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- After many, many requests, we're finally doing a definitive year-by-year country series! And it won't stop when the music is in copyright, either!
- The most luxuriously packaged single CDs we've ever done!
- The history of country music told year-by-year from 1945-1970! First, 1945-1950.
- The hits! The classic performances! The truly influential recordings! Painstakingly restored sound!
- The series is compiled and annotated by Grammy winning Colin Escott.

For many years, we've been getting requests to do a truly definitive country series, but it wasn't until the success of our R&B/Soul series, 'Blowin' The Fuse' (now 'Sweet Soul Music') that we decided we needed to do something comparable for country music. Now the first six volumes are complete, taking us from 1945-1950. The country series has been compiled with today's fans in mind. Yes, the big hits are there, but so are the classic performances that weren't necessarily big hits at the time, but became influential in the years ahead. Every volume has incredibly detailed behind-the-scenes stories, fabulously rare photos, and an ongoing history of country music set against the backdrop of the broader American music business. Definitive? You bet!

1945 - includes Spade Cooley's *Shame On You*, Dick Thomas' rarely reissued #1 hit *Sioux City Sue* (written by the guy who wrote *Rock Around The Clock*), Porky Freeman's *Boogie Woogie Boy* featuring Merle Travis, the original version of the beerjoint classic *Drivin' Nail In My Coffin* by Jerry Irby, the original *Guitar Boogie*, as well as classic hits by Gene Autry, Red Foley, Eddy Arnold, Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubb, and many others.

1946 – begins with the Buchanan Brothers' *Atomic Power* and includes the original versions of *Someday (You'll Want Me To Want You)*, *Jole Blon* and *Ruby*, as well as the recordings by Bill Monroe that marked the birth of bluegrass, plus classic hits by Bob Wills, Ernest Tubb, Tex Ritter, The Delmore Brothers, Merle Travis, Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubb, and many others.

1947 – kicks off with Tex Williams' #1 pop and country smash *Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! That Cigarette*, and includes more classics by Eddy Arnold, Roy Acuff (the original *Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain*), Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills, Moon Mullican, Hank Williams, Bill Monroe, Charlie Monroe, and the Delmores, as well as Billy Hughes' fabulously rare *Cocaine Blues* and one of Chet Atkins' first solo hits.

1948 – features all the big hits by Red Foley, Ernest Tubb, Roy Acuff, Bill Monroe, Eddy Arnold etc., but also includes Leon Payne's original version of *Lost Highway*, Bill Carlisle's original *Wedding Bells*, Jimmie Skinner's original *Doin' My Time*, T. Texas Tyler's original *Deck Of Cards*, and Pee Wee King's original *Tennessee Waltz!*


1949 – begins with Vaughan Monroe's eerie *Rider's In The Sky* and ends with another pop-country crossover smash, *Mule Train*. In between, look for more classic bluegrass from Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers, as well as Hank Williams' *Lovesick Blues*, Leon Payne's original *I Love You Because*, plus all the classic hits from the big artists like Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills, Floyd Tillman, Eddy Arnold, and Hank Thompson.

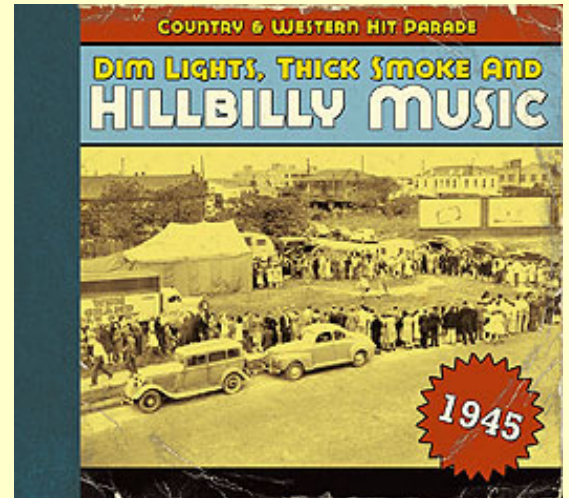
1950 – features the breakthrough recordings by Hank Snow, Webb Pierce, Carl Smith, and Lefty Frizzell plus hits by Hank Williams, Red Foley, Eddy Arnold, Gene Autry, and Ernest Tubb. More classic bluegrass (like the original *Foggy Mountain Breakdown*) and fabulous hard-to-find classics like Billy Starr's *Steppin' Out*, Ole Rasmussen's *Sleepy Eyed John*, and Arkie Shibley's original hot rod classic *Hot Rod Race*.



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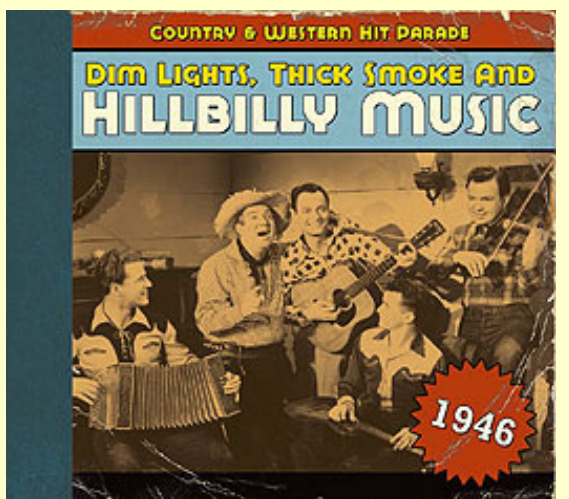
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TITLE	Dim Lights, Thick Smoke and Hillbilly Music Country & Western Hit Parade 1945
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16950
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 169501
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-401-5
FORMAT	CD Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	27
PLAYING TIME	78:50



TRACKLISTING

BOB WILLS: Smoke On The Water **GENE AUTRY:** At Mail Call Today **SPADE COOLEY:** Shame On You **PHIL HARRIS:** That's What I Like About The South **JENNY LOU CARSON:** Jealous Heart **DICK THOMAS:** Sioux City Sue **ERNEST TUBB:** Tomorrow Never Comes **JIMMIE DAVIS:** There's A New Moon Over My Shoulder **LULU BELLE & SCOTTY WISEMAN:** Have I Told You Lately That I Love You **TED DAFFAN:** Headin' Down The Wrong Highway **JACK GUTHRIE:** Oklahoma Hills **'PORKY' FREEMAN TRIO** - vocal by **MERLE TRAVIS:** Boogie Woogie Boy **GENE AUTRY:** Don't Fence Me In **EDDY ARNOLD:** The Cattle Call **AL DEXTER:** I'm Losing My Mind Over You **FLOYD TILLMAN:** Each Night At Nine **RED FOLEY:** Hang Your Head In Shame **TEX RITTER:** You Two Timed Me One Time Too Often **MERLE TRAVIS:** That's All **WESLEY TUTTLE:** With Tears In My Eyes **BOB WILLS:** Stars And Stripes On Iwo Jima **ERNEST TUBB:** It's Been So Long Darling **JERRY IRBY:** Nails In My Coffin **JIMMY WALKER:** Detour **ROY ACUFF:** We Live In Two Diff'rent Worlds **HANK SNOW:** Blue Ranger **THE RAMBLER TRIO** feat. **ARTHUR SMITH** – Guitar: Guitar Boogie

ARTIST	VARIOUS
TITLE	Dim Lights, Thick Smoke and Hillbilly Music Country & Western Hit Parade 1946
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16951
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 169518
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-402-2
FORMAT	Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	28
PLAYING TIME	78:48






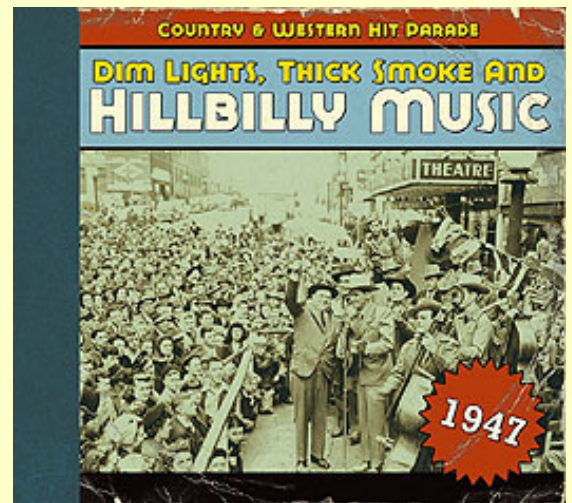
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THE BUCHANAN BROTHERS: Atomic Power **ERNEST TUBB:** Rainbow At Midnight **EDDY ARNOLD:** That's How Much I Love You **COWBOY COPAS:** Filipino Baby **AL DEXTER:** Wine, Women, And Song **BOB WILLS:** New Spanish Two Step **ELTON BRITT:** Someday **MERLE TRAVIS:** No Vacancy **ROY ACUFF:** No One Will Ever Know **BRAD BRADY (OWEN BRADLEY):** Zeb's Mountain Boogie **GENE AUTRY:** I Wish I Had Never Met Sunshine **COWBOY COPAS:** Tragic Romance **DELMORE BROTHERS:** Hillbilly Boogie **THE BAILES BROTHERS:** As Long As I Live **BILL MONROE:** Rocky Road Blues **GRANDPA JONES:** Eight More Miles To Louisville **MERLE TRAVIS:** Dark As A Dungeon **THE MORRIS BROTHERS:** Salty Dog Blues **HARRY CHOATES:** Jole Blon (Pretty Blond) **COUSIN EMMY:** Ruby **BILL MONROE:** Kentucky Waltz **DELMORE BROTHERS:** Midnite Special **FLOYD TILLMAN:** Some Other World **HANK PENNY:** Steel Guitar Stomp **T. TEXAS TYLER:** Black Jack David **TEX RITTER:** You Will Have To Pay **BOB WILLS:** Stay A Little Longer **SPADE COOLEY:** Three Way Boogie

ARTIST	VARIOUS
TITLE	Dim Lights, Thick Smoke and Hillbilly Music Country & Western Hit Parade 1947
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16952
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 169525
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-403-9
FORMAT	CD Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	27
PLAYING TIME	76:39




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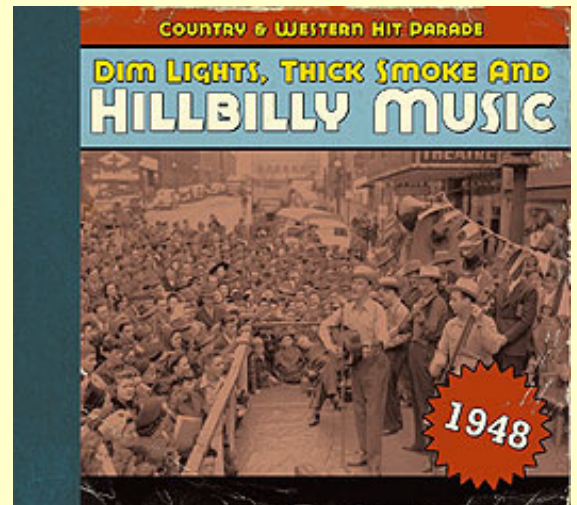
TEX WILLIAMS: Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! (That Cigarette) **EDDY ARNOLD:** It's A Sin **BOB WILLS:** Sugar Moon **SONS OF THE PIONEERS:** Cigarettes, Whusky, And Wild, Wild Women **BILLY HUGHES:** Cocaine Blues **MADDOX BROTHERS & ROSE:** Milk Cow Blues **MOON MULLICAN:** Foggy River **ERNEST TUBB:** I'll Step Aside **ROY ACUFF:** Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain **DELMORE BROTHERS:** Freight Train Boogie **MERLE TRAVIS:** So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed **COWBOY COPAS:** Signed, Sealed And Delivered **EDDY ARNOLD:** I'll Hold You In My Heart (Till I Can Hold You In My Arms) **HANK WILLIAMS:** Move It On Over **RED FOLEY:** Never Trust A Woman **CLYDE MOODY:** Shenandoah Waltz **JACK GUTHRIE:** Oakie Boogie **MOON MULLICAN:** New Pretty Blonde (New Jole Blon) **BILL CARLISLE:** Rockin' Chair Money **THE CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN FOLKS;** vocal by **MOLLY O'DAY:** The Tramp On The Street **HAWKSHAW HAWKINS:** Sunny Side Of The Mountain **FAIRLEY HOLDEN:** Keep Them Cold Icey Fingers Off Of Me **BILL MONROE:** Blue Moon Of Kentucky **CHARLIE MONROE:** Bringin' In The Georgia Mail **BAILES BROTHERS:** Dust On The Bible **CARL STORY:** I've Found A Hiding Place **CHET ATKINS:** Canned Heat



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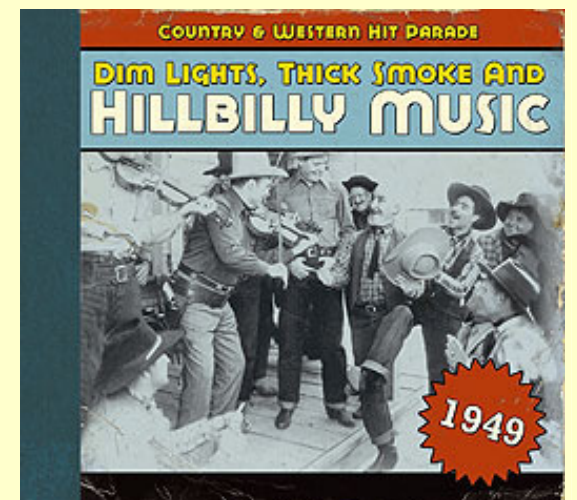
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ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-404-6
FORMAT	CD Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	28
PLAYING TIME	80:21



TRACKLISTING

RED FOLEY: Tennessee Saturday Night **LEON PAYNE:** Lost Highway **ROY ACUFF:** Waltz Of The Wind **THE MADDOX BROTHERS & ROSE:** New Muleskinner Blues **EDDIE HILL:** Someday You'll Call My Name **JOHNNY BOND:** Bartender's Blues **EDDY ARNOLD:** Anytime **BILL MONROE:** Little Cabin Home On The Hill **COWBOY COPAS:** Breeze **BILL CARLISLE:** Wedding Bells **HAWKSHAW HAWKINS:** Dog House Boogie **PEE WEE KING:** Tennessee Waltz **DOYE O'DELL:** Dear Oakie **MOON MULLICAN:** Sweeter Than The Flowers **WAYNE RANEY:** Lost John Boogie **JIMMIE SKINNER:** Doin' My Time **BILL MONROE:** I Hear A Sweet Voice Calling **STANLEY BROTHERS:** Molly And Tenbrook **HANK WILLIAMS:** A Mansion On The Hill **JIMMY WORK:** Tennessee Border **T. TEXAS TYLER:** Deck Of Cards **FLOYD TILLMAN:** I Love You So Much It Hurts **MERLE TRAVIS:** Merle's Boogie Woogie **JIMMY WAKELY:** One Has My Name (The Other Has My Heart) **CARSON ROBISON:** Life Gits Tee-jus, Don't It? **BOB WILLS:** Bubbles In My Beer **EDDY ARNOLD:** Bouquet Of Roses **LONZO & OSCAR:** I'm My Own Grandpa

ARTIST	VARIOUS
TITLE	Dim Lights, Thick Smoke and Hillbilly Music Country & Western Hit Parade 1949
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16954
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 16954 9
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FORMAT	CD Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	28
PLAYING TIME	80:48






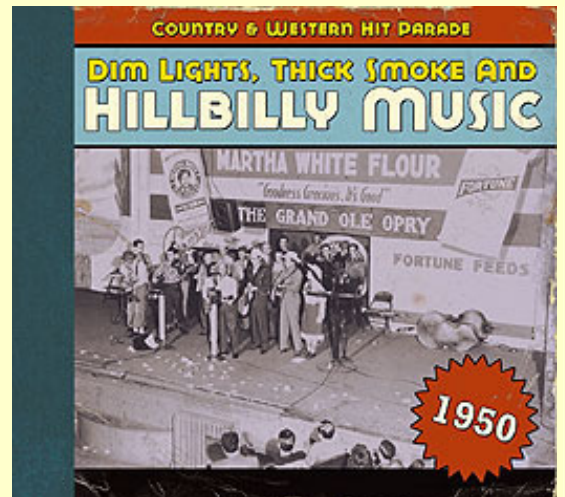
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VAUGHN MONROE: Riders In The Sky **SONS OF THE PIONEERS:** Room Full Of Roses **JIMMY WAKELY:** I Wish I Had A Nickel **HANK WILLIAMS:** Lovesick Blues **EDDY ARNOLD:** Then I Turned And Walked Slowly Away **LITTLE JIMMY DICKENS:** Take An Old Cold Tater (And Wait) **DELMORE BROTHERS:** Blues Stay Away From Me **BOB WILLS:** Don't Be Ashamed Of Your Age **GEORGE MORGAN:** Candy Kisses **LEON McAULIFFE:** Panhandle Rag **FLOYD TILLMAN:** Slippin' Around **PEE WEE KING:** Bonaparte's Retreat **BILL NETTLES:** Hadacol Boogie **LEON PAYNE:** I Love You Because **HANK THOMPSON:** Whoa Sailor **ERNEST TUBB:** Let's Say Goodbye Like We Said Hello **WAYNE RANEY:** Why Don't You Haul Off And Love Me **JIMMIE SKINNER:** Will You Be Satisfied That Way **BILL MONROE:** The Old Cross Road **JOHNNIE & JACK:** What About You **THE STANLEY BROTHERS:** The White Dove **MADDOX BROTHERS & ROSE:** Philadelphia Lawyer **FLOYD TILLMAN:** This Cold War With You **T. TEXAS TYLER:** My Bucket's Got A Hole In It **HANK WILLIAMS:** I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry **BOB WILLS:** Warm Red Wine **EDDY ARNOLD:** I'm Throwing Rice Tennessee **ERNE FORD:** Mule Train

ARTIST	VARIOUS
TITLE	Dim Lights, Thick Smoke and Hillbilly Music Country & Western Hit Parade 1950
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16955
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 169556
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-406-0
FORMAT	CD Digipac with 72-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	28
PLAYING TIME	79:36



TRACKLISTING

RED FOLEY: Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy **GENE AUTRY:** Blue Canadian Rockies **OLE RASMUSSEN:** Sleepy Eyed John **LEFTY FRIZZELL:** If You've Got The Money I've Got The Time **HANK WILLIAMS:** Long Gone Lonesome Blues **CARL SMITH:** I Overlooked An Orchid (While Searching For A Rose) **LITTLE JIMMY DICKENS:** Hillbilly Fever **BOB WILLS:** Faded Love **RED FOLEY:** Sugarfoot Rag **TED DAFFAN:** I've Got Five Dollars And It's Saturday Night **TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD & KAY STARR:** I'll Never Be Free **HANK PENNY:** Bloodshot Eyes **LEFTY FRIZZELL:** I Love You A Thousand Ways **HARDROCK GUNTER:** Birmingham Bounce **STUART HAMBLIN:** Remember Me (I'm The One Who Loves You) **MOON MULLICAN:** I'll Sail My Ship Alone **JOHNNIE LEE WILLS:** Rag Mop **BILLY STARR:** Steppin' Out **SKEETS McDONALD:** The Tattooed Lady **ERNEST TUBB:** Letters Have No Arms **ARKIE SHIBLEY:** Hot Rod Race **JIMMIE SKINNER:** You Don't Know My Mind **BILL MONROE:** I'm Blue, I'm Lonesome **WEBB PIERCE:** Drifting Texas Sand **FLOYD TILLMAN:** I've Got The Craziest Feeling **HANK SNOW:** I'm Movin' On **STANLEY BROTHERS:** The Fields Have Turned Brown **FLATT & SCRUGGS:** Foggy Mountain Breakdown