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Editorial Review

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Longtime fans of bluesman Brooks in particular may find that this overview of the blues resembles a warm reunion, rife with reminiscence. Novices will find that the book stands them in good stead whenever the conversation turns to this revered form of purely American popular music. Plenty of familiar musicians are profiled, including some who are not always associated with the "real" blues and whose presence shows that the authors are informers rather than purists. So George Thorogood and Elvis appear alongside J. B. Hutto and Robert Nighthawk, not least because such derivative artists are like gateway drugs for blues addicts. The book's organization makes for some odd placement, such as having the two Sonny Boy Williamsons' entries 50 pages apart, but definitive explanations of such perplexities as two artists with the same name help make this a good reference, regardless of where they appear, and so do the best record and club recommendations and the advice on putting a blues band together and even on recording. *Mike Tribby*

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Lonnie Brooks is a popular blues guitarist and recording artist, playing more than 150 shows annually around

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Wayne Baker Brooks is a Chicago-based blues songwriter and guitarist. He has played rhythm with the Lonnie Brooks Band and lead guitar with his own band. He is the founder and president of the Blues Island Production Company.

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