

# April 2015

## News

The first of the new style newsletters featuring a sample cd for your enjoyment & perusal. This will be a continuing thing. This is only going out by POST. It is being posted Friday so virtually all in Australia should get Monday....unless you live in Wagga Wagga.....

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### April 2015 Sample CD

1. Teea Goans – Sing a Sad Song
2. Teea Goans - Memories to Burn
3. George Goss – Train Roll On
4. George Goss – Christmas in Nashville
5. Dennis Ledbetter – Blame the Whiskey
6. Wade Hayes – Let You Go
7. Wade Hayes – Remember the Alimony
8. Bryan Deere – Bury the Bottle With Me
9. Bryan Deere – From a Kiss to the Blues
10. Red Jenkins – Honky tonk Singer (with Ron Williams)
11. Red Jenkins – Tryin' to Hide a Circle (with Miss Leslie)
12. Claude Diamond - Cadillac Road
13. Sarah Gayle Meech – Somebody's Gonna Cry
14. Sarah Gayle Meech – Love of Mine
15. Jeff Bates – Sleepin' In
16. Justin Trevino – One Night at a Johnny Bush Dance
17. Justin Trevino – Lord Let a Lie Come True
18. Sylvie Simmons – Lonely Cowgirl
19. Ben Bullington – Maybe There's a Future for a Cowboy After All
20. Chuck Cusimano – Lights of Nashville
21. Billy Yates – You Must Be Out of Your Mind
22. Billy Yates – Her old Stompin' Grounds
23. Mel Street – Even the Bad Times Are Good
24. Mel Street – Rodeo Bum
25. Claude Diamond – Trouble on Memory Lane
26. Sarah Gayle Meech – Stormy Weather

The Albums **\$28** unless noted

**Teea Goans "Memories to Burn"** 2015 album faithfully recreates elements of the Nashville sound. Even better than her previous.

**George Goss "Welcome to the Badlands"** There are only about 3 people in the entire universe whose opinion on a cd would be one I would without question listen to and follow through. This is not meant as a slight to others who may offer opinion. I believe there are no such things as liking

different styles of country music. All that matters is good or bad. This is as good as it gets. George writes all of his own songs and they are uniformly excellent with a distinct nod to the outlaw tradition. "Christmas in Nashville" reminds of the Johnny Cash track "Mystery of Life" at least in the musical intro. A wonderful album. An all time classic.

**Dennis Ledbetter "If You Drive Me to Drinking I'll Buy the Gas"** Honky tonk indie with excellent voice.

**Wade Hayes "Go Live Your Life"** 2015 album featuring the excellent deep vocals of Wade. He was one of the best of the mid-late 90s major label artists and the sound of this is not too far removed from that. That is a compliment. I have always said that was a classic period. Great word play on "Remember the Alimony".

**Bryan Deere "Too Hot to Handle"** This is a wonderful album of Hank styled pure country music from a guy who is normally a bluegrass musician. A few years ago our album of the year was a honky tonk album from Randy Kohrs, a great Nashville bluegrass dobro man. This could easily repeat the dose. The title track is the semi classic Eddie Noack song and Bryan nails it and the other 12 songs perfectly.

**Red Jenkins "Stone Country"** Red is a Swedish country singer, a Swedish cowboy if you like BUT of course not to be confused with the Swedish Cowboy. This is his latest album and is a cracker. He has no vocal inflections that would indicate he was anything but an American country singer. He has 18 tracks, 17 duets plus a terrific song by Leona Williams called "Stone Cold Country Red". Red has bettered all his previous excellent albums with this gem. The duet partners are the singers we all love best....Amber Digby, Billy Yates, Dean Dillon, Willie, Becky Hobbs, the fabulous Miss Leslie, Leona Williams, Ron Williams etc. We won't have stocks for 2 weeks on this but do not dally. Unfortunately it is **\$34** but as I said you get 18 tracks and there is not one dud. The album is expertly produced by Bill Green, himself an artist to be reckoned with although very much under recorded.

**Claude Diamond "Trouble on Memory Lane"** This is the 4<sup>th</sup> album by a man who started his recording career at a late stage in life and immediately set you wondering as to what status he would have achieved had he started to record earlier. He has twice been recipient of our album of the year and this could be an unprecedented hat trick. The sample tracks are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> off the album. It is that good. Some tracks have a bluesy country flavour that works perfectly.

**Sarah Gayle Meech "Tennessee Love Song"** Second album from the Nashville based singer. Her first was excellent and this is even better. She was a rockabilly influenced honky tonker on that album but opts for a more sophisticated classic sound on this. It was Country Music People's Album of the Month and earned a 5 star review. 15 tracks are all original.

**Jeff Bates "Me & Conway"** Okay...it should be "Conway & I" but this time I don't give a damn as this really nails it. It is a mixture of songs that could be written with Conway in mind...dig Jeff's vocal on the sample, plus Conway covers. As a bonus he is joined by Loretta Lynn on "After the Fire Is Gone".

**Justin Trevino "Sings Johnny Bush"** The Swedish Cowboy was feeling low. He had eaten a batch of tainted pickled herrings and was suffering from the dreaded "Baltic blight", known to knock down the sturdiest. The new Justin Trevino arrived and lo & behold a miracle occurred. Instantly he was cured. "He is simply the best" and I do agree. In the Swedish Cowboy's house I believe he has added an Honorary Doctorate so he now calls him Dr Justin Trevino but he is just Justin Trevino to us. The first song on the sampler is a new original by Justin and it is a gem. His production skills are beyond criticism. Superb as always.

**Sylvie Simons "Sylvie"** This is not for everyone but I find it superb. It is very unadorned with many tracks just Sylvie & her ukulele.

**Ben Bullington "Ben Bullington"** Love this album....sadly his last as he past away from cancer; after spending an entire career as a doctor. The songs all have an entrancing quality. Brilliant.

**Chuck Cusimano "The Collection"** 25 rare tracks from this wonderful Texan. Sings 'em and writes them as good as anyone. NOW, I only have 2 and will not be getting anymore in near future. Chuck does not sell to anyone...I have to get them direct. **\$30**

**Billy Yates "These Old Walls"** There is no one in Nashville better than Billy. That is as a singer & writer. This and all his previous albums are gems.

**Mel Street "Mel Street 3 CD" \$35** There may be one or two who have not heard of Mel. This 58 tracker is a must. Died by his own hand in 1975. As good as anyone. One of our very favourites & no one can do a cheating song better than he.

Just In

**Dwight Yoakam "Second Hand Heart"** No Pete Anderson but back on Reprise. Back on the twang. Back on the "Dwight" \$25

**Asleep at the Wheel & Friends "Still the King" \$28** third Bob wills tribute. It may sound silly but the instrumentals "Tiger Rag" with Old Crow Medicine Show and "Twin Guitar Special" (w. Tommy Emmanuel & Brent Mason) are faves but "Brain Cloudy Blues " with Jamey Johnson is pretty darn good too. Well technically "Tiger Rag" has a bit of a vocal and you know that it was the song that came on Pa Kettle's radio when he bounced his rocking chair...now how good would it have been if Ray Benson had done a Pa Kettle imitation somewhere in the song. Oh well you can't have everything. "Faded Love" with the Timejumpers features Vince Gill and the late Dawn Sears on vocals. 22 tracks

#### **Due Soon**

**Augie Meyers "The Real Tex Mex" \$28** 13 new tracks from one of the two surviving Texas Tornados

**Brian Mallery ....a great Canadian artist who lives in the remote parts of Canada. We had one of his albums a couple of years ago and hopefully will be able to get his latest one. A true gem..."That's Just Me" plus his covers album "Legends" (with duet with Wesley Dennis)**

### **Some CDS**

#### **New**

Anderson, Bill	20 Greatest Hits \$25 Great re-recordings
Anthony, Rayburn	The Redneck Crowd \$20 (Sunray)
Bandy, Moe	It's A Cheating Situation/She's Not Really Cheating She's Just Getting Even \$28
Brown, Jim Ed	In Style Again (Plowboy) \$20
Bush, Johnny	Greatest Hits Vol 1 (22 tracks) \$48 RARE!!!!
Bush, Johnny	Greatest Hits Vol 2 (24 tracks) \$48 DITTO!!!!These are impossible to get. Johnny's RCA recordings. Sealed. This is as good as honky tonk music gets. Tracks such as "Jim, Jack & Rose" and his superb version of "Bottle Bottle" are unbeatable.
Carter, Carlene	Carter Girl \$20
Cheevers, Bob	On Earth As It is in Austin \$20
Cross, Nick	Whiskey, Women & Music \$20
Dalhart, Vernon	Wreck of the Old 97 & Other Early Country Hits \$25 Old Homestead
Dalhart, Vernon	On the Lighter Side (Old Homestead) \$25
Dalhart, Vernon	That Old Country Town \$25 (Old Homestead)
Edgar, W C	Alcohol of Fame \$20
Emmons, Buddy	& Ray Pennington Swing & Other Thing (Step One) \$35
Emmons, Buddy	& Ray Pennington In the Mood for Swinging (Step One) \$40
Fayssoux	I Can't Wait \$20
Ford, Buck	For Now \$20 great indie
Ford, Buck	Something About those Cowgirls \$20
Ford, Buck	Country Music Never Goes Out of Style \$20
Frizzell, David	the Family's Fine But this One's Mine/ On My Own Again 2on1 \$22
Frizzell/West	Carryin' on the Family Names/ David Frizzell & Shelley West Album \$22
Harris, J P	Home is Where the Hurt Is (Cow Island) \$20
Hill, Byron	Red leather Couch \$18 his latest
Jack, Jade	Off the Record \$20
Jones, George	Sings Hank & Bob (2cd..Williams & wills that is) \$20
Kilgore, Jerry	Those Seven Years \$20
Kincaid, Bradley	Old Time Songs & Hymns (Old Homestead) \$25
Kincaid, Bradley	Mountain Ballads & Old Time Songs (Old Homestead) \$25
Lambert, Miranda	Platinum (RCA) \$15
Locklin, Hank	The Essential 2cd 40 tks \$20
McEntire, Reba	Sweet Sixteen (MCA) \$12 One of her best
McEntire, Reba	Last One to Know (MCA) \$15 w. "Across the Rio Grande
Mullen, Levi	Biggest One in Town \$25 one only last ever
Martell, Linda	Color Me Country (Real Gone Music) \$20
Nelson, Willie	It will Come to Pass (Omni) His brilliant RCA years \$20 28 tks
Price, Ray	Beauty Is \$20 last...
Roberts , Danny	Nighthawk (Mountain Home) \$15
Roberts, Jason	That's My Home \$20

Rose, Eilleen	Be Many Gone (Cadiz) \$10
Russell, Tom	The Western Years 2 CDS \$25
Stanley, Ralph	Man of Constant Sorrow (Crackerbarrel) duets \$25 inc. Old Crow Medicine Show, Elvis Costello etc
Statler Brothers	Gold (Mercury) \$18 2CD 42 tks
Stoneman, Ernest V	Volume 1 with Family & Friends (Old Homestead) \$25
Stoneman, Ernest V	Volume II with Family & Friends (Old Homestead) \$25
Watson, Gene	Best of the Best 25 Greatest Hits \$25
Williams, Hank	Lost Concerts: Newly Discovered \$10 Time Life. How is that for a bargain. From Niagara Falls May 4 1952 and Sunset Park July 13 1952. Only a few. This is out of print, Also includes 1951 interview by Mack Sanders. NOT on the Time Life box sets.

#### Various

Hillbilly Bop Boogie& Honky Tonk Blues V 4 \$20 2cd Jasmine 48 tracks  
Hillbilly Bop Boogie& Honky Tonk Blues V 6 \$20 2cd Jasmine 48 tracks  
Thanks A Lot Texas Troubadour: A Tribute to Ernest Tubb (Heart of Texas) \$20  
Truckers, Kickers & Cowboy Angels: The Blessed Out Birth of country Rock Volume 2 (Bear Family)  
\$20 23 tracks

#### Like New (some new but not sealed, rarities)

Atkins, Rodney	Greatest Hits (Curb) \$10
Balsam Range	Five (Mountain Home) \$12
Berry, Benny	Standing Here Alone (Hawk) His debut..\$40 Haggard fans would not believe it was not Merle. Actually as good as anything you have heard. Fabulous.
Carter, Carlene	Stronger (Yep Roc) \$12
Childre, Lew	On the Air 1946 (Old Homestead) \$25
Clark, Roy	Greatest Hits (Razor & Tie) \$20 Yesterday When I Was Young etc
Coe, David Allan	1990 Songs for Sale \$45 (rare)
Cordle, Larry	All Star Duets (Wandachord) w. Lonesome time + Skaggs, Tritt, Singeltary, McCoury, Krauss etc \$18
Cowan, John	Sixty (Compass) \$10
Cook, Elizabeth	Gospel Plow \$10 (31 Tigers)
Cooke, Sam	Keep Movin' On (Abkco) 23 tracks inc. hard to get "Cousin of Mine"
Curless, Dick	Welcome to My World (Rocade) \$40 rare 2 <sup>nd</sup> last late 80s album on the Swiss Rocade label. He only had one more on Rounder.
Dana, Vic	Complete Hits of (Eric) Rare \$25 ** one of the ones that was a hit in Australia "Very Good Years for Girls" but NOT in USA is incl.
Davies, Gail	Love Ain't Easy (Little Chickadee) \$10
Davis, Moot	Goin' in Hot (Crow Town) \$18
Doobie Brothers	Southbound \$15 duets with Nashville artists
Douglas, Jerry	Best Kept Secret (Koch) w. guests \$18
Earls of Leicester	Earls of Leicester (Rounder) Shawn Camp/ Jerry Douglas etc
Emmons, Buddy	& Ray Pennington Swinging by Request. \$30 fabulous
Evans, Sara	Greatest Hits (RCA) \$12
Faithfull, Marianne	Faithless (Castle UK) her country album \$18 from which Colleen Hewitt plundered "Dreaming My Dreams" and Aussie #1
Ford, Ernie/ Glen Campbell	Ernie Sings & Glen Picks (Capitol) \$35 v. Rare full notes.
Friedman, Kinky	Old Testaments & new Blessings (Fruit of the tune) rare \$20
Gauthier, Mary	Trouble & Love (UIn the Black) \$18
Gibson Brothers	Brotherhood (Rounder) \$18
Griffith, Nanci	Complete MCA 2cd (MCA) \$15
Hampton, R W	This Cowboy (Cimarron) fabulous western singer.
Hawkins, Ronnie	Mr Dynamo/Sings Songs of Hank Williams (Collectables) \$20
Honeycutters	Me Oh My (Organic) \$15
Hunter, Tab	Young Love: Best Of (Eric) \$20
Hyland, Brian	Brian Hyland (Rock In Beat) 30 tracks \$25
James, Sonny	The Sonny Side of Rock N Roll \$30 Great 28 tracker includes teh brilliant but hard to get "For Rent" plus the original vocals version of "Apache", the hit for the Shadows.
Jones, George	"Rock It' \$35 30 tracks of what can be construed as rockabilly/rock & roll....the very obscure "Heartbreak Hotel" is right up there!!

Lauderdale, Jim	I'm a Song (Smith) 2014 with Buddy Miller, Lee Ann Womack, Patty Loveless 20 tk \$18
Lawson, Doyle & Quicksilver	In Session (Mountain Home) \$18 ...this is new
Lovett, Lyle	Step Inside This House (MCA) 2CD \$15
Lovin' Spoonful	Greatest Hits (Buddha) 26 tracks all the hits with John Sebastian inc. "Nashville Cats"/ "Summer in City"/ "Rain on Roof".
McCoury, Del	Moneyland (McCoury) \$20 w. guests Haggard, Emmylou etc
McEntire, Reba	My Kind of Country \$10 (MCA)
Mattea, Kathy	Coal (Thirty Tigers) \$10 akin to Patty Loveless "Mountain Soul"
Mavericks	Mono \$20 (Valory)
Nelson, Bernie	Blue \$15 Nashville singer songwriter sounds a bit like Russell Smith
Osborne Brothers	Nashville (Pinycastle) \$12
Owens, Buck	Warner Brothers Recordings (Rhino Handmade) 2CD numbered 4183 of 5000. Very Rare \$35 includes his great "Buck 'Em" album
Paisley, Brad	Moonshine in teh Trunk (Arista) \$10
Parton, Dolly	Live & Well rare 2CD version \$18
Parton, Dolly	Blue Smoke (Dolly) \$15
Pinkard & Bowden	Gettin' Stupid (WB Special Products) \$40 rare 22 tracks
Price, Ray	Sometimes a Rose (Columbia) \$22
Price, Ray	Hall of Fame Series (Step One) \$45
Price, Ray	Portrait of a Singer (Step One) \$50 his artistic peak. Superb.
Reeves, Del	Signature Series (CMG) \$25 only cd with his original hits inc. "Girl on the Billboard"
Renaissance	Symphony of Light (Red River)
Scott, Jack	I Remember Hank Williams/ What in the World's Come Over You (BGO) UK \$20
Shepard, Jean	Honky Tonk heroine (CMF) \$35 rare
Sisk, Junior	The Story of the Day That I Died (Rebel) \$12
Skaggs, Ricky & Sharon White	Hearts Like Ours (Skaggs Family) \$18
Sons of Bill	Love & Logic (Thirty Tigers) \$12
Taylor, Chip	Chip Taylor's Last Chance (Train Wreck) a gem \$40
Thornton, Marsha	Marsha Thornton (MCA) \$30 w. original of "Bottle of Wine & Pasty Cline"
Williams, Hank	Health & Happiness Shows 2CD Mercury in slip sleeve with notes. Slip sleeve has smudge on front but otherwise as new. Notes by Williams guru Colin Escott. \$20
Yates, Billy	Anywhere But Nashville (MOD) \$18

## DVD

### New

Glen Campbell	Best of the Glen Campbell Show 2 shows from 1972 & 75 filmed for English TV plus bonus Live with Jimmy Webb 1975 \$15
Jack Clement	Shakespeare Was a Big George Jones Fan \$22
Shawn Colvin	Polaroids: A Video Collection 23 tks \$15
Ralph Emery	Country Legends Volume One \$25 18 legends with exclusive performances at the Ryman + interviews/anecdotes 90m
Jerry Lee Lewis	Greatest Live Performances of 50s/60s/70 \$10 Time Life Surely an all time bargain. Now out of print. Over 70 min. Great
Nelson, Willie	& Friends Outlaws & Angels \$18 103 mins Jerry Lee, Dyland, Haggard, Keith Richards!! Many more
Poco	Crazy Love The Ultimate Experience 2DVD \$20
Walker, Billy	Country Carnival Vol 3 (Classic Country) 116 minutes with Haggard, Wanda, Sammi Smith, Stonewall, Luman etc

### Like New

Berring Strait	Ballad of (Koch) True story of a Russian bluegrass group playing the Gran Ol Opry \$10 144 min.
Cash, Johnny	The Gospel Road Region 1 \$15 83m
Daniels, Charlie	CDB Live \$15 120 min
Dickens, Hazel	Its Hard to Tell the Singer from the Song 60 min. \$15
Guthrie, Woody	This Machine Kills Fascists (Snapper UK) \$15 2hrs 40 min.

Haggard, Merle Haggard, Merle	The Hag (Classic Country) \$18 1hr 43 min. Live at Billy Bobs (Region 1 23 tks .Janie Fricke guests. Superb quality. \$18
Haggard, Merle Haggard, Merle	Live From Austin City Limits early 1990s \$15 superb picture In Concert. \$20 This is actually 3 video release on DVD. 70s and 80s with some of Merle's best travelling bands with classic sidemen such as Gordon Terry & Tiny Moore Total time 2 ½ hours. Has Live in concert/ Poet of the Common Man/ Best of Merle Haggard.
Haggard, Merle	Legendary Performances \$15 Country Music Hall of Fame/ Shout. 15 through the years performances + interview & his Hall of Fame induction
Highwaymen Jackson, Mahalia Jones, George	On Stage 25 performances \$12 Sings 13 tracks gospel \$8 Live in Tennessee/ Still the same Ol Me \$15 2 complete shows on 1 dvd 114 min.
Jones, George	And Friends: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute Concert 2 DVDs with a veritable who's who inc. Gill, Alan Jackson, Emmylou etc \$18
Martyn, John Nelson, Ricky	Live at Camden Palace London 1984 \$5 Ricky Nelson Sings \$15 60 min + extras from Ozzy & Harriet All songs featuring James Burton
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band & Friends	Will the Circle Be Unbroken 3: Farther Along \$15 Great. Lots of bonus material too must be 2hrs or so all up.
Peter, Paul & Mary Pierce, Webb Reeves, Del	Carry It On 80 min.\$15 Greatest Hits (White Star) 52 min. colour!! \$15 Country Carnival Vol 2 (Classic country) 134 min Del's TV show with great guests: Bobby Bare, Bob Luman, Carl Smith etc etc
Robbins, Marty Rodriguez Russell, Tom Simon, Paul	Music Anthology \$18 24 songs inc gem of gems "Mr Shorty" Searching For Sugar Man \$10 Region 1 Academy Award winner Hearts on the Line (Hightone) 16 performances + interviews \$15 And Friends at the Library of congress 2hrs \$15 inc. bonus of Simon w. George Harrison doing "Homeward Bound" fr 1976
Skaggs, Ricky Texas Tornados	Soldier of the Cross gospel \$15 Live From Austin City Limits \$18 80 minutes You will not see a better music dvd.
Travis, Randy Twain, Shania Walker, Billy	Worship & Faith \$15 Randy sings Gospel about 60 min Still the One Live from Vegas (new not sealed) REGION 1 \$15 Country Carnival Vol 2 (Classic Country) 114 min \$15 Billy's TV show with great guests inc Carl & Pearl Butler, Hank Jrn!!
Wills, Bob Wilson, Gretchen	Fiddle Man: The Life & Times \$18 over hour + lots extras Live \$10
<b>Various</b> Carson Country	From Johnny Carson Show Cash/. Judds/ Dwight/ Buck but also Roy Rogers/John Wayne/ Jay Silverheels(Tonto) \$10
Country Style USA Hank Williams	Vol 1 \$18 (Bear Family) Great quality 13 complete shows The Show He Never Gave \$15 If Hank hadn't died this is the show he would have given. A delightfully named Sneezey Waters plays Hank 86 min. \$15
Nashville Sound	1970 Live performances + interviews Tex Ritter, Dolly, Porter, Loretta etc 81 min,

## **SOME BOX SETS COUNTRY**

**Carter Family "Complete Victor recordings" Rounder 9cds \$60** 9 individual cds so maybe not really a box but a good way of getting the recordings at a more than reasonable price. All have notes by Charles K Wolfe, one of the very best.

**Cash, Johnny "Unearthed" \$55** This is now deleted and is very hard to get. It consists of 5 cds from John's later career tenure with American label. 4 cds are tracks that are additional to his American Recordings cds and the fifth is a summation of the best of the American Recordings. These are housed in a very attractive cloth bound hard cover book. BUT THERE IS MORE. There is a second hard cover book with 108 pages, also cloth bound. These two cloth bound books are then housed in a cloth bound case....black of course (heck it is Johnny Cash after all!!). These are very

hard to get. This is 100% as new inside but a few threads loose on the cloth outer. Don't miss out. This is a very reasonable price. Don't miss out...in fact a dang bargain.

**Cline, Patsy "Patsy Cline Collection" \$45** 4cds+64 page book. All in the 12 inch long style box. An absolutely essential box brought out by MCA and the Country Music Foundation. Someone once said if you lined up ever female singer Patsy would be singing lead and the rest could consider themselves lucky to be singing in the chorus...yep...could be right. One of the best box sets ever. The sound is superb. 104 tracks, essentially all she recorded. This is out of print. Great shape. It is out of print & very hard to get.

**Jennings, Waylo "Nashville Rebel" (Legacy) \$60** Wonderful presentation with embossed leather look cover (resembles Waylon's guitar). Has massive 140 page book which is simply grand. 92 tracks which give a fabulous representation of his career. Even includes quite a few previously unreleased. As new and long out of print. Just superb.

**Jones, George "Essential Spirit" \$18 (Sony)** longbox with book 44 tracks 2cd 16 page book.

**Lynn, Loretta "Honky Tonk Girl: The Loretta Lynn Collection" \$40 (MCA)**  
3cds plus 48 page book. Nice cloth bound presentation 70 tracks. This is in great shape. Over 3 hours! . Out of print.

**Miller, Roger "King of the Road: The Genius of Roger Miller" 3cd + 40 page book. \$40 as new \$50 sealed** If ever an artist was deserving of a Bear Family box set it was Roger. There is a dearth of his material, even in Greatest Hits packages. This is much more with 70 tracks that include most of his "Trip in the Country" album where he went back & recorded some songs that he wrote early in his career for other people such as "Tall Tall Trees", "Invitation to the Blues", "don't We All Have the Right" etc. All the hits are there and it includes some great later things such as "Old Friends with Willie & Ray Price as well as two selections from "Big River" his Tony award winning stage show. This is now deleted

**Milsap, Ronnie "The RCA Albums Collection" RCA 21 CDS 52 page book \$90** new but not sealed. Some absolute gems

**Owens, Buck "The Collection" Rhino. \$40** Ultra special. Out of print gem 3 cd with wonderful 80 page book with mostly colour photographs and includes a track by track rundown with Buck's own comments. 62 songs are licensed from Buck himself and include all the hits including both the original version and the Dwight duet version of "Streets of Bakersfield" as well as some delightful non hits such as Buck's latter duet with Emmylou Harris "Play Together Again, Again". Great sound and a steal. Also features "Act Naturally" with one Richard Starkey, the man whose semi well known group introduced Buck's songs to a rock audience...some call him Ringo.

**Parton, Dolly "Dolly" \$45 4cds + 64 page book.** Some wonderfully rare photos are featured in the book. 99 tracks. Great presentation in silver box. Lots of rare tracks too.

**Poole, Charlie "You Ain't Talkin' to Me" \$50** Sony Legacy Brilliant 3cd set which is in the shape of a cigar box, handsomely illustrated by Robert Crumb...R Crumb to most. 72 tracks from one of the most influential old timey artists. Right up there with Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers & co. Includes 36 page book and authentic period repro sleeves for the cds. Out of print & hard to get.

**Reno & Smiley "Colelctors Box set King Recordings" 4 cds 24 page book 115 tracks.**  
**Sticker on cover. \$45 Great shape**

**Stanley Brothers "Early King - Starday Years 1958-1961" 4cds 20 page booklet + 109 tracks.** Hard to beat. Sticker on cover only \$45

**Strait, George "Strait Out of the Box" MCA 4cds \$45** Easily his best years from 1981 to 1995. Includes pre MCA singles plus rare tracks such as his duet with Hank Thompson "Six Pack to Go" & "Fly Me to the Moon" an unreleased duet with Frank Sinatra. 72 tracks plus large book. Over 3 ½ hours. The peak years are so much better than the bland late 90s and almost the entire ] 2000's with the exception of the "Troubadour" album.

**Twitty, Conway "The Conway Twitty Collection" \$50** 4cd + 72 page book and 89 tracks

Like New. Nicely presented book style box as new. Includes quite a few previously unreleased tracks.

**Williams, Hank "Complete Mother's Best Recordings" NEW in original box.** This is one of the most unusual packages we have ever seen and as such is quite stunning. It all comes housed inside an old style wooden shelf radio and lo & behold if you turn the on dial you get an old time radio show with samplings of Hank. It is heavy and an odd shape. Includes 15 cds + dvd as well as an 108 page book by the redoubtable Hank expert, Colin Escott. **\$150** Looks stunning. /s stunning

**Williams, Hank "The Unreleased Recordings" NEW 3cds + book by Colin Escott.** Now out of print. Don't miss it.

**Williams, Hank Jnr "The Bocephus Box" 3 cds + 20 pg book \$35.** The Warner Brothers Years, well at least for the period 1979-1992 are represented here. 62 tracks including some unreleased. Key tracks from albums such as Family Tradition, Whiskey Bent & Hell Bound, Rowdy, Habits Old & New etc.

**Williams, Hank Jnr "Complete" Curb 3cds 45 tracks** Complete singles collection I believe.

**Wynette, Tammy** Tears of Fire" 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collection" \$50( new & sealed) 3cds + 24 page book. Great 67 tracks including duets. Quite a few duets, the one with Emmylou, "Beneath a a Painted Sky" is a gem, as are the ones with a bloke called Jones. \$30 one with box a bit discoloured.

**35 Years of Rebel Records 4cds 105 tracks but no book or box. In mint condition \$30**  
**Ralph Stanley to Rhonda Vincent**

**People Take Warning! Murder Ballads & Disaster Songs 1913-1938 3cds + 52 page hardbound book.** Tompkins Sqaure **\$50** This is a great collection highlighted by the book. Lots of wrecks, lots of Titanics and natural disasters. CD#1 is crash type disasters CD#2 is natural disasters and cd #3 is murder ballads. Even includes a photo of Railroad Bill as sung about in Will Bennett's 1929 song. This is what the traditions of country music are all about. No longer available.

## **POP etc**

**Count Basie The Columbia Years 4cd + 92 page book \$30** 30s and 40s and in great soundwith nice presentation. Includes cameo from Billie Holiday.

**Crosby, Bing His Legendary Years 1931-1957 MCA** Nice long style box with 68 page book with 101 tracks on 4 cds including quite a few unreleased, plus lots of duets. These are the studio recordings. This is really good set. Love "Dear Hearts & Gentle People" and his Hawaiian influenced songs in particular. Lots of duets...though I guess Bing and the Andrews Sisters are technically not a duet but songs such as "Don't Fence Me In" (which feature the Andrews gals) really rock! **\$35**

**Holiday, Billie "Lady Day" Sony** Perhaps the best ever American box set...certainly the best not to bear the Rhino name. 10cds and a large 120 page book is only for starters. The sound is superb and content impossible to beat. The superb package is housed in a large faux snakeskin leather box with a haunting image of Billie on the cover. Stunning. NOW...that is what I wrote last newsletter. That sold. Now, I have a sealed copy. Brand new. I have to ask myself which is the best it or Ella. I don't know. **As new reduced to \$80** This won a Grammy and you could only be surprised if it didn't!! All Music Guide said "This set finally puts Ms. Holiday's massive contribution to 20th century art in fitting perspective. There are untold hours to spend listening here for the fanatic or the foundling. The package is worthy of your coffee table instead of a book of photographs of who knows what, and the wealth of knowledge it provides about the history of jazz is literally incalculable."

**Jack Kerouac Collection Rhino** 3cd 12x12 grey cloth bound box with large 32 page book. 3 Cds. Very hard to get. The daddy of the Beat movement. **\$40**

**James, Etta The Chess Box 3cd + 40 page book 72 tracks \$40.** One of the great vocalists best known for the consummate version of the big ballad "At Last" but able to handle the harder stuff with equal aplomb. Includes 10 previously unreleased songs including "Light My Fire" and

"You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'

**Monty Pythons "Monty Python's Total Rubbish"** 9CDs + 7" plus 64 page book plus new interviews and for first time ever some unissued tracks. Brilliant hard cbox and package designed by Terry Gilliam. **\$120** It is a trifle runny...we like it runny....it may be a trifle more runny than you like....I DON'T CARE HOW \*\*\*\*\* Runny IT IS...this is stunning.

**Presley, Elvis "King of Rock & Roll: Complete 50s Masters"** 5 cds + 92 page full size book. This is the original large box not the much less attractive book style squatty presentation and as such is highly sought. **\$45** The way to get this if an Elvis fan. Out of print and not hard to understand why it is so highly sought,.

**Sellers, Peter "A Celebration of Sellers" EMI \$45** 4cds featuring albums (Best of Sellers/ Peter & Sophia/ Songs for Swingin' Sellers & Sellers Market. Each augmented by a stack of bonus tracks. 67 tracks all up. As new. How great is his version of "Hard Day's Night", one of the bonus tracks. If you think it sounds great you are not mistaken. Production was by the Beatles' producer Sir George Martin...in other words none better. The duet album with Sophia Loren is superb and includes the only hit either had "Goodness Gracious me"

**Spector, Phil Back to Mono Abcko \$60** 4cds + 100 page book, full size 12x12. Includes the wonderful "A Christmas Gift for You". Starts with the Teddy Bears and ends with the Checkmates "Love Is All I Have to Give". Incidentally, what brilliant critic once said "The Phil Spector Christmas album is one you can play all year round"? Yeah, it was me. Great sound too.

**Springfield, Dusty The Dusty Springfield Anthology \$40 \$35** Mercury 3cds with 32 page book 77 tracks. Includes some early tracks with the Springfields including the classic "Silver Threads & Golden Needles". Naturally features the landmark "Dusty in Memphis" but the rarities are the winner. **BARGAIN.**

## FOLK

**Baez, Joan Complete A&M Recordings 4 cds 77 tracks \$40** Whilst her Vanguard recordings are her best known this set contains what many regard as her best studio and live album. The studio album is "Diamonds & Rust" and the live is "From Every Stage", a highlight for mine is her version of the very wordy Dylan track "Lily, Rosemary & the Jack of Hearts", you may say when Bob did it you may have missed one or two of the words...not with the brown eyed girl in hand me downs. Her interpretations are as fine as ever and her voice is probably at its peak. Superb sound.

**Moore, Christy The Box Set 1964-2004 6cds \$50** with 101 songs and a 64 page booklet. Nice mini lp style presentation in flip top box.. Each track is commented on by Christy...how and why he recorded it. Very anecdotal!

**Thompson, Richard "Walking on a Wire 1968-2009" \$45** 4cds as new Shout Factory label. 71 classic recordings which covers his solo career as well as Fairport Convention as well as duet recordings with ex wife Linda Thompson. Includes 60 page book all in attractive yellow glossy box. AND with anyone who has a similar fetish to mine...ie enjoying the smell of quality printing this will also appeal.

**Weavers "Wasn't That a Time" \$50** Vanguard box which is out of print. 87 tracks. Brand new & sealed. . Vary hard to get. 48 page book. "Goodnight Irene" spent 13 weeks at number one in the US charts. Later the radical Pete Seeger would introduce the protest song to the Weavers' repertoire. Also includes selections from their famed Carnegie Hall reunion. Content is just great.

**Washington Square Memoirs: The Great Urban Folk Boom 1950-1970 \$55** Great Rhino book style box with 72 page book which gives a track by track run down of the 72 songs, Includes rarities like Bonnie Dobson performing her oft-covered "Morning Dew" and Fred Neil's similarly covered "The Dolphins". Nice bookend work...starts with Woody and ends with Arlo...that's Guthrie's boy. Wonderful.

## BLUES

**Davis, Rev Gary "Demons & Angels" \$40** Shanachie 3 cd long box style set with 36 page book. New & sealed. Compiled by Stefan Grossman. 58 tracks by "One of the finest gospel, blues, ragtime guitarist and singers of the century". For years he lived in New York and was listed

in the phone book. Roy Book Binder tells a great story on his "Live Book" cd available just above.

**Howlin' Wolf "The Chess Box" 12x12" \$45 3 cds with 71 tracks + 32 page book.** Who is the greatest bluesman of them all?? You know my answer!! Born Chester Burnett and raised in Mississippi (the poorest of the US States) and progressed through Memphis before becoming one of the lynchpins of Chicago Blues. Had a fierce rivalry with Muddy Waters but Muddy could come no where near his intensity. Would crawl around on all fours if he felt like it (on stage of course) even though he would insist on being beautifully dressed in a stylish suit. The way Wolf sang "Little Red Rooster" was scary..."Back Door Man" downright incendiary. Naturally was one of the first elected to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

**Waters, Muddy "The Chess Box" \$40 3cds with 72 tracks + 32 page book.** Companion to the Wolf box. Hell they are both essential

**Mercury Blues 'N Rhythm Story 1945-1955 Mercury** Very hard to get out of print box. 8 cds 88 page book and 211 tracks. This is a long style box with a very attractive gilt edging. Artists include Jay McShann, Johnny Otis, Buddy Johnson, Dinah Washington, Jay Hawkins, Big Bill Broonzy etc **\$80** Certainly has been very popular.

## **ROCK**

**ABBA Thank You For the Music 4cd + 68 pg book \$40** Nice book style box with stunning book. 66 tracks including quite a few rarities. As if it were taken from shrinkwrap a minute ago.

**Aerosmith Pandora's Box" 3cds 52 tracks** including 20 previously unreleased recordings. 64 page book. Like new **\$35**

**Beach Boys " Good Vibrations 5cds + pg \$45** book The 5<sup>th</sup> cd is all unrelased material and there are a significant number of unreleased tracks on all the other discs. NEW & SEALED You will not find one.

**Beach Boys The Pet Sounds Session \$45** 4 cds and a book presenting the complete recording sessions for their landmark album 90 tracks all up plus 2 books, one 36 pages and one a massive 128 page. Very attractive cloth bound green long box. Like new.

**Buffalo Springfield "Buffalo Springfield" \$50** Box Rhino 4cd box+80page book. Superb original large size box. Stephen Stills, Neil Young and Richie Furay (later Poco) were the principles and one of the most influential groups in the country rock field. The set is highlighted by a number of unreleased Neil Young songs and demos which never made it to the Springfield album but which later featured on his early Reprise tracks. These tracks are only available on this set. Not on his Archives box

**Doors Doors Box Set (Elektra) sealed \$40 bargain** 4 cds, first 3 previously unrelased live recordings including the famous 1970 Madison Square Gardens and demo recordings. 4<sup>th</sup> cd are favourite tracks as selected by Robby Kreiger, John Densmore and the recently deceased man responsible for the sound of the Doors, Ray Manzarek.

**Dylan, Bob Bootleg Series Volumes 1-3 1961-1991 3cds + 72 page book \$40 Columbia** This is the original LONG BOX with full size book. Has been issued in jewel case but this out of print one is the most desirable with its iconic shaded Dylan photo on the cover. Includes a lot of his best protest work such as "Who Killed Davey Moore", the tragic true story of a boxer who died in the ring and no one was willing to accept any responsibility. It also includes Bob versions of much covered songs such as "Percy's Song" , "Only a Hobo" (done so delightfully by Rod Stewart on "Gasoline Alley") and "Talking John Birch Society Blues" which was too controversial for his record company at the time.

**Electric Light Orchestra Flashback 3CD + 44pg book. Columbia** like new with quite a few unreleased tracks. **\$35**

**Simon, Carly Clouds in My Coffee 1965-1995 \$28** 3cds + 48 page book. Has 58 tracks including one of the greatest singles in "You're So Vain". James Taylor was her husband & called her "Big Fella"...yep read it in the Rolling Stone. Excellently compiled .

**Springsteen, Bruce Born to Run 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition \$35** 2 DVDS + CD Vintage 2 hour

concert from 1975 On DVD plus 90 minute documentary. 48 page booklet. Nice glossy box.

**Steely Dan Citizen Steely Dan 4cds + 40 page book \$35** Donald Fagen & Walter Becker were the constants. The early years saw some wonderful pop songs such as "the great 'Reelin' in the Years" whilst the latter saw some longer work outs. Full discography for each album. Few minor marks on box.

**Stewart, Rod The Rod Stewart Sessions 1971-1998 4Cds + 52 page book \$40** Rod's autobiography is one of the funniest I've ever read. Great set with CD1&2 being just fabulous. 63 tracks. Some such as "Sailing" are less adorned and much better than the hits versions

**Who Thirty Years of Maximum R & B MCA \$35** 4cd box in great shape. Includes 72 page book. Great set and price. Lots of rarities and previously unreleased tracks. Includes discography. 95 tracks.

**ZZ Top "Chrome Smoke & Barbecue" \$45.** Check it out. This is out of print and hard to get. It includes an 88 page book plus a flip book...this is the one where you flip through the pages and it looks like a movie. Contains 80 tracks. "La Grange" is a superb track. And don't you consider it an irony of life that the only clean shaven member is Frank Beard!! Great corrugated iron look cover.

**New Rose Story New Rose \$40** is a French label and over the years released a lot of material that didn't get released elsewhere. They had a bit of a punk edge but did release some fine country stuff even if artists such as Calvin Russell and Tex Edwards were a little left of centre. They were the only label to release a cd of the Texas Mavericks, the mysterious masked group With Doug Sahm and Alvin Crow. Each track is separately annotated and there are 85 of them...tracks that is. Includes rare solo from likes of Henry Vestine (of Canned Heat), Alvin Lee. Elliott Murphy etc. Nice lolly pink box. Exceptional 44 page book.

## **BEAR FAMILY BOX SETS...THE Rolls Royces of the cd world.**

**Like New Totally like new...boxes books & cds. Works out \$20 per cd and book (double for hard cover book)**

**\*Pat Boone – "The Fifties Complete" 12 Cds + 84 page hard cover book. Huge box with a massive 80+ previously unreleased recordings. Brilliant sound on the rare 50s stereo recordings. He was the second biggest sales wise behind Elvis in the 50s and one of the 10 biggest of all time.**

**\*Nat King Cole "L.O.V.E. Complete Capitol Recordings 1960-1964" 11 CD + 184 page hard cover book...counts as 3cds pricewise. Over 280 songs by one of the greatest stylists of all time. Who said cigarette smoking was all bad....that is the ultimate catch 22 isn't it...he is said to have 3 cigarettes before he recorded a song to add the right "sound" to his voice but there he ended at only 45 years of age. Fabulous box set. Fabulous singer. \$270**

**\*Merle Haggard "Hag: the Studio Recordings 1969-1976" 6cds + 140 page book \$160. Second (of 4) in the Haggard series. Another absolute must.**

**\*Vernon Oxford – "Keeper of the Flame" 5 cd + 32 page book \$120 Complete RCA & more. Back in the days when country music really was country music he was considered "too country". Great honky tonk and more. Some of the best tearjerkers ever recorded.**

**\*The Platters - "Four Platters & One Lovely Dish" 9 cds + 52 page book special \$150. Superb sound. All 5 did lead vocals though most of the hits such as "Great Pretender" , "Twilight Time" and "My Prayer" were sung by Tony Williams. As such the variety is great. Sound is unbelievably good. Great set.**

**\*Marty Robbins – "Under Western Skies" 4 CD + 60 page book with all the lyrics. His complete western recordings. How many songs in the entire world of songs ever written do I like better than "Mr Shorty"?.....not many at all that is for sure! \$90**

**\*Neil Sedaka – "Oh Carol: The Complete Recordings 1956-1966" 8 Cds + 108 page hard cover book. RCA label & more including 15 previously unreleased. \$190**

**Less than new Great shape as well with generally a little box wear being the main concern. Priced accordingly. When I say minor I mean that. As always we are very particular so you will be happy.GREAT prices.**

**\* Eddy Arnold "The Tennessee Plowboy and His Guitar" 5CD + 40 page book \$90** Box is in great nick...one or two very minor marks in book. RCA's biggest artist prior to Elvis and also guided by the venerable Colonel Tom Parker. Great sound. 120 tracks.

**\*Wilf Carter "Cowboy Songs: The 30s Years" 8CD + 48 page book.** All in great shape. Box has minor marks and faint driver's licence number written on front. Still an absolute bargain and then some. \$100

**\*Wilf Carter "Montana Slim A Prairie Legend 4cd + book.** Outer box has some marks and few on book. All time bargain \$50

**\*Darby & Tarlton "Complete Recordings" 3 Cd + 48 page book \$70** Very minor marks on box.The country blues at its best.

**\*Jim & Jesse "Bluegrass & More" 5cds + 36 page book** Some minor marks on box **\$90** They were a bluegrass outfit but they also did an album of Chuck Berry covers. Now before you laugh Chuck Berry was a rock & roller who wrote country songs.

**\*Jimmie Davis "Nobody's Darling But Mine" 5CD + book \$100**

**\*Jimmie Davis "You Are My Sunshine" 5CD + book \$100**

In pristine nick with faint remnants of writing (a driver's licence number) on front of book so in effect books are chucked in free. The first is very decidedly in the Jimmie Rodgers style and whilst the former Louisiana Governor is known for his religious songs this early set has some rather ribald numbers on it particularly the ode of the peeping tom "Keyhole in the Door". A must for Jimmie Rodger's fans. The recording quality on both is excellent. The second features the start of his better known recordings but a couple of "earthy" songs still slip in.

**\*Doris Day – "Secret Love 1951-1955" 5 cd + 100 page hard cover book.** Some very minor marks on outer box, one corner taped. Book & cds are mint. **\$100** special Superb & then some. The reproductions of the posters, pictures & memorabilia is just spectacular.

**\*Little Jimmie Dickens "Country Boy" 4cd + 64 page book.** This is out of print. Content is superb. 64 page book + 4cds Box is okay. Scuff s and remnants of that driver's licence number. These are written with permanent marker. It can be partially removed with methylated spirits but sometimes not entirely. As stated very rare **\$100** (would be \$50 more if box mint...as it is it is okay).

**\*Merle Haggard "Untamed Hawk: The Early Recordings of Merle Haggard" \$60** some marks on box but NO BOOK. Still an absolute bargain.

**\*Burl Ives "A Little Bitty Tear: The Nashville Years 1961-1965" 5cds + 20 page book.** Whilst Burl is known as a folky this is in effect nearly all country with superb songs by the pick of the Nashville tunesmiths most notably Harlan Howard & Hank Cochran. This Ivor Burls box (an affectionate name given by the late Benny Hill to a Burl inspired character) is out of print. There are some issues. The box has faint remnant of that dreaded drivers licence number on the front (it may seem cool to you but writing on boxes or cds is not!). Also the insert for cd #4 is a photocopy. What you do get is simply one of the best of the Bear Family boxes.

**\*Rose Maddox – The One Rose: the Capitol Years 4Cd + book \$70** the most versatile country singer of all time. Bluegrass (with Bill Monroe), honky tonk, rockabilly, folk, superb gospel etc. Minor box marks.

**\*Jim Reeves "Gentleman Jim 1955-1969" 4 cd + book** Minor marks on box. His early RCA years **\$55**

**\* Marty Robbins "Under Western Skies" \$70** Outer box marked. Content is great. Very near the perfect box set.

\***Tex Ritter "High Noon" 4cd + 36 page book.** Now oop. In great nick. Only issue is one corner of box taped plus couple of minor marks on book. **\$90**

\***Hank Snow "Singing Ranger Volume 1" 4 cd + book. \$60** minor marks on box inc. Faint driver's licence number visible on box. Great deal Lucille!

\***Hank Snow "The Thesaurus Transcriptions" 5cds + 36 page book** (great shape) Some marks on box. \$70

\***Hank Snow "The Yodelling Ranger" 5 Cd + 48 page book \$70** Box in fair shape. Book is pristine. Cds great. His early Canadian recordings cd1-4. Cd #5 is his life story

\***Slim Whitman \ "Rose Marie" 6 CD + 48 page book.** Some very minor marks on the box...well so I have noted but darned if I can see where??!! \$100

\***Faron Young "The Classic Years 1952-1962" 5 CD + 48 page book.** Some very minor marks on box. \$90

## Incomplete

\***Gene Autry "That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine"** outer box as new....superb 100 page hard cover book....as new. CDs 2/4/5/6/7/8 only so \$10 per cd + \$20 book = **\$80** This is his early Jimmie Rodgers inspired recordings. There is a burnt copy of cd# 9 included. The book itself is worth the price believe me! 150 tracks on the 6cds included....further 21 on the gratis burnt cd.

\***Jimmie Rodgers "The Singing Brakeman"** cds 1/2/4/5/6 only no cd #3 the outer box and 60s page book are okay only. **\$45...** yep quite a deal

## Books

### Just In

\*\***"San Antonio Rose"** by Charles Townshend 6x10 SC 390 page The definitive work on the life and music of Bob Wills. Now out of print. **\$25**

\*\***"Country Music Originals"** by Tony Russell **\$18** Definitive book on the early artists of the 20s & 30s in encyc;lopedia form 270 pages

\*\***"Country Music in Australia" Vols 1 & 2** by Eric Watson Around 400 pages all up. Hard to get now **\$20**

\*\***"Book of Australian Country Music "** by Jazzer Smith HC 370 pages large coffee table style \$20

\*\***"Ambassadors of Country Music" by Ian Hands** 140 pages on Australian country music artists...many rather obscure \$12

\*\***The Louisiana Hayride The Glory Years 1948-1960: A Compilation of newspaper Articles, Pictures and Advertisements" Compiled by Robert Gentry.** In 2 volumes large ring bound...a labour of love if you like but interesting to nth degree. Some of the newspaper articles for example are very pithy..."Judge Says Mrs Williams' Divorce Not Final When She Wed Composer" / "Hillbilly Hymns Twang Out as Hank Williams' Requiem"/ "Handwriting Expert to Testify on Prescriptions of Fake Doctor". **\$48** You won't find them. Hank fans will find much to amuse.

\*\***Smile When You Call Me a Hillbilly: Country Music's Struggle for Respectability** by Jeffrey J Lange 312 pages (very small print!) **\$18** Good ,

### Others: Most reduced.

\*\***Tosches, Nick Where Dead Voices Gather: The Emmett Miller Story** SC 5x8 336 pg. **\$5** Was Emmett Miller the main influence of Jimmie Rodgers and or Hank Williams or just a white man with a blackened face who recorded "Lovesick Blues" and yodelled.

\*Travis, Randy - King of the New Country Traditionalists SC 5x8 210 pg **\$5**

\***Wynette, Tammy Tragic Country Queen** by Jimmy McDonough HC 432 pages **\$10** 6 x9 this as biography...essential

\* **Finding Her Voice The Saga Of Women in Country Music** by Robert K Oermann & Mary Bufwack 10x8 HC 594 pages of smallish print so stacks of words!. A true encyclopedia with the scope being amazing. Whilst it is not going to be a surprise that Patsy Cline, Wanda Jackson, Loretta, Tammy, Jean Shepard, Doly & Emmylou are all featured it is pieces on great artists such as Carolina Cotton, Jenny Lou Carson, The de Zurich Triplets, Martha Carson and latterday artists such as Suzy Bogguss and Holly Dunn that make this book so great \$18

\* **Music Makers Of the Blue Ridge Plateau from the Blue Ridge Music Makers Guild Inc.** SC 6x9 127 pg Home of the Galax Fiddlers Convention...the biggest of the lot. Mainly pictures contributed by the society. Anyone who has the Nitty Gritty Stars& Stripes Forever or John McEuen's solo album will know the track "The Mountain Whippoorwill" ..this is essentially that in pictures. \$4

\***Southwest Shuffle Pioneers of Honky Tonk, Western Swing & Country Jazz** by Rich Kienzle SC 6x9 288 pg \$15 generally rated the best on the subject but rather than be a full text on the subject he writes about a different artist in every chapter starting with Spade Cooley, Hank Penny, Tommy Duncan, Lee Gillette, Ken Nelson, Cliffie Stone, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Hank Thompson etc

\***Sun Records The Brief History of the Legendary Record Label** by Colin Escott & Martin Hawkins SC 7x 10 184 pages. The history, the main artists and bios on all the lesser lights 10

\***Ashley, Tom / Sam McGee/ Bukka White Tennessee Traditional Singers** edited by Thomas G Burton HC 6x9 240 pg \$15 includes discography.

\***Browns Looking Back to See: a Country Music memoir HC** 6x9 348 page \$18 brand new. Not just about the Browns but the golden age of country music in general. Written by Maxine Brown, this is great..as one of the reviews on the back states " Honest, gossipy and outrageously funny". One of the best music bios of any genre.

\***Browns Nashville Chrome** by RickBass HC 5x8 258 pg Ricjk does to the Browns what Chet Flippo did to Hank in "Your Cheatin' Heart' ie write about them as though in a novel. Tell the story but make it sound liek a story, Well done too and a nice contrast to the previous. Brilliant cover. \$12

\***Cash, JohnnyFAQ: All That's Left to Know About the Man in Black** by C Eric Banister FAQ=Frequently asked questions. SC 6x9 391 pg \$15 The title is a tad misleading. What you get is the best book On Cash if you want to know all about the music. All albums are reviewed. Quite brilliant actually. Personally if I had to have a book on Cash I'd have this one.

\***Cash, Johnny A Heartbeat & a Guitar andThe Making of Bitter Tears** By Antonio D'Ambrosio HC 6x9 279 pg Whilst Cash is the face of "Bitter Tears" it is really all about the work of Peter Lafarge who provided the songs for the album. "On the Warpath" was Pete's album., \$10

\***Cash, Johnny Nine Choices: Johnny Cash and American Culture** By Jonathan Silverman SC 56x9280 pg Interesting premise that the fate of choice led to Cash's success. What if he hadn't gone to Memphis? What if he hadn't gone to Columbia etc\$10

\***Dopyera, Margaret Lay My Life as a Dopyera** 6x9 SC 96 pages \$10 Spiral bound quaint but informative book from family member of the "DOBRO" family.

\***Monroe, Bill Bill Monroe Reader** edited by Tom Ewing SC 6x9 300 pg Over 60 articles on the Father of Bluegrass Music most interesting perhaps being "Womanising Led To Monroe Tussle, Ex Girlfriend Says" whilst the story of his funeral will make a few sit up \$15

\***Monroe, Bill The Music of Bill Monroe** Neil V Rosenberg and Charles K Wolfe 9 x 12 HC347 pages \$20 The focus on the music and recordings of Monroe and the many musicians who palyed with him and went on to enjoy fame in their own right. Large style coffee table book.

\***Wagoner, Porter A Satisfied Mind: The Country Music Life of Porter Wagoner** by Steve Eng HC 6x9 464 pg \$25 looks new Doesn't hold back. Porter of course was known as a bit of a womanizer (an understatement) as well as one of country music's most charismatic performers

\***Williams, Hank I/II/III + Family Tradition: Three Generations of Hank** by Susan Masino HC 6x9 257 pg \$10. There has been so much written about the original Hankster that the sections on Hank Jnr & Hank III will probably be best for most. In fact

the most interesting is Hank III's battles with Curb records.

**\*Wright, Chely Like Me: Confessions of a Heartland Country Singer** HC 6x9 283 pg \$5 story of her coming out.

**\*Yoakam, Dwight A Long way Home Twelve Years of Words** hc 6x9 140 pg \$10 Book of Dwight's lyrics

**\*Behind Closed Doors Talking With the Legends of country Music** Alana Nash SC 6 x 9 560pg Always sells quickly when lucky enough to get a copy. This looks brand new even though 1988. Signed by the author. I will just run down all the interviewees Alabama/ Roy Acuff/Chet/ Rosanne/ Coe/Crowell/ Lacy J/Steve Earle/Haggard/ Tom T...heck I'm not even half way. \$22 Definitely the best of its kind.

**\*Bluegrass Reader** by Thomas Goldsmith 6x9 SC 354 pages, Great articles by quality journalists eg "Stanley Brothers" by Rich Kienzle, "Dave Freeman & County Records" by Charles Wolfe, "Going back to old Kentucky: Ricky Skaggs Rediscovered the Rules of Bluegrass" by Jon Weisberger. Nearly 70 purposefully written articles. \$12

**\*Choctaw Gardens** Hilda Stuart 10x10 HC 103 pg. Hilda is Marty's mother and also quite the photographer...candid snaps...well some are...the history of the Stuart family and Marty the musician. \$5

**\*Country Music Changed My Life: Tales of Tough Times and Triumph from Country's Legends** hc 6x9 328 pg Brenda Lee "My manager thought it would just be a great publicity stunt to say that I was a 32 year old midget instead of the 13 year old girl that I was"...."We ate possum until dad saw one crawl out of the belly of an old dead cow that had been there about a week"...who said that..you'll have to get it and find out...okay it was Glen Campbell. \$20 Great bit by Deke Dickerson telling of the pitfalls of being a backup band for a legend. \$15

**\*Country Music World Of Charlie Lamb** 12 x 12 sc booklet 56 pg \$10 Formative in the CMA .This book has many impressive pictures and is from 1986 so the y ain't gonna be popping up a lot.

**\*Encyclopedia of Folk, country And Western Music** by Irwin Stambler SC 7x10 396 pg \$12 Old 1969 book in pristine shape. It has many artists featured who you will not find covered elsewhere such as Carl Belew, Molly Bee, Pete Drake etc.

**\*Guitar & a Pen by Robert Hicks: Stories by Country Music's Greatest Songwriters** SC 6x8 249 pg \$3 What you get are songwriters trying their hand as novelists. You would expect Tom T Hall to be there & he is with a Tom T Hall style yarn about a rabbit. Others includes Robbie Fulks, Bobby Braddock, Kris Kristofferson

**\*Hands in Harmony Traditional Crafts and Music in Appalachia** By Tim Barnwell HC 9 x 10 with cd 1988 page coffee table style \$8

**\*Hayloft Gang The Story of the National Barn Dance** edited Chad Berry SC 7x 10 \$12 220 page WLS Chicago which went neck and neck with the Grand Ol Opry. Red Foley went on the Opry but started here. John Lair was the manager.

**\*Heartaches by the Number Country Music's 500 Greatest Singles** by Bill Friskics-Warren & David Cantwell SC 9x11 286 pages. well intentioned and interesting beyond expectation and also frustrating when they rate crap and neglect gems. Well worth it. Nice large book. \$20

**\*Kentucky Country** Charles K Wolfe HC 6x9 198 pg \$15 Always good value and easy to read. He examines the musicians and institutions such as the Renfro Valley Barn Dance. Grandpa Jones, Merle Travis, the Carlisles...Cousin Emmy..Pee Wee King & more.

**\*Nashville Songwriter** Jake Brown The Inside Stories Behind Country Music's Greatest Hits SC 6x9 326 pages Perhaps a few too contemporary but the good id very good Tom T Hall, "A Week in a County Jail" and "That Song is Driving Me Crazy", Sonny Curtis "I Fought the law", "Tennessee Whiskey", "Always on My Mind" etc \$10

**\*Nashville Sound Bright Lights & Country Music** by Paul Hemphill HC 6x9 \$10

From 1970...first of its kind. Great nick.

**\*Right By Her Right Americana Women & Their Songs** by Jewly Hight SC  
6x9 220pg \$5 Lucinda William/ Julie Miller/Victoria Williams/ Michelle Shocked/ Mary  
Gauthier/ Ruthie Foster/ Elizabeth Cook/ Abigail Washburn.

**\*Segregating Sound Inventing Folk & Pop Music In the Age of Jim Crow** SC 6x9  
370 pg "It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with  
each other" This is cross genre thing with the author stating this continues in US even today  
\$5

**\*Sing Your Heart Out Country Boy** By Dorothy Horstman HC 6 x9 440 page the  
inside stories by the writers who wrote them, This is rare...very rare and one of the best  
ever books from a songwriting perspective. David Allan Coe on "Take This Job & Shove  
it" had me laughing.... though I don't think it was supposed to be that way. This is the  
second edition from 1986 in superb shape. Honestly it is *that* good. \$28

**\*This is Country A Backstage Pass to \$18** brilliantly presented coffee table gem on \  
the West Coast alternate to the CMA, Has some wonderful documents reproduce  
including a DJs digest from 1963, tickets, sheet music etc. And smell that paper...  
new...retail is 50 bucks!! US too not pacific pesos

**\* Billboard Top 40 Country Hits** Joel Whitburn SC 9x7 544 pg \$18 Covers to 1994  
Frankly you don't need much more after that. Gives brief bio of the artists & chart  
placement details for all their singles. Lots of charts at end eg top singles & artists by  
decade.

**\*Grassroots: An Illustrated History of Bluegrass and Mountain Music** by Fred Hill  
11x9 120pages \$5

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