Dear Blues Friends,

There's been considerable growth in the public's interest in “alternative” genres/styles of music (blues, folk, bluegrass, old-timey, ethnic/world, etc.). I’m not going to try to analyze the phenomena, but I rejoice in it. When the consumer demands variety, the wise shopkeeper responds.

Besides playing and listening to the music, I enjoy reading biographies, autobiographies, various blues related historical material, and watching blues on video. I would like to see a bigger 'catalog,' variety, and selection of blues related books, literature, periodicals, and videos in the bookstores.

I'm frequently asked, “What books can I read to learn more about the music and the people of the Blues?” That's a tough question, as there are many hundreds of titles. I don't have time to read everything that's available. I enjoy reading, but I'm no book reviewer. The purpose of this blues related book and video list is to give folks a 'taste' of the broad variety of blues related books, literature, and video that are available. The list is not "complete," and it's always growing. Even though the list is quite long, please take your time looking it over. I'm pretty sure you'll see a number of titles and subjects that will pique your interest.

In some cases, the list includes the author(s) name(s), publishing company name(s) and city. Though many of the books/videos are only listed by the title and author(s), with that basic information, all you have to do is walk into, or call, your local book store and ask if you can place an order. Even easier, use any of the major online/Internet book selling web sites (Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble, etc.). When book retailers start getting people ordering books in this way, they will start to think about stocking a wider selection of music related books in their stores. You can try this same technique at your local library, as well. Ask if you can talk to a person in the "collection development / acquisitions" department. Show them your blues book and video want list!

This list is strictly a public service. I have no interest in selling books, just sharing information and my love and enthusiasm for all things 'blues.'

Happy listening, playing, and reading!

— Michael “Hawkeye” Herman

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Blues Related Books

By Michael “Hawkeye” Herman
http://www.HawkeyeHerman.com

101 Best Jazz Albums, The - Len Lyons - William Morrow & Co. - NY, NY

Africa and the Blues (American Made Music) - Gerhard Kubik


African American Literature - Keith Gilyard and Anissa Wardi - Penguin Academics / Pearson Longman

Afro-American Folk Songs - Henry Edward Krehbiel - Clearfield Pub. - 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21200

Alan Lomax: Selected Writings, 1934-1997 - Ronald Cohen (Editor)

All Music Guide - Michael Erlewine - Miller Freeman - SF, CA

All Music Guide to Soul: The Definitive Guide to R&B and Soul - Vladimir Bogdanov


All Music Guide to the Blues: The Definitive Guide to the Blues - Vladimir Bogdanov

Amazing Secret History Of Elmore James, The - Steve Franz - BlueSource Publications

American Rock "n" Roll on Tour - Dave Walker - Thunders' Mouth Press

Art of Ragtime, The - William J. Schafer / Johannes Riedel - Louisiana St. Univ. Press

Back Woods Blues - Simon Napier - Blues Unlimited - London

Bad Woman Feeling Good, A: Blues and the Women Who Sing Them - Buzzy Jackson

Barrelhouse Blues: Location Recording and the Early Traditions of the Blues Hardcover - Paul Oliver

Barrelhouse Words: A Blues Dialect Dictionary - Stephen Calt

Bass Heroes - Tom Mulhern, edit. - Miller Freeman Pub.
Blues Related Books

Beach Music: Forties, 1950s, 1960s, Big band, Swing music, Blues, Jump blues, Jazz, Doo-wop, Boogie, Rhythm and blues, Reggae, Rockabilly, Swing (dance), Carolina shag - Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, and John McBrewster

Beale Black & Blue: Life and Music on Black America's Main Street - Margaret McKee and Fred Chisenhall

Beale Street. Where the Blues Began - George W. Lee - Robert O. Ballou Pub. - NY, NY

Bebop: The Music and Its Players - Thomas Owens

Beneath the Underdog - Charles Mingus - Penguin Books

Bessie Smith - Paul Oliver - A. S. Barnes

Bessie: Empress of the Blues (Bessie Smith bio.) - Chris Albertson - Abacus / Sphere Books - London


Big Book of Blues, The: The Fully Revised and Updated Biographical Encyclopedia - Robert Santelli

Big Book of Blues, The - Hal Leonard Corp.- Big Books of Music

Big Boss Man - The Life & Music of Bluesman Jimmy Reed - Will Romano - Backbeat Books - San Francisco, CA

Billie Holiday Anthology: Lady Day Had a Right to Sing the Blues (Creative Concepts Publishing) - Billie Holiday

Bill Wyman's Blues Odyssey: A Journey to Music's Heart & Soul - Bill Wyman, Richard Havers - DK Publishing/0789480468

Bix: Man and Legend - R. Sudhalter / P. Evans / D. Myatt - Schirmer Books - NY, NY


Black and Blue: The Life and Lyrics of Andy Razaf - Barry Singer - Schirmer - NY, NY - 1993

Black Chicago - Allan H. Spear - Univ. Chicago Press - Chicago, IL
Blues Related Books

Black Metropolis - St. Clair Drake / Horace Clayton - Harper Torchbooks - NY, NY

Black Culture and Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom - Lawrence W. Levine

Black Music - Imamu A. Baraka (Leroi Jones) - William Morrow & Co. - NY, NY

Black Pearls: Blues Queens of the 1920s - Daphne Duval Harrison - Rutgers Univ. Press - New Brunswick, NJ

Black Popular Music in America - Arnold Shaw - Schirmer Books - NY - 1986

Blacks, Whites and Blues - Tony Russell - Stein & Day - NY, NY


Black Women and Music: More than the Blues (African American Music in Global Perspective) - Eileen M. Hayes and Linda F. Williams

Blind Lemon Jefferson: His Life, His Death, and His Legacy - Robert L. Uzzel - Eakin Publications/1571686568

Blowing the Blues: A Personal History of the British Blues - Dick Heckstall-Smith; Pete Grant

Blow My Blues Away - George Mitchell - Louisiana St. Univ. Press - Baton Rouge, LA

Blue Chicago: The Search for Authenticity in Urban Blues Clubs - David Grazian - Univ. of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL

Blue Devils of Nada: A Contemporary American Approach to Aesthetic Statement, The - Albert Murray

Blues - Robert Neff / Anthony Connor - Godine Pub - Boston, MA

Blues: An Anthology: Complete Words and Music of 53 Great Songs - W. C. Handy


Blues (History of American Music, a) - Christopher Handyside

Blues and Evil - Jon Michael Spencer - Univ. of Tennessee Press


Blues Related Books

Blues and the Poetic Spirit - Paul Garon - Eddison Pub. - London
Blues: A Regional Experience (Greenwood Guides to American Roots Music) - Eric S. Leblanc
Blues Before Sunrise / The Radio Interviews - Steve Cushing
Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music - Jas Obrecht - Miller Freeman Books - SF, CA
Blues, The: Ideology and Afro-American Literature - Houston A. Baker Jr. - Univ. of Chicago Press - Chicago, IL

Bluesland - Pete Welding & Toby Byron , edits. - Dutton/Penguin - NY, NY
Blues Legends- Charles K. Cowdery and Raeburn Flerlage
Blues Mandolin Man: The Life and Music of Yank Rachell (American Made Music Series) - Richard Congress and David Evans
Blues: Melody/Lyrics/Chords, The (Paperback Songs) by Hal Leonard Corp.
Bluesmen, The - Samuel Charters - Oak Pub. - NY, NY
Blue Moment: Miles Davis' Kind of Blue and the Remaking of Modern Music, The - Richard Williams
Blue Monday: Fats Domino and the Lost Dawn of Rock 'n' Roll - Rick Coleman
Blues, Funk, Rhythm and Blues, Soul, Hip Hop, and Rap: A Research and Information Guide (Routledge Music Bibliographies) - Eddie S. Meadows
Blues Related Books

Blues Music in the Sixties: A Story in Black and White - Ulrich Adelt

Blues People / Negro Music in White America - Imamu A. Baraka (Leroi Jones) - Morrow Pub. - NY, NY


BluesSpeak: The Best of the Original Chicago Blues Annual - Lincoln T Beauchamp Jr.


Blues Traveling: The Holy Sites of Delta Blues - Steve Cheseborough - Univ. Press of Miss./1578062322

Blues Ukulele: A Jumpin' Jim 's Ukulele Songbook (Book/CD) (Fretted) - Fred Sokolow

Blues With A Feeling: The Little Walter Story - Tony Glover - Routledge/0415937108

Bob Dylan: Behind the Shades - Clinton Heylin - Simon/Schuster - NY, NY

Bob Dylan: Performing Artist / Middle Years - Paul William - Underwood Pub.

Bodies & Soul - Al Young - Creative Art Book Co. - Berkeley, CA


Book of Negro Folklore, The - Langston Hughes / Arna Bontemps - Dodd, Mead, & Co. - NY, NY

Born With the Blues - Perry Bradford - Oak Pub. - NY, NY

Born to Win - Woody Guthrie

Boston Boy: Growing Up With Jazz and Other Rebellious Passions - Nat Hentoff

Broadcasting the Blues: Black Blues in the Segregation Era - Paul Oliver


California Cool: W. Coast Jazz Album Covers - Graham Marsh - Chronicle Pub. - S.F., CA

Cambridge Companion to Blues and Gospel Music, The - Allan Moore
Canada Related Books

Canadian Music Genres: Canadian (disambiguation), First Nations, Music of Canada, Multiculturalism, Canadian classical music, Canadian rock, Canadian blues, Music of Canadian cultures - Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, and John McBrewster

Can't Be Satisfied/The Life And Times Of Muddy Waters - Robert Gordon - Little, Brown & Company / 0316164941


Celebrating the Duke - Ralph J. Gleason - Little, Brown, & Co. - NY, NY

Change Is Gonna Come: Music, Race & the Soul of America, A - Craig Werner

Charley Patton - John Fahey - Studio Vista Pub. - London

Chasin' That Devil Music: Searching for the Blues - Gayle Dean Wardlow - Backbeat Books/0879305525

Chess Blues Discography - Les Fancourt - Fancourt


Chicago Blues: Portraits and Stories (Music in American Life) - David G. Whiteis

Chicago Blues: The City & the Music - Mike Rowe

Chicago Breakdown - Michael Rowe - Drake Pub. - NY, NY

Chicago Folk: Images of the Sixties Music Scene - Ronald D. Cohen, Bob Riesman, and Raeburn Flerlage

Children of the Blues: 40 Musicians Shaping a New Generation of Blues Tradition - Art Tipaldi - Backbeat Books/0879307005

Chuck Berry - The Autobiography - C. Berry - Simon & Schuster - NY, NY

Cincinnati Sound, The (Images of America: Ohio) - Randy McNutt

Classic Rock and Other Rollers - Baron Wolman - Squarebooks

Complete Muddy Waters Discography, The - Phil Wright / Fred Rothwell - Blues & Rhythm - England

Conversations with the Blues - Paul Oliver - Horizon Press - 1983


Cotton Club, The - Jim Haskins - Random House - NY, NY
Blues Related Books


Country Music USA (A Fifty-Year History) - Bill C. Malone - Univ. of Texas Press - Austin, TX


Crossroads: The Life and Afterlife of Blues Legend Robert Johnson - Tom Graves

Cross the Water Blues: African American Music in Europe by Neil A. Wynn

Crying for the Carolinas - Bruce Bastin - Studio Vista - London

Damn Right I've Got The Blues - Donald E. Wilcox / Buddy Guy - Woodford Press - SF, CA - 1993

Darker Blues - David Raccuglia - Fat Possum Records/0972435204

Dazzling Stranger: Bert Jansch and the British Folk and Blues Revival - Colin Harper and Johnny Marr

Dead Elvis - Greil Marcus - Doubleday - NY, NY


Deep Soul Piano - (Little Brother Montgomery) - Karl Gert zur Heide - Studio Vista - London

Definitive Blues Collection, The (Definitive Collections) - Hal Leonard Corp.

Delta Blues: The Life and Times of the Mississippi Masters Who Revolutionized American Music - Ted Gioia

Delta Time: A journey Through Mississippi - Tony Dunbar - Pantheon


Down at Theresa’s - Chicago Blues: The Photographs of Marc PoKempner - Marc PoKempner, Wolfgang Schorlau - Prestel USA/3791323008


Downhome Blues Lyrics: An Anthology from the Post World War II Era - Jeff Tilton - U. of IL Press - Urbana, IL

Down in Houston: Bayou City Blues - Roger Wood - Univ. of Texas Press/0292791593
Dream Boogie: The Triumph of Sam Cooke - Peter Guralnick


Drumming at the Edge of Magic (2 cass.) - Mickey Hart - Harper Pub. - NY, NY


Earl Hooker, Blues Master (American Made Music Series) - Sebastian Danchin


Early Downhome Blues: A Musical and Cultural Analysis (Cultural Studies of the United States) - Jeff Todd Titon Univ. of Illinois Press - Urbana, IL

Earl Hooker, Blues Master (American Made Music Series) - Sebastian Danchin - Univ. Press of Mississippi/157806306X

Early Jazz Greats trading cards - drawn by R. Crumb w / bio. on reverse - Eclipse - Forestville, CA

Eddie Condon's Scrapbook of Jazz - E. Condon / H. O'Neal - Galahad Books - NY, NY

Electric Gypsy: Jimi Hendrix - Harry Shapiro - St. Martin's Press

Elvis - Dave Marsh - Thunder's Mouth Press


Encyclopedia of Jazz, The - Leonard Feather - Bonanza Books - NY, NY


Encyclopedia of the Blues - Gerald Herzhaft - Univ. of Arkansas Press - Little Rock, AR

Encyclopedia of the Blues, 2 Volume Set - Edward Komara

Eric Clapton: A Life In The Blues - Music Sales America/Music Sales Corporation

Escaping the Delta: Robert Johnson and the Invention of the Blues - Elijah Wald

Eubie Blake - Al Rose - Schirmer Books - NY, NY

Faber Companion / 20th Century Popular Music - Hardy / Laing - Faber & Faber Pub.

Feel Like Going Home: Portraits in Blues & Rock 'N' Roll - Peter Guralnick - Harperperennial Library Pub./0060971754

'Fessor Mojo's Don't Start Me Talkin' (Sonny Boy Williamson story and discography) - William E. Donoghue

Follow Your Heart: Moving with the Giants of Jazz, Swing, and Rhythm and Blues - Joe Evans and Christopher Brooks - African American Music in Global Perspective

From Birdland to Broadway: Scenes from a Jazz Life - Bill Crow - Oxford Univ. Press - 1992


Gangster of Love: Johnny "Guitar" Watson: Performer, Preacher, Pimp, The - Vincent Bakker

Getting the Blues: What Blues Music Teaches Us about Suffering and Salvation - Stephen Nichols

Give 'Em Soul, Richard!: Race, Radio, and Rhythm and Blues in Chicago - Richard Stamz with Patrick A. Roberts

Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues - William Ferris

Glory Road, The: The Story of Josh White - Dorothy Schainman Siegel - Shoe Tree Press - Crazet, VA 22932

Goin' Back to Sweet Memphis: Conversations with the Blues - Fred J. Hay and George D. Davidson

Goin' to Kansas City - Nathan Pearson - Univ. Illinois Press - Champagne, IL - 1987

Going to Chicago - A Year on the Blues Scene (photos) - Stephen Green - Woodford Pub.


Good Rockin' Tonight: Sun Records and the Birth of Rock 'N' Roll - Colin Escott, St. Martin's Press/0312081995

Gospel Sound, The: Good News and Bad Times - Tony Heilbut - Limelight Editions

Great God A'Mighty! The Dixie Hummingbirds: Celebrating the Rise of Soul Gospel Music - Jerry Zolten
Blues Related Books


Guinness Who's Who of Blues, The - Collin Larkin, edit

Hand Me My Travelin' Shoes: In Search of Blind Willie McTell - Michael Gray

Hard Luck Blues: Roots Music Photographs from the Great Depression (Music in American Life) - Rich Remsberg

Harmonicas, Harps, and Heavy Breathers - Kim Field - Simon & Schuster - NY, NY

Hearing Eye: Jazz & Blues Influences in African American Visual Art, The - Graham Lock and David Murray

Hear Me Talkin' To Ya: The Story of Jazz - N. Shapiro / N. Hentoff - Dover Pub. - NY, NY

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History of the Blues - Leonard Feather - Charles Hanson - NY, NY

History of the Blues, The (The Music Library) - Andy Koopmans


Hole in Our Soul: The Loss of Beauty and Meaning in American Popular Music - Martha Bayles

Honkers and Shouters - Arnold Shaw - MacMillan Pub. - NY, NY

Hot and Cool : Jazz Short Stories - Marcela Breton, ed. - Penguin Books - NY, NY

Hound Dog: The Leiber & Stoller Autobiography - Jerry Leiber

How Britain Got the Blues: The Transmission and Reception of American Blues Style in the United Kingdom - Roberta Freund Schwartz - Ashgate Popular and Folk Music Series

How the Beatles Destroyed Rock n Roll: An Alternative History of American Popular Music - Elijah Wald

I Am The Blues / The Willie Dixon Story - Willie Dixon and Don Snowden

I Hear You Knockin': The Sound of New Orleans - Jeff Hannusch - Swallow Pub. - 1985


Illustrated Encyclopedia of Jazz, The - Brian Case / Stan Britt - Harmony Books - NY, NY
Blues Related Books


Incompleat Folksinger, The - Pete Seeger - Univ. of Nebraska Press - Lincoln, NE

Incurable Blues: The Troubles and Triumph of Blues Legend Hubert Sumlin (Book) - Will Romano and Hubert Sumlin

In Search of the Blues - Marybeth Hamilton

In Search of the Blues: A Journey to the Soul of Black Texas - Bill Minutaglio

In the Groove - Ted Fox

I Put a Spell on You - Nina Simone - Random House - NY, NY

I Say Me For A Parable: The Oral Autiobio. of Mance Lipscomb, Texas Bluesman - Glen Alyn - W.W. Norton - NY

It Ain't Easy: Long John Baldry and the Birth of the British Blues - Paul Myers

It Came From Memphis - Robert Gordon and Peter Guralnick - Faber & Faber Pub./0571198813


James Brown Reader: Fifty Years of Writing About the Godfather of Soul, The - Nelson George

Jazz and Blues - Graham Valliamy


Jazz Ladies Print Portfolio - Pomegranate Books - Petaluma, CA

Jazz Lexicon, A - Robert S. Gold - Knopf - NY, NY


Jazz Style in Kansas City and the Southwest - Ross Russell - Univ Calif. Press - Berkeley, CA

Jelly's Blues: The Life, Music, and Redemption of Jelly Roll Morton - Howard Reich and William M. Gaines

Jerry Lee Lewis: Lost and Found - Joe Bonomo

Jimi (an intimate biography of Jimi Hendrix) - Curtis Knight - Praeger Pub. - NY, NY

Jimmie Rodgers - Nolan Porterfield - Univ. of Illinois Press - Champaign, IL - 1992
Blues Related Books


Josh White: Society Blues - Elijah Wald

Juke Joint (photos)- Birney Imes - Univ. Mississippi Press - Oxford,

Just My Soul Responding: Rhythm and Blues, Black Consciousness, and Race Relations - Brian Ward

Keith Richards: The Biography - Victor Bockris - Simon/Schuster - NY, NY

Kennedy's Blues: African-American Blues and Gospel Songs on JFK - Guido van Rijn and Brian Ward

Kind of Blue: The Making of the Miles Davis Masterpiece - Ashley Kahn

King Blue - Al Simmons - Stone Wind Pub. - Chicago, IL

King of the Queen City: The Story of King Records (Music in American Life) - Jon Hartley Fox


King Records of Cincinnati (Images of America) - Randy McNutt

Lady Sings the Blues - Billie Holiday - Avon Books - NY, NY

Land Where the Blues Began, The - Alan Lomax - Pantheon Books - Westminster, MD - 1993

Language of the Blues: From Alcorub to Zuzu, The - Debra DeSalvo

Last Days of John Lennon, The - Frederic Seaman - Dell Pub. - NY, NY

Last Train to Memphis - Peter Guralnick - Little Brown & Co./0316332259

Lead Belly: A Life in Pictures - Tyehimba Jess, Tiny Robinson, John Reynolds, and Tom Waits

Leadbelly - No Stranger to the Blues (Richmond Music Folios) - Leadbelly and Hal Leonard Corp.

Let the Good Times Roll (Louis Jordan) - John Chilton - Great Britain


Lightnin' Hopkins: His Life and Blues - Alan Govenar

Blues Related Books

Life and Times of Little Richard, The - Charles White - Pocket Books (Simon / Schuster) - NY, NY

Listen to the Blues - Bruce Cook - Charles Scribner's Sons - NY, NY

Listener's Guide to the Blues, The - Peter Guralnick

Little Richard: The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll Hardcover - David Kirby

Living Country Blues - Harry Oster - Folklife Assoc. - Detroit, MI

Living the Blues: Canned Heat's Story of Music, Drugs, Death, Sex and Survival - Fito de la Parra, T.W. McGarry, and Marlane McGarry

Lonely Avenue: The Unlikely Life and Times of Doc Pomus - Alex Halberstadt

Long Lost Blues: Popular Blues in America, 1850-1920 (Music in American Life) - by Peter C. Muir

Looking Up At Down: The Emergence of Blues Culture - William Barlow

Louisiana Music: A Journey from R&B to Zydeco, Jazz to Country, Blues to Gospel, Cajun Music to Swamp Pop to Carnival Music and Beyond - Rick Koster

Louisiana Rocks!: The True Genesis of Rock and Roll - Tom Aswell


Looking Up at Down: The Emergence of Blues Culture - William A. Barlow - Temple Univ. Press - 1989

Lost Highway - Peter Guralnick - Vintage Books - NY, NY


The Making of Kind of Blue: Miles Davis and His Masterpiece - Eric Nisenson

Ma Rainey and the Classic Blues Singers - Derrick Stewart-Baxter - Stein & Day Pub. - NY, NY

Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom - August Wilson - Dutton - 1985

Martin Scorsese Presents The Blues: A Musical Journey - Peter Guralnick, Robert Santelli, and Christopher John Farley

Meaning of the Blues, The - Paul Oliver - Collier Books - NY, NY

Meeting Jimmie Rodgers: How America's Original Roots Music Hero Changed the Pop Sounds of a Century - Barry Mazor
Blues Related Books

Meeting the Blues - Alan Govenar - Taylor Pub.

Memphis & the Delta Blues Trail: Great Destinations: A Complete Guide (Great Destinations) - Justin Gage and Melissa Gage

Memphis Blues - Bengt Olsson - Studio Vista - London

Memphis Blues: Birthplace Of A Music Tradition (Images of America) - William Bearden and Knox Phillips

Really the Blues - Mezz Messrow / Bernard Wolfe - Doubleday - NY, NY

Memphis Music Before the Blues (Images of America) - Tim Sharp

Michael Bloomfield - If You Love These Blues: An Oral History (Book) by Jan Mark Wolkin, Bill Keenom, and Michael Bloomfield

Midnight Special (the legend of Leadbelly), The - Richard M.Garvin / Edward G. Addeo - Bernard Geiss Assoc.

Miles Davis for Beginners - Daryl Long - Writers & Readers Pub.

Mister Jelly Roll - Alan Lomax - Pantheon Books (Random House) - NY, NY - 1993

Mister Satan's Apprentice: A Blues Memoir - Adam Gussow

Mitchell & Ruff: An American Profile in Jazz - William Zinsser

Moanin' At Midnight: The Life and Times of Howlin' Wolf - James Segrest

Monterey Pop - Joel Selvin - Chronicle Pub. - S.F., CA

Mother of the Blues: A Study of Ma Rainey - Sandra Lieb - Univ. of Mass. Press - Amhurst, MA


MusicHound Blues: The Essential Album Guide (Musichound Essential Album Guides) - Leland Rucker and Tim Schuller

Music Makers: Portraits and Songs from the Roots of America - Tim Duffy - Hill Street Press/1588180859

Blues Related Books

Music of _____ (series) - many books on regional music history and background on styles of music in the USA and Canada, titled by region, by state/province, by city, and by genre/style have been published by:
Alphascript Publishing - Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, and John McBrewster
and by:
Betascript Publishing - Lambert M. Surhone, Miriam T. Timpledon, and Susan F. Marseken
(samples below)


Music of Louisiana: Cajun, Cajun music, Creole music, Swamp blues, Swamp pop, Zydeco, Music of New Orleans, Jazz, New Orleans blues, List of festivals in Louisiana - Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, and John McBrewster

Music of Texas: Tejano music, Punk rock, Mariachi, Country music, Blues - Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, and John McBrewster

Myth of the Negro Past, The - Melville J. Herskovits

My Years With Bob Wills - Al Stricklin / Jon McConal - Naylor Co. - San Antonio, TX

Native American music: Native American music, Genre, Rock and roll, Blues, Hip hop music, Classical music, Film score, Reggae, Love song, Kwakwaka'wakw - John McBrewster, Frederic P. Miller, and Agnes F. Vandome

Negro Folk Music: USA - Harold Courlander - Columbia Univ. Press - NY, NY

Nighthawk Blues (a novel) - Peter Guralnick - Seaview Books

Nobody Knows Where the Blues Come From: Lyrics and History (American Made Music) - Robert Springer

Nothing But the Blues - Mike Leadbitter - Hanover Books - London

Nothing But the Blues - Lawrence Cohn - Abbeville Press - N.Y. / London - 1993

NPR Curious Listener's Guide to Blues, The - David Evans and Taj Mahal

Of Minnie the Moocher and Me - Cab Calloway / Bryant Rollins - Thomas Y. Crowell Co. - NY, NY


One Shoe Blues - Sandra Boynton and B.B. King

Pantheon Guide to Jazz, The - Tom Piazza - Random House - NY, NY
Blues Related Books

Paramount's Rise and Fall - Alex van der Tuuk - Mainspring Press - Denver, CO


Pioneers of Country Music tr. cds. - drawn by R. Crumb w / bio. on reverse - Eclipse - Forestville, CA

Poetry of the Blues, The - Samuel Charters - Oak Pub. - NY, NY


Portraits of Twelve Major American Blues Masters - Pete Welding / Toby Byron


Queen of the Blues (Dinah Washington) - Jim Haskins - William Morrow & Co. - NY, NY

Rage to Survive: The Etta James Story - Etta James

Ragged but Right: Black Traveling Shows, “Coon Songs,” and the Dark Pathway to Blues and Jazz (American Made Music Series) - Lynn Abbott and Doug Seroff

R. Crumb Draws the Blues - Robert Crumb

R. Crumb's Heroes of Blues, Jazz & Country - R. Crumb - Abrams - NY, NY

Ramblin' on My Mind: New Perspectives on the Blues (African American Music in Global Perspective) - David Evans


Really the Blues - Bernard Wolfe and Mezz Mezzrow

Record Makers and Breakers: Voices of the Independent Rock 'n' Roll Pioneers (Music in American Life) - John Broven

Recording the Blues - Robert Dixon / John Godrich - Studio Vista - London


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Remembering Bix - Ralph Berton - Harper & Row - NY, NY
Rhino's Cruise Through the Blues (Book) - Barry Hansen
Rhythm and the Blues: A Life in American Music - Jerry Wexler and David Ritz - Knopf - NY, NY
Rhythm and Blues In New Orleans - John Broven
Rhythm and Blues, Rap, and Hip-Hop (American Popular Music) - Frank W. Hoffmann
Rhythm Oil: A Journey Through the Music of the American South - Stanley Booth
Right to Sing the Blues, A: African Americans, Jews, and American Popular Song - Jeffrey Melnick
Rise of Gospel Blues, The: The Music of Thomas Andrew Dorsey in the Urban Church - Michael W. Harris
Road to Robert Johnson, The: The Genesis and Evolution of Blues in the Delta From the Late 1800s Through 1938 (Guitar Educational) - Edward Komara and Robert Johnson
Robert Johnson: Lost and Found (Music in American Life) - Barry Lee Pearson, Bill McCulloch - Univ of Illinois Press/025202835X
Rock and Pop: Day by Day - Frank Laufenberg - Sterling Pub.
Rock and Roll: The 100 Best Singles - Paul Williams - Carroll & Graff Pub.
Rock 'N' Roll 39-59 - Charlie Gillett
Rock Art: Family Dog Concert Print Portfolio - Pomegranate - Petaluma, CA
Rock Folk - Michael Lyndon - Carol Pub.
Rock Names - Adam Dolgins - Carol Pub.
Rollin' and Tumblin': The Postwar Blues Guitarists - Jas Obrecht
Rolling Stone III. History of Rock - Anthony de Curtis - Random House - NY, NY
Romancing the Folk: Public Memory and American Roots Music (Cultural Studies of the United States) - Benjamin Filene
Roosevelt's Blues: African-American Blues and Gospel Songs on FDR - Guido van Rijn and Paul Oliver - American Made Music Series
Roots and Blues: A Celebration - Arnold Adoff and R. Gregory Christie
Blues Related Books

Rough Guide to Blues (Rough Guide Reference), The - Nigel Williamson

Russia Gets the Blues: Music, Culture, and Community in Unsettled Times (Culture and Society After Socialism) - Michael E. Urban and Andrei Evdokimov

Sam Myers: The Blues Is My Story (American Made Music Series) - Sam Myers and Jeff Horton

Satchmo - Louis Armstrong - Signet Books - NY, NY

Savannah Syncopators: African Retentions in the Blues - Paul Oliver - Madison Books

Searching for Robert Johnson - Peter Guralnick, Plume Pub./0452279496

Seeds of Man - Woody Guthrie - Pocket Books - NY, NY

Seems Like Murder Here: Southern Violence and the Blues Tradition - Adam Gussow - University of Chicago Press

Segregating Sound: Inventing Folk and Pop Music in the Age of Jim Crow (Refiguring American Music) - Karl Hagstrom Miller

Selections from the Gutter - Art Hodes / Chadwick Hansen - Univ. Calif. Press - Berkeley, CA

Setting the Record Straight: The music and careers of recording artists from the 1950s and early 1960s ... in their own words - Anthony Musso

She’s a Rebel: History of Women in Rock and Roll - Gillian G. Gear - Seal Pub.

Shining Trumpets - Rudi Blesh - Cassell Pub. - London

Showtime at the Apollo - Ted Fox

Singer of the Blues - Frank Surge - Lerner


Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea Islands - Lydia Parrish - Univ. of Georgia Press - Athens, GA - 1993

Slave Songs of the United States - W.F. Allen/C.P. Ware/L.M. Garrison - Clearfield Co. - Baltimore, MD


Songs in the Key of Black Life: A Rhythm and Blues Nation - Mark Anthony Neal

Songsters and Saints - Paul Oliver - Cambridge Univ. Press - London - 1984

Soul and R&B (A History of American Music) - Christopher Handyside
Blues Related Books


Soul of New Orleans, The: A Legacy of Rhythm and Blues - Jeffery Hannusch

Sound of the City, The (The Rise of Rock 'n' Roll) - Charles Gillett - Dell Pub. - NY, NY


Sounds of the South - Daniel Patterson, edit. - Duke Univ. Press (Southern Folklore Series)


Spinning Blues Into Gold: The Chess Brothers and Legendary Chess Records - Nadine Cohodas


Squeeze My Lemon: A Collection of Classic Blues Lyrics (Book) - Randy Poe

Stagolee Shot Billy - Cecil Brown - Harvard Univ Press/0674010566

State of the Blues: The Living Legacy of the Delta by Jeff Dunas, William Ferris, and John Lee Hooker

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Story of Chess Records, The - John Collis

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