folk blues musicians. The Blues Guitar Looper Pedal Book 16 2021 The looper pedal is an excellent companion for the blues genre! Most styles of blues have a repeating chord progression like the twelve-bar blues making it perfect for looping. Guitarist Brent Robitaille has created eight, twelve, and sixteen bar multi-layered loops divided into four or five separate layers or parts. Each loop contains riffs on the bass line, chords, and a rhythm pattern. Get your loops sounding better with the "ten tips for making great loops" and also improve your solos with the "ten tips for making great solos." Also included: blues scales, standard blues chord progressions in all keys, blues patterns, chord spelling charts, fingerboard charts, and a section on how to play slide guitar with exercises. This book serves several functions: how to use your looper pedal musically and efficiently to create blues loops for soloing and performing, and how to improve your blues guitar playing. A welcome addition for any guitarist looking to expand their blues playing using a looper pedal.

Humanities Sun 26 2019

Chicago's Redevelopment Machine and Blues May 06 2020 This book examines the conflict surrounding the latest redevelopment

frontier in Chicago: the city's South Side blues clubs and blocks. Like Chicago, cities such as Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Philadelphia are experiencing a new redevelopment machine: one of tyrannizing and fear. Its architects are adroit at working via the creation of fear to "terror-redevelop" in these historically neglected neighborhoods. The book also examines the powerful race and class-based politics in Chicago's blues clubs that resist such change. A "leisure as resistance" framework represents the latest innovative form of opposition to the transformation of these historic sites.

Barrelhouse Blues | 28 | 2019 In the 1920s, Southern record companies ventured to cities like Dallas, Atlanta, and New Orleans where they set up primitive recording equipment in makeshift studios. They brought in street singers, medicine show performers, and juke joints and barrelhouses. The music that circulated through Southern work camps, prison farms, and vaudeville shows would not have been captured if it hadn't been captured on location by these performers and recorders. Eminent blues historian Paul Oliver uncovers the traditions and the circumstances under which they were recorded, rescuing the forefathers of the blues who were lost before they had a chance to be heard. A careful excavation of the earliest recordings of the blues by one of its foremost experts, Barrelhouse Blues redefines our definition of that most American style of music.

Body and Soul | 21 | 2021 Alongside extensive, thought provoking, and lively analysis of some of the most popular jazz and blues of the 20th century, this text contains new work on blackface minstrelsy in early sound movies, racial representation and caricatures, juke joints and torch songs, the Hollywood Left, and hot jazz.

Give My Poor Heart Ease | 08 | 2020 Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, folklorist William Ferris toured his home state of Mississippi documenting the voices of African Americans as they spoke about and performed the diverse musical traditions that form the roots of the blues. Now, Give My Poor Heart Ease puts front and center a searing selection of the artistically and emotionally powerful songs from this invaluable documentary record. Illustrated with Ferris's photographs of the musicians and their communities and in addition to original music, the book features more than twenty interviews relating frank, dramatic, and engaging narratives about blues music in the heart of the American South. Here are the stories of artists who have long memories and speak eloquently about their lives, blues musicians who represent a wide range of musical traditions--from one-strand instruments, bottle-blowing, and barrelhouse spirituals, hymns, and prison work chants. Celebrities such as B. B. King and Willie Dixon, along with performers known best in their neighborhoods, express the full range of human and artistic experience--joyful and gritty, raw and painful. In an autobiographical introduction, Ferris reflects on how he fell in love with the vibrant musical culture that was all around him but was considered a white Mississippian during a troubled era. This magnificent volume illuminates blues music, the broader African American experience, and indeed the history and culture of America itself.

The Cambridge Companion to Blues and Gospel Music | 2020 From Robert Johnson to Aretha Franklin, Mahalia Jackson to John Lee Hooker, blues and gospel artists figure heavily in the mythology of twentieth-century culture. The styles in which they sang proved hugely influential to generations of popular singers, from the wholesale adoptions of singers like Robert Cray or James Brown to the subtler vocal appropriations of Mariah Carey. Their own music, and how it operates, is not, however, always seen as valid or right. This book provides an overview of both these genres, which worked together to provide an expression of twentieth-century African American experience. Their histories are unfolded and questioned; representative songs and lyrical imagery are analysed; perspectives are offered from the standpoint of the voice, the guitar, the piano, and also that of the working musician. The book concludes with a discussion of the impact the genres have had on mainstream musical culture.

Preachin' the Blues | 28 | 2022 Follow House's journey from rural pulpits and labor farms to smoky juke joints. In the 1930s, House was the decade's leading bluesman in Mississippi, and an important influence on Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. This account offers a fresh perspective on how the blues influenced American culture and spread throughout the world.

Texas Blues | 03 | 2022 Texas Blues allows artists to speak in their own words, revealing the dynamics of blues, from its birth in the cotton fields and shotgun shacks to its migration across boundaries of age and race to seize the musical imagination of the young. Fully illustrated with 495 dramatic, high-quality color and black-and-white photographs—many never before published—Texas Blues provides comprehensive and authoritative documentation of a musical tradition that has changed contemporary music. Award-winning documentary filmmaker and author Alan Govenar here builds on his previous groundbreaking work documenting these musicians. This style with the stories of 110 of the most influential artists and their times. From Blind Lemon Jefferson and Aaron "T-Bone" Walker in Dallas, to Delbert McClinton in Fort Worth, Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins in East Texas, Baldemar (Freddie Fender) Huerta in South Texas, and Stevie Ray Vaughan in Austin, Texas Blues shows the who, what, where, and how of blues in the Lone Star State.

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Blues Singer | 25 | 2021 This reference volume is intended for both the casual and the most avid blues fan. It is divided into separately introduced sections and covers 50 artists with names like Muddy, Gatemouth and Hound Dog who helped shape the blues in American music. Beginning with the pioneering Mississippi Delta bluesmen, the book then follows the spread of the genre to Chicago, a section on the Chicago Blues School. The third segment covers the Texas blues tradition; the fourth, the great blueswomen; the fifth, the genre's development outside its main schools. The styles covered range from Virginia-Piedmont to Bentonia and from barrelhouse to boogie-woogie. The main text is augmented by substantial discographies and a lengthy bibliography.

Trains, Literature, and Culture | 11 | 2020 "Trains, literature and culture is the first work to thoroughly explore the railroad's

connections with a full range of cultural discourses--including literature, visual art, music, graffiti, and television but also architecture, cell phones, and more..."--Provided by publisher.

A Right to Sing the Blues Dec 29 2019 All too often an incident or accident, such as the eruption in Crown Heights with its legal bitterness and recrimination, thrusts Black-Jewish relations into the news. A volley of discussion follows, but little in the way of enlightenment results--and this is how things will remain until we radically revise the way we think about the complex interactions of African Americans and Jews. *A Right to Sing the Blues* offers just such a revision. Black-Jewish relations, Jeffrey Melnick argues, have mostly been a way for American Jews to talk about their ambivalent racial status, a narrative collectively constructed at critical moments when particular conflicts demand an explanation. Remarkably flexible, this narrative can organize diffuse materials into a coherent whole that has a powerful hold on our imagination. Melnick elaborates this idea through an in-depth look at Jewish songwriters, composers, and performers who made Black music in the first few decades of this century. He shows how Jews such as George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and Paul Robeson, and others were able to portray their natural affinity for producing Black music as a product of their Jewishness while simultaneously depicting Jewishness as a stable white identity. Melnick also contends that this cultural activity competed directly with the Harlem Renaissance attempts to define Blackness. Moving beyond the narrow focus of advocacy group politics, this book considerably enriches our understanding of the cultural terrain shared by African Americans and Jews.

The Blues Dream of Billy Boy Arnold Nov 23 2021 "Billy Boy Arnold, born in 1935, is one of the few native Chicagoans who both cultivated a career in the blues and stayed in Chicago. His perspective on Chicago's music, people, and places is rare and valuable. He has worked with generations of musicians--from Tampa Red and Howlin' Wolf and to Muddy Waters and Paul Butterfield--on countless recordings, witnessing the decline of country blues, the dawn of electric blues, the onset of blues-inspired rock, and more. He has written about it. Kim Field, he gets it all down on paper--including the story of how he named Bo Diddley Bo Diddley"--

Fictional Blues Dec 13 2020 The familiar story of Delta blues musician Robert Johnson, who sold his soul to the devil at a Mississippi crossroads in exchange for guitar virtuosity, and the violent stereotypes evoked by legendary blues "bad men" like Stagger Lee, have made the persistent racial myths surrounding "authentic" blues expression. *Fictional Blues* unpacks the figure of the American blues musician, moving from early singers such as Ma Rainey and Big Mama Thornton to contemporary musicians such as Amy Winehouse, Robert Johnson, Giddens, and Jack White to reveal that blues makers have long used their songs, performances, interviews, and writings to in various ways that resist racial, social, economic, and gendered oppression. Using examples of fictional and real-life blues artists culled from blues music and literary works from writers such as Walter Mosley, Alice Walker, and Sherman Alexie, Kimberly Mack demonstrates how the stories blues musicians construct about their lives (however factually slippery) are inextricably linked to the "primary story" of the blues narrative tradition, in which autobiography fuels musicians' reclamation of power and agency.

Early Blues Oct 30 2019 Winner of the 2016 Living Blues Award for Blues Book of the Year Since the early 1900s, blues and jazz have traveled side by side. This book tells the story of their pairing from the first reported sightings of blues musicians, to the nationally known stars, to the onset of the Great Depression, when blues recording virtually came to a halt. Like the best music documentaries, *Early Blues: The First Stars of Blues Guitar* interweaves musical history, quotes from celebrated musicians (Blind Lemon Jefferson, John Lee Hooker, Ry Cooder, and Johnny Winter, to name a few), and a spellbinding array of life stories to illustrate the early history of blues guitar in rich and resounding detail. In these chapters, you'll meet Sylvester Weaver, who recorded the world's first guitar blues record, and Paramount Records artists Papa Charlie Jackson, Blind Lemon Jefferson, and Blind Blake, the "King of Ragtime Blues Guitar." Willie McTell, the Southeast's superlative twelve-string guitar player, and Blind Willie Johnson, street-corner evangelist of sublimely blues, also get their due, as do Lonnie Johnson, the era's most influential blues guitarist; Mississippi John Hurt, with his gentle voice and syncopated fingerpicking style; and slide guitarist Tampa Red, "the Guitar Wizard." Drawing on a deep archive of documents, photographs, record company ads, complete discographies, and up-to-date findings of leading researchers, this is the most complete and complete account ever written of the early stars of blues guitar--an essential chapter in the history of American music.

Yonder Come the Blues May 18 2021 *Yonder Come the Blues* combines three influential and much-quoted books: *Savannah Syncopation*, *Blacks, Whites and Blues* and *Recording the Blues*. Updated with additional essays, this 2001 volume discusses the crucial early development of the blues as a music of Blacks in the United States, explaining some of the most significant factors that shaped it. Together, these three texts emphasize the significance of the African heritage, the mutuality of much white and black music, and the role of recording in consolidating the blues, thus demonstrating the importance of these formative elements in its complex but common musical history. Redressing some of the misconceptions that persist in writing on African-American music, this book will be essential reading for all enthusiasts of blues, jazz and country music and will be important for students of African-American studies and African-American popular music and popular culture.

Ramblin' on My Mind Oct 06 2020 An exceptionally diverse look at blues history, styles, and performances

Africa and the Blues Sep 02 2022 In 1969 Gerhard Kubik chanced to encounter a Mozambican labor migrant, a miner in Transvaal, South Africa, tapping a cipendani, a mouth-resonated musical bow. A comparable instrument was seen in the hands of a white Appalachian musician who claimed it as part of his own cultural heritage. Through connections like these Kubik realized that the link between far-flung musicians is African-American music, the sound that became the blues. Such discoveries reveal a narrative of music and culture. Kubik, a cultural anthropologist and ethnomusicologist. Traveling in Africa, Brazil, Venezuela, and the United States, he spent five years in the field gathering the material for *Africa and the Blues*. In this book, Kubik relentlessly traces the remote genealogies of African cultural music through eighteen African nations, especially in the Western and Central Sudanic Belt. Included is a comprehensive history of this cradle of the blues, along with 31 photographs gathered in his fieldwork. The author also adds clear musical notations and descriptions of both African and African American traditions and practices and calls into question the many assumptions about the elements of the blues were "European" in origin and about which came from Africa. Unique to this book is Kubik's insight into how present-day African musicians have adopted and enlivened the blues with their own traditions. With scholarly care but with a general reader, Kubik proposes an entirely new theory on blue notes and their origins. Tracing what musical traits came from

what mutations and mergers occurred in the Americas, he shows that the African American tradition we call the blues is truly a phenomenon belonging to the African cultural world. Gerhard Kubik is a professor in the department of ethnology and African Studies at the University of Mainz, Germany. Since 1983 he has been affiliated with the Center for Social Research of Malawi, Zomba. He is a permanent member of the Center for Black Music Research in Chicago and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London.

I Don't Like the Blues 2021 How do you love and not like the same thing at the same time? This was the riddle that met blues writer B. Brian Foster when he returned to his home state to learn about black culture and found himself hearing about the blues. At that moment, black Mississippians would say they knew and appreciated the blues. The next, they would say they didn't like it. Foster listened and asked: "How?" "Why not?" "Will it ever change?" This is the story of the answers to his questions. In this work, Foster takes us where not many blues writers and scholars have gone: into the homes, memories, speculative visions, and lives of black folks in contemporary Mississippi to hear what they have to say about the blues and all that has come about since they first sang them. In so doing, Foster urges us to think differently about race, place, and community development and models of living. It is a work of hearing the sounds of black life, a method that he calls listening for the backbeat.

Blues Fell This Mornin' 2021 Examines themes, backgrounds, and motivation of the blues from the 1920s to the 1950s.
Ivory Tower Blues 2022 The present state of the university is a difficult issue to comprehend for anyone outside of the university system. If we are to believe common government reports that changes in policy are somehow making life easier for universities, we cannot help but believe that things are going right and are getting better in our universities. Ivory Tower Blues gives a different picture, examining this optimistic attitude as it impacts upon professors, students, and administrators in charge of the university system. Ivory Tower Blues is a frank account of the contemporary university, drawing on the authors' own research and personal experiences, as well as on input from students, colleagues, and administrators. James E. Côté and Anton L. Allahar offer an in-depth account of the university system, an accurate, alternative view to that overwhelmingly presented to the general public. Through their accounts, the authors argue that fewer and fewer students are experiencing their university education in ways expected by their parents. The majority of students are hampered by insufficient preparation at the secondary school level, lack of personal motivation, and disillusionment. Contrary to popular opinion, there is no administrative or governmental procedure in place to maintain standards of higher education. Ivory Tower Blues is an in-depth look at the crisis facing Canadian and American universities, the factors that are causing the situation, and the long-term impact this crisis will have on the quality of higher education.

How Britain Got the Blues 2020 This book explores how, and why, the blues became a central component of English popular music in the 1960s. It is commonly known that many 'British invasion' rock bands were heavily influenced by Chicago and Delta blues. But how, exactly, did Britain get the blues? Roberta Schwartz analyses the transmission of blues records to England, from the first bluesmen to hit English shores to the end of the sixties.

Reds, Whites, and Blues 2022 Music, and folk music in particular, is often embraced as a form of political expression, a means of bridging or reinforcing social boundaries, and a valuable tool for movements reconfiguring the social landscape. Reds, Whites, and Blues examines the political force of folk music, not through the meaning of its lyrics, but through the concrete social activities that it supports and movements. Drawing from rich archival material, William Roy shows that the People's Songs movement of the 1930s and 40s and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s implemented folk music's social relationships--specifically between those who sang and those who listened--in different ways, achieving different outcomes. Roy explores how the People's Songsters envisioned uniting people and how they made little headway beyond leftist activists. In contrast, the Civil Rights Movement successfully integrated music into collective action, using music on the picket lines, at sit-ins, on freedom rides, and in jails. Roy considers how the movement's Freedom Songs not only achieved commercial success, yet contributed to the wider achievements of the Civil Rights struggle. Roy also traces the history of folk music, revealing the complex debates surrounding who or what qualified as "folk" and how the music's status as racially inclusive was determined. Examining folk music's galvanizing and unifying power, Reds, Whites, and Blues casts new light on the relationship between music, cultural forms and social activity.

Invisibility Blues 2019 Book on Black feminism and Black culture

The Art of the Blues 2022 This stunning book charts the rich history of the blues, through the dazzling array of posters, album covers, and advertisements that have shaped its identity over the past hundred years. The blues have been one of the most diverse elements of American popular music at large, and the visual art associated with this unique sound has been just as vibrant and dynamic. There is no better guide to this fascinating graphical world than Bill Dahl—a longtime music journalist and historian who has written liner notes for countless reissues of classic blues, soul, R&B, and rock albums. With his deep knowledge and incisive commentary—complementing more than three hundred and fifty lavishly reproduced images—the history of the blues comes alive visually to life. What will astonish readers who thumb through these pages is the amazing range of ways that the blues have been represented—whether via album covers, posters, flyers, 78 rpm labels, advertising, or other promotional materials. We see how the blues was first visually captured in the highly colorful sheet music covers of the early twentieth century. We see striking and hard-boiled designs from labels big (Columbia) and small (Rhumboogie). We see William Alexander's humorous artwork on postwar Milton Eisenhower's the cherished ephemera of concert and movie posters; and Chess Records' iconic early albums designed by Don Bronstein, which set a new standard for modern album cover design. What these images collectively portray is the evolution of a distinctively American visual form. And they do so in the richest way imaginable. The result is a sumptuous book, a visual treasury as alive in spirit as the blues itself, vibrantly captures.

Blue Chicago 2019 The author combs the Chicago blues scene for signs of authenticity, exploring the modes of promotion and advertising that sometimes distort the experience of the music. Reprint.

Writing the School House Blues 2020 Anne Dyson confronts race and racism head-on with this ethnographic study of a child's efforts to belong—to be a child among children. Follow the journey of a small Black child, Ta'Von, as he moves from a cultural

preschool through the early grades in a school located in a majority white neighborhood. Readers will see Ta'Von encountering but finding agency and joy through writing and music-making, especially his love of the blues. Most attempts at desegregation studied by reducing individual children to demographic statistics and test scores. This book, instead, provides a child's perspective on challenges to classroom inclusion. Ta'Von's journey demonstrates that it is within children's peer worlds—formed in response to institutional policies and practices like desegregation initiatives, standardized testing, and a curricular focus on so-called “basic skills”—that inequity becomes part of the experience of childhood. This book examines policies about literacy testing and teaching, including the potential power of the written word and of the arts. “Few researchers have had a career so embedded inside the lives of children in a classroom context as Anne Haas Dyson. This book should be on every literacy researcher's shelf. It is a culmination of Dyson's relentless fight against deficit framings of children and the deep inequalities that continue to persist in the world.”
Rowse, professor of literacies and social innovation, University of Bristol

The Story of the Blues 30 2022 Featuring over 200 vintage photographs and a new introduction by the author, the engaging and informative volume brings to life the African American singers and players who created this rich genre of music as well as the experiences that inspired them. The author deftly traces the evolution of the blues from the work songs of slaves, to acoustic ballads, to urban sounds, to electric rhythm and blues bands. Oliver vividly re-creates the economic, social, and regional forces that shaped the unique blues tradition, and superbly details every facet of the music, including themes and subjects, techniques, and history.

San'ya Blues Apr 04 2020 Over the years, Edward Fowler, an American academic, became a familiar presence in San'ya, a run-down neighborhood in northeastern Tokyo. Working as a day laborer himself, Fowler kept a diary of his experiences. The resulting oral histories, juxtaposed with Fowler's narrative and diary entries, bring to life a community on the margins of contemporary Japan.

Deep Blues Feb 24 2022 Deep Blues explores the archetypal journey of the human psyche through an examination of the blues musical genre. The genesis, history, and thematic patterns of the blues are examined from an archetypal perspective and various theories. Mythological and shamanistic parallels are used to provide a deeper understanding of the role of the bluesman, the performance, and the innate healing potential of the blues. Universal aspects of human experience and transcendence are revealed through the creative medium of the blues. The atmosphere of Deep Blues is enhanced by the black and white photographs of Tom Smith that capture striking blues performances in the Maxwell Street section of Chicago. Jungian analysts, therapists and psychoanalytic practitioners with an interest in the interaction between creative expression and human experience should find Deep Blues stimulating. Deep Blues should also appeal to enthusiasts of music, ethnomusicology, and the blues.

Red State Blues Jan 26 2022 Despite winning control of twenty-four new state governments since 1992, Republicans have failed to enact policies that substantially advance conservative goals. This book offers the first systematic assessment of the geography and history of Republican ascendance in the states and yields important lessons for both liberals and conservatives.

Looking Up at Down Aug 09 2020 More than just a history of a musical genre, Looking Up at Down traces the evolution of the blues strands of blues music within the broader context of the culture on which it commented, and discusses its importance as a form of resistance and identity for Afro-Americans. William Barlow explores the lyrics, describes the musical styles, and portrays the artists and performers who created this uniquely American music. He describes how the blues sound—with its recognizable dissonance and musical standards—and the blues text, which provided a bottom up view of American society, became bulwarks of cultural resistance. Through rare recordings, oral histories, and interviews, Barlow analyzes how the blues was sustained as a form of Afro-American cultural resistance despite attempts by the dominant culture to assimilate and commercialize the music and exploit its artists. Author William Barlow is Associate Professor in the Radio, Television, and Film Department of Howard University. A music programmer for alternative radio stations for more than fifteen years, he currently produces "Blue Monday" on WPFW-FM.

Blues in the 21st Century: Myth, Self-Expression and Trans-Culturalism Sep 21 2021 The book is the fruit of Douglas Mark Ponton's and co-editor Uwe Zagratzki's enduring interest in the Blues as a musical and cultural phenomenon and source of personal inspiration. Continuing in the tradition of Blues studies established by the likes of Samuel Charters and Paul Oliver, the authors hope to contribute to the revitalisation of the field through a multi-disciplinary approach designed to explore this constantly evolving social phenomenon in all its heterogeneity. Focusing either on particular artists (Lightnin' Hopkins, Robert Johnson), or specific texts (Langston Hughes' Blues and Backlash Blues, Jimi Hendrix's Machine Gun), the book tackles issues ranging from authenticity and musicology in Blues performance to the Blues in diaspora, while also applying techniques of linguistic analysis to the corpora of Blues texts. While some chapters focus on the Blues as a quintessentially American phenomenon, linked to a specific social context, others see it in global evolutions, as the bearer of vital cultural attitudes into the digital age. This multidisciplinary volume will appeal to a broad range of scholars operating in a number of different academic disciplines, including Musicology, Linguistics, Sociology, History, Ethnomusicology, Literature, Economics and Cultural Studies. It will also interest educators across the Humanities, and could be used to exemplify the application to data of specific analytical methodologies, and as a general introduction to the field of Blues studies.

Cow College Blues Sep 09 2020 In this sequel to Summer of '61, Billy Carlsen has managed to scrape through his senior year at high school and is off to Sowsbury Agricultural College to join the freshman class. It is the fall of '63, and life on campus is a real struggle. Raids, beer in the milk coolers, tomato fights, a bull in the girls dorm, rugby, young people at the pub, the college review, stinging races, and a bevy of campus beauties all seem to be conspiring to keep Bill from his studies. William Francis Carlsen is ditching a truckload of lectures and appears to be in for a meteoric ride at university unless he straightens up and flies right. Take a trip down memory lane and get a belly laugh or two from Billy's adventures as a frosh at the Cow College.

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