

Hear Me Talkin To Ya

"[A] charmingly bittersweet memoir." -- The Boston Globe

Hentoff's timely, fact-filled, and illuminating book describes the current assault on free speech from all points of the political spectrum--even from the traditionally liberal groups now intent on repressing opinions thought "politically incorrect".

The contemporary American South is a region of economic expansion, political sophistication, and, particularly, cultural ferment. Its literature is well-known and celebrated. But what of the popular cultural forms of expression that have done so much to reflect the curious tensions between the traditional South—white-dominated, rural, religious—and contemporary multicultural forms and discourses? This collection offers a wealth of exciting new perspectives on cultural studies in general and of the particular forms of popular Southern culture—from rock and roll to Cajun music to the impact on the South of tourism and the questions of genre and race in contemporary film-making.

A 20th century jazz prodigy with a supreme talent for improvisation, Louis Armstrong would sing anything. He never gave less than a heartfelt vocal performance and people loved him for it. This unique collection celebrates some of his best and most famous recordings. The pioneering jazzman happily tackled a wide range of popular songs; in addition to self-penned jazz numbers like Back O' Town Blues and I Want A Butter And Egg Man, Armstrong recorded Thiele and Weiss's What A Wonderful World and the James Bond film song We Have All The Time In The World. Designed for intermediate pianists, this digital edition is the perfect way to discover the music behind one of the 20th century's true pioneers. An integrated Spotify playlist is included to allow you to listen as you learn. Songlist: - Ain't Misbehavin' - April In Paris - Baby Won't You Please Come Home - Back O' Town Blues - Basin Street Blues - Cheek To Cheek - Georgia On My Mind - Gully Low Blues - Hear Me Talkin' To Ya - Honeysuckle Rose - I Want A Big Butter And Egg Man - La Vie En Rose - On The Sunny Side Of The Street - Someday (You'll Be Sorry) - St Louis Blues - Struttin' With Some Barbecue - We Have All The Time In The World - What A Wonderful World As a high school senior struggles to accept either the consequences of draft resistance or its alternatives, he must define his responsibility to himself, his family, and his country.

One of the most prolific and influential African American writers, James Baldwin was for many a harbinger of hope, a man who traversed the genres of art-writing novels, essays, and poetry. James Baldwin Now takes advantage of the latest interdisciplinary work to understand the complexity of Baldwin's vision and contributions without needing to name him as exclusively gay, expatriate, black, or activist. It was, in fact, Baldwin who said, "it is quite impossible to write a worthwhile novel about a Jew or a Gentile or a Homosexual, for people refuse . . . to function in so neat and one-dimensional a fashion." McBride has gathered a unique group of new scholars to interrogate Baldwin's life, his presence, and his political thought and work. James Baldwin Now finally addresses the man who spoke, and continues to speak, so eloquently to crucial issues of the twentieth century.

"Explore the travels of Crab City's Black Sox, one of the original entries into the Eastern Colored League, and why their infield was valued at a million dollars."—Larry Lester, chairman of SABR's Negro Leagues Research Committee

Providing a comprehensive history of the Baltimore Black Sox from before the team's founding in 1913 through its demise in 1936, this history examines the social and cultural forces that gave birth to the club and informed its development. The author describes aspects of Baltimore's history in the first decades of the 20th century, details the team's year-by-year performance, explores front-office and management dynamics and traces the shaping of the Negro Leagues. The history of the Black Sox's home ballparks and of the people who worked for the team both on and off the field are included.

From the Bill of Rights, freedom of speech, and civil rights to jazz, blues and country music, Nat Hentoff has written about American life for decades, in the Atlantic Monthly, the New Yorker, the Village Voice, the Wall Street Journal, and JazzTimes, among countless other publications. The New York Times has hailed Hentoff's work as "an invigorating and entertaining reminder of why freedom of expression matters." The Washington Post Book World has called Hentoff "an old-fashioned music lover who likes, as Charlie Parker once put it, 'to listen to the stories' that good music tells." Nat Hentoff is a legend. And now, for the first time, here are his most important writings of the past twenty years—the quintessential Hentoff on everything from Cardinal John O'Connor to Merle Haggard, racism and political correctness in the classroom to Lester Young, Dizzy Gillespie to the censorship of Huckleberry Finn. Controversial? You bet. Whatever the topic, The Nat Hentoff Reader shows a man of passion and insight, of streetwise wit and polished eloquence—a true American original.

Writing in a passionate and streetwise style all his own, Nat Hentoff transports us into the diverse worlds of musicians that hold one thing in common: America. In over sixty pieces Hentoff has assembled a mosaic that creates a vivid picture of the music scene as it leaps into the twenty-first century. From sweeping surveys of the roots of American music to vivid assessments of individual performers (including John Coltrane, Billie Holiday, Joe Williams, Doc Pomus, Duke Ellington, Willie Nelson, and many more) Hentoff demonstrates once again why he is lauded as "a critic par excellence" (Publishers Weekly). American Music Is compiles the best of his essays into a potent reader, collecting his most illuminating writing on a broad range of topics. For those who love jazz, blues, country, gospel, or folk, American Music Is provides eloquent and powerful insights. For those who love all of them, it is required reading.

F. Scott Fitzgerald named it, Louis Armstrong launched it, Paul Whiteman and Fletcher Henderson orchestrated it, and now Arnold Shaw chronicles this fabulous era in The Jazz Age. Spicing his account with lively anecdotes and inside stories, he describes the astonishing outpouring of significant musical innovations that emerged during the "Roaring Twenties"—including blues, jazz, band music, torch ballads, operettas and musicals—and sets them against the background of the Prohibition world of the Flapper. The jazz age set the sound of popular music into the 1950s. It included the flowering of improvised music by such artists as Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, and Duke Ellington; the maturation and Americanization of the Broadway musical theatre; the explosion of the arts celebrated in the Harlem Renaissance; the rise of the classical blues singers starting with Mamie Smith and climaxing with Bessie Smith; the evolution of ragtime into stride piano; the spread of "speakeasy" night life and the emergence of the Cabaret singers; the musical creativity of a whole range of composers and songwriters including Kern, Gershwin, Berlin, Youmans, Rodgers and Hart, and Cole Porter, whom Shaw calls Song Laureate of the Roaring 20s. Here is a lively account of all these

significant developments and personalities. A bibliography, detailed discography, and two informative lists--songs of the 20s in Variety's Golden 100 and films featuring singers and songwriters of the era--round out the book.

Biography of "America's number one pacifist", Hentoff's excellent work captures the many facets of Muste's life -- from the mainline ministry, to organizing labor unions, to activist pacifism. A compelling biography and also a first-rate look at the United States in the first sixty years of the twentieth century.

Essays on the folk culture of the South cover cultural interaction in the old South, the world of slaves, Irish folk culture in the American South, folk music, and the impact of the civil rights movement

Traces the origins of jazz in the urban culture of black America and profiles such pioneers as Count Basie, Charles Mingus, and John Coltrane

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Offers accounts of public-school teachers and principals who refuse, in the face of formidable odds, to allow their students to give up on themselves and explores issues of and conditions in America's schools

Short biographies of twenty-one outstanding jazz figures provide an overview of the lives and events that shaped a major aspect of American music

In this marvelous oral history, the words of such legends as Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, and Billy Holiday trace the birth, growth, and changes in jazz over the years.

Examines the evolution of jazz from its beginnings in the regional Black musics of New Orleans, Chicago, New York, and other areas

Traces the evolution of jazz from its African and West Indian roots to its contemporary forms and discusses the careers and styles of Leadbelly, Armstrong, Bessie Smith, and others

Jazz is one of the most influential American art forms of our times. It shapes our ideas about musical virtuosity, human action and new forms of social expression. In *Going for Jazz*, Nicholas Gebhardt shows how the study of jazz can offer profound insights into American historical consciousness. Focusing on the lives of three major saxophonists—Sidney Bechet, Charlie Parker, and Ornette Coleman—Gebhardt demonstrates how changing forms of state power and ideology framed and directed their work. Weaving together a range of seemingly disparate topics, from Frederick Jackson Turner's frontier thesis to the invention of bebop, from Jean Baudrillard's *Seduction* to the Cold War atomic regime, Gebhardt addresses the meaning and value of jazz in the political economy of American society. In *Going for Jazz*, jazz musicians assume dynamic and dramatic social positions that demand a more conspicuous place for music in our understanding of the social world.

Interviews with and profiles of some of the nation's greatest jazz, country, and gospel musicians are joined by personal commentary and reminiscence by the noted critic, columnist, and jazz aficionado's pieces that first appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*. National ad/promo.

"Nat Hentoff may very well be the foremost jazz historian in the world because he was there to witness firsthand the music's evolution from big band and swing to fusion and bossa nova; and to dive into the souls of the men and women who created it from Ellington, Basie, Miles, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington, among many others. At the *Jazz Band Ball: Sixty Years on the Jazz Scene* is an invaluable archive of not only the musical influence of America's only indigenous music on the world, but its enormous impact as an engine for social change as well. It is a book that should be read by every young musician, music fan, and educator in America."—Quincy Jones "The very best witnesses in the worlds of the law, aesthetic evaluation, social contexts of imposing significance, and artistic public performance are those who accurately understand what they have seen or what they are seeing. Nat Hentoff has been and continues to be a star witness in every one of those arenas. One of the greatest contributions of his jazz writing is that he has never felt the need to condescend to black people or to let the dictates of sociology diminish the universal significance of what they do when they do it well. Nat knows that so many jazz musicians have done what they do superbly, quite often expressing themselves beyond the narrows of color. As sensitive to the Americana of jazz as he is to its transcendent revelations about the sound of the human heart, Nat Hentoff is part of our American luck."—Stanley Crouch "At the *Jazz Band Ball* is full of nuggets from Nat's rich lode of wit and wisdom, gleaned in a lifetime of fellowship with jazz and its makers."—Dan Morgenstern, Director, Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers University; author of *Living With Jazz: A Reader* A white youth from New York's East 70's discovers that although trumpet technique is not enough to gain entrance to the soul musician's world, friendship with a top jazzman gives him a broader perspective of his environment as well as of the alternatives the future offers.

This book is a selective tribute and guide to the jazz life, the players, and the music. It is not a chronological or comprehensive history, but rather a personal exploration through variegated seminal figures of a nature of the music (and how it keeps changing). And it is about the nature of those who make the music - temperaments as disparate as those of Louis Armstrong and Charlie Parker. It tells, too, of the political economy of jazz, its internationalization, the continuing surprises of its further frontiers.

Jazz in American Culture offers an informed and entertaining introduction to jazz - one of the great musical cultures of the world.

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