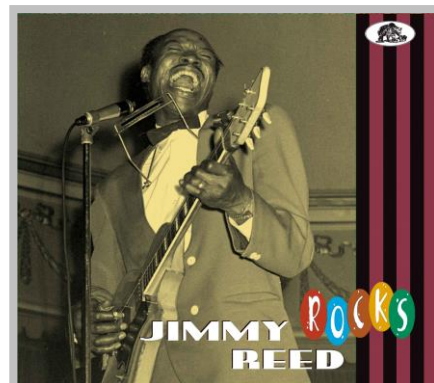


BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (CD) November 5, 2021

Artist **Jimmy Reed**
Title **Rocks**
Label Bear Family Productions
Catalog no. BCD17572 Price code: AR
EAN-Code 5397102175725
Format 1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
Genre Rock 'n' Roll
No. of tracks 29 approx. 79:00 min.
Release date November 5, 2021



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PRODUCTIONS 

INFO:

- **Bear Family Records® is the first label to compile Jimmy Reed's rockin', up-tempo sides on one CD album!**
- **This CD includes all his big hits like *Big Boss Man*, *Bright Lights Big City*, *I Ain't Got You*, *Shame, Shame, Shame*, etc.**
- **Jimmy Reed was an important part of the rock & roll era, his music rocks in the original sense. John Peel once summed it up, "It's all such great music to funk to."**
- **One of the great admirers of Jimmy Reed and Eddie Taylor, Texas blues guitarist Jimmy Vaughan, wrote the exclusive foreword to this ROCKS CD!**
- **Vaughan repeatedly underscores the importance of Reed and Taylor in his interviews and through recordings of songs by the two.**
- **The booklet features rarely seen photos of Reed and Taylor, scans of original label artwork, and an essay by Reed fan Roland Heinrich Rumtreiber.**

Before every rock musician worth his or her salt claimed Robert Johnson as a primary influence and recorded his songs, Jimmy Reed had been the blues musician most frequently covered. If you could spare the time and browse the respective databases online, I bet you shall find more cover versions of Reed's compositions than Johnson's. But, please, save your life energy – listen to Jimmy Reed 'Rocks' on Bear Family Records®!

Everybody covered Jimmy Reed songs: Link Wray, Bill Cosby, Charlie Rich, The Blues Brothers (Jake and Elwood), Betty LaVette, Dale and Ronnie Hawkins, Etta James, Neil Young, The Texas Tornados – the list would go on and on. Even the King, while jamming with his old buddies Scotty Moore and DJ Fontana during the televised 1968 Comeback Special, couldn't stop encoring *Baby What You Want Me to Do* (check uncut versions of the Special). If you think of the '60s R&B boom in England, Jimmy Reed was in everybody's repertoire – alongside Chuck Berry and Bo Diddley. And his influence lasted well into the 1990s and beyond, with garage bands and rockabilly acts still mining the Reed catalog. Jimmy Reed was the first blues artist of the 1950s to crossover into the pop charts, and only B.B. King totaled more hits than Jimmy did. Reed was featured in significant rock & roll package tours crisscrossing the land, and audiences black and white loved him. His music was deceptively simple and invited many aspiring kids to try their hands on the laid-back shuffles and blueish boogies. His lyrics were witty, wise, humorous, and always structured around an irresistible hook-line. Jimmy Reed made you sing-a-long and dance all night!

The Jimmy Reed sound and success would not have been possible without fellow Mississippian Eddie Taylor, responsible for the memorable guitar lines and riffs. We have included a few of Eddie's own recordings for Vee-Jay as a bonus. They showcase his style from a different angle.

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TRACKLISTING:

CD:
I'm Going Upside Your Head I Don't Go for That Baby, What You Want Me to Do Baby, What's Wrong I'm Gonna Ruin You
I'm A Love You Shoot My Baby Bright Lights, Big City Take It Slow Ain't That Loving You Baby High and Lonesome
Big Boss Man Come Love You're Something Else I Ain't Got You The Sun Is Shining Let's Get Together
Good Lovin' She Don't Want Me No More When Girls Do It I Found My Baby State Street Boogie
I'm The Man Down There My Bitter Seed Shame, Shame, Shame Eddie Taylor: Bad Boy Eddie Taylor: E.T. Blues
Eddie Taylor: Big Town Playboy Eddie Taylor: Train Fare Home

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Slim Harpo: Rocks

BCD17129 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 32-page booklet
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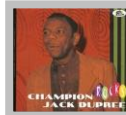
Arthur Crudup: Rocks

BCD17555 AR
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Champion Jack Dupree: Rocks

BCD17536 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
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Chuck Berry: Rocks

BCD17139 AR
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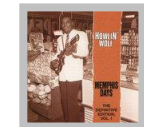
Doctor Ross: Juke Box Boogie, The Sun Years, Plus

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1-CD (Digipak) with 44-page booklet
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Howlin' Wolf: Memphis Days Vol. 1

BCD15460 AH
1-CD with 12-page booklet
EAN: 4000127154606



Howlin' Wolf: Memphis Days Vol. 2

BCD15500 AH
1-CD with 8-page booklet
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