

Hawkeye Herman's Updated Blues Bibliography

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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

Blues Related Books

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