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JUKE BOX COMICS 1 (Issues 1-2-3): TRUE STORIES OF BAND LEADERS, SINGERS, SONG WRITERS, MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS FROM THE 'SWING MUSIC BIG BAND' ERA





Synopsis

JUKE BOX COMICS VOL. 1SCROLL DOWN FOR TABLE OF CONTENTSTRUE STORIES OF BAND LEADERS, SINGERS, SONG WRITERS, MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS FROM THE â ^SWING MUSIC BIG BANDâ ™ ERA and RECORD REVIEWS plus RECORD ALBUM ADVERTISEMENTS

THE SWING MUSIC OF THE BIG BAND ERA

This type of music flourished through the early 1930s, although there was little mass audience for it until around 1936. Up until that time, it was viewed with ridicule and looked upon as a curiosity. After 1935, big bands rose to prominence playing Swing music and held a major role in defining swing as a distinctive style. Western swing musicians also formed very popular big bands during the same period. There was a considerable range of styles among the hundreds of popular bands. Many of the better known bands reflected the individuality of the bandleader, the lead arranger, and the personnel. Count Basie played a relaxed propulsive swing, Bob Crosby more of a dixieland style, Benny Goodman a hard driving swing, and Duke Ellingtonâ ™s compositions were varied and sophisticated. Many bands featured strong instrumentalists, whose sounds dominated, such as the clarinets of Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, the trombone of Jack Teagarden, the trumpet of Harry James, the drums of Gene Krupa, and the vibes of Lionel Hampton. The popularity of many of the major bands was amplified by star vocalists, such as Frank Sinatra with Tommy Dorsey, Helen Oâ ™Connell and Bob Eberly with Jimmy Dorsey, Ella Fitzgerald with Chick Webb, Billie Holiday and Jimmie Rushing with Count Basie, Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest with Harry James, Doris Day with Les Brown, and Peggy Lee with Benny Goodman.

Adapted from Wikipedia

These books cover most of the above mentioned artists, telling their stories in a graphic comic book format, with a few literary stories included.

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