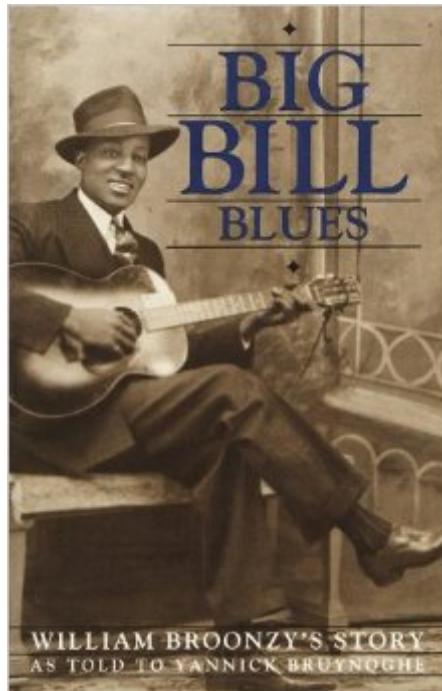


The book was found

Big Bill Blues: William Broonzy's Story



Synopsis

Big Bill Broonzy (1893-1958) was one of the masters of the country blues. His vocal style was legendary long before his death, and his songs, including "Big Bill Blues", "Keys to the Highway", and "Looking Up at Down", are some of the best known in the blues repertoire. His 1955 autobiography, "Big Bill Blues", was the first - and only - book ever written by a country blues musician. It captures the full flavour of Broonzy's unique voice as he tells about his thirty years of playing the blues. Here are intimate stories about other blues greats - Sleepy John Estes, Lonnie Johnson, Sonny Boy Williamson, Memphis Slim; Memphis Minnie, Washboard Sam - and descriptions of how he came up with the ideas for his songs.

Book Information

Paperback: 176 pages

Publisher: Da Capo Pr; Reprint edition (September 1992)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0306804905

ISBN-13: 978-0306804908

Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 5.2 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 8 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars See all reviews (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,854,647 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #27 in Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Musical Genres > Rhythm & Blues #439 in Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Musical Genres > Soul #491 in Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Biographies > Rhythm & Blues

Customer Reviews

Big Bill Blues is a wonderful, folksy autobiography by one of the top blues musicians of the 20th century. Bill was poorly educated but he has a wonderful sense of irony (especially about race relations) & self-deprecating humor that come out in both his songs and his book, which covers growing up black in the Jim Crow South, trying to make it as a blues musician, & recalling good times with his friends. A very quick and fun read. Skip the introduction, though--it's a bunch of academic observations by some egghead. Bill's story is much richer and more compelling.

This book, the autobiography of bluesman Bill Broonzy as told to a British fan/writer, is a favorite among a cross section of blues lovers and book collectors ... Broonzy was a key figure in the birth of

the blues (and therefore rock, country, hip hop etc), but most people have never heard of him. This book is very colorful. It gives a good idea of what life was like in his day, the first half of last century. It reminds me of Adventures of Huck Finn by Mark Twain (which is obviously about a different era) and The Glory of Their Times by Lawrence Ritter. Also, You Know Me, Al by Ring Lardner. (I guess I'm implying that one can learn about the history of our culture by reading about blues and baseball). Read this book if you liked O, Brother Where Art Thou? (the movie. I hope enough people read, buy this book so that someone will put out a new edition. Maybe with a disc of his recordings (are you listening, Rhino Records)?

The narrative is a hoot and sounds just like the man! I'm glad Studs Terkle wasn't involved cause Broonzy wouldn't have been himself or spoken in the same vernacular.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Big Bill Blues: William Broonzy's Story 48 Razor-Sharp 12-Bar Blues Riffs for Swing Bands and Blues Bands: B Flat Instruments Edition (Red Dog Music Books Razor-Sharp Blues Series) The Caged System and 100 Licks for Blues Guitar: Complete With 1 hour of Audio Examples: Master Blues Guitar (Play Blues Guitar Book 5) The Bill Evans Trio - Volume 1 (1959-1961): Featuring Transcriptions of Bill Evans (Piano), Scott LaFaro (Bass) and Paul Motian (Drums) Wild Bill: The Legend and Life of William O. Douglas Bill Wyman's Blues Odyssey: A Journey to Music's Heart & Soul William Shakespeare's Tragedy of the Sith's Revenge: Star Wars Part the Third (William Shakespeare's Star Wars) William Shakespeare's The Clone Army Attacketh: Star Wars Part the Second (William Shakespeare's Star Wars) Stella Adler on America's Master Playwrights: Eugene O'Neill, Thornton Wilder, Clifford Odets, William Saroyan, Tennessee Williams, William Inge, Arthur Miller, Edward Albee Big Nate Triple Play Box Set: Big Nate: In a Class by Himself, Big Nate Strikes Again, Big Nate on a Roll The Complete Guide to Playing Blues Guitar: Book One - Rhythm (Play Blues Guitar) (Volume 1) Blues Who's Who: A Biographical Dictionary of Blues Singers (A Da Capo paperback) 101 Razor-Sharp Blues Guitar Fill-In Licks (Book and CD) (Red Dog Music Books Razor-Sharp Blues Guitar Series) Burning Blues Guitar: Watch and Learn Authentic Blues Rhythm and Lead Guitar Roots and Blues Mandolin: Learn the Essentials of Blues Mandolin - Rhythm & Lead - By Playing Classic Songs (Acoustic Guitar Private Lessons) Saved by the Blues: 36 Stories of Transformation through Blues Music and Dancing Blues You Can Use: A Complete Guide to Learning Blues Guitar Fingerstyle Blues Guitar: Master Acoustic Blues Guitar Fingerpicking and Soloing The Complete Guide to Playing Blues Guitar Part One - Rhythm Guitar (Play Blues Guitar Book 1) B.B. King: Blues Play-Along Volume 5 (Hal Leonard Blues Play-Along)

[Dmca](#)