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The Billboard Book Of Top 40 Hits



Synopsis

A perennial bestseller in its newest expanded edition, this unparalleled resource provides complete, cross-referenced information for all songs and artists to make the Top 40 of Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart from 1955 through 1999. Every artist entry opens with biographical information, followed by the date for each Top 40 single hit, its highest position and number of weeks on the chart, and its original label name and catalog number. Alphabetical lists by artist and by song title are followed by an extensive "Record Holders" section that details the top 100 singles of 1955-1999, with separate charts for that period showing the top 100 artists and top singles by decade. These exhaustive lists and 300 new photos with their fact-filled expanded captions will be valued by record collectors, pop music enthusiasts, and anyone who works in the music industry.

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"An essential reference that can quickly tell you everything from how many No. 1 hits Roy Orbison had (two) to the name of the group that did "I'm Too Sexy" (Right Said Fred)." - Boston Herald; "I love paging through it, looking for songs I know and songs I should know." - Keyboard" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Joel Whitburn, the foremost authority on charted music, has published nearly eighty books based on Billboard charts both for the trade market and for his own mail-order company, Record Research,

based in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Hot off the presses!!! If you are a record collector or music buff and have never owned any of Joel Whitburn's terrific books you should latch onto this one right away. The price is right and you will be introduced to a great resource. This latest version of "The Billboard Book of Top 40 Singles 1955-2003" contains every single tune to make the Billboard Top 40 pop charts for the past 48 years!!! Some people will use the book as nothing more than a checklist for their collections. But most collectors especially enjoy the biographical information provided on each and every artist. There is simply a wealth of information packed into every Joel Whitburn book. Now I have owned several of Joel Whitburn's popular Record Research editions for many years. For those who have never seen Joel Whitburn's books before "The Billboard Book of Top 40 Hits 1955-2003" will serve as a kind of introduction to the entire format. If you enjoy this book you just might be tempted to order one or more of the others. The Record Research books are generally hard cover and contain even more comprehensive chart data for your information and enjoyment. These books are not cheap but are considered to be indispensable for both disc jockeys and serious collectors alike. In the long run I have found any book from Joel Whitburn to be well worth the investment. Give this one a try and see if you don't agree.

This book is GOLD! I own a copy and have given three as gifts and the emails/calls I get once delivered all sound the same: "This is AWESOME!" (I'm grinning as I type.) You'll open this book looking for one piece of information and will find yourself sitting there 10 minutes later still engrossed. Listen to and heed this warning: DO NOT PUT THIS BOOK IN YOUR BATHROOM! Guests will go in and you won't see them for hours. You'll discover things about songs/performers you love that will blow your mind. Like the fact that The Who have only had one Top 10 song that peaked at #9. - Wait, WHAT? If you're a Pop music fan this book is FANTASTIC! It covers Top 40 music between 1955-2003 so if you're younger you might want to opt for the 9th edition (which contains info through 2009) but either way, buy this book. If you're a music fan in ANY way at all (casual listener or die hard historian) you'll be glad you did.

pleased with purchase

Fair price. Item was in very good condition. The product was all it was advertised to be. It was shipped to me in a timely manner. I grew up in the 60's and 70's and followed the charts closely. I

enjoy researching the top 40 hits book for nostalgia and memories from song artists I remember. I highly recommend the book for anyone interested in the history of popular music.

I purchased this to help aid me in the early days of my mobile DJ business. I've had it for years now and it's been well worn, that is until I upgraded to the latest edition. It's a wonderful, and HUGE, resource that's fun to flip through even if you're just a casual music nerd like me. This thing is massive and contains more information than you can fathom. There's bound to be something in it for most music fans and the price is reasonable enough to take a chance on. Even the latest edition is less than \$25 but spending a few bucks on an earlier edition like this one is worth it.

I've bought several editions of this book and have loved them all! This book is a handy reference guide to anyone who loves music or just wants to enhance their collection of music that they already own. In my opinion, this book is great for just about anyone. When you first get it you don't want to put it down, you start reading the songs, either by title, year or artist and the memories start coming back and before you know it, your iPod is full of forgotten greats! I see this book as a much needed reference tool. It's easy to use and it's just plain fun to read! Plus it's right there if you're trying to remember who sang what or what the name of a certain song is...doesn't it just drive you crazy when you can't remember and then the song is in your head for days. :) I wouldn't part with mine and I know you will feel the same way once you look up the year you and your high school sweetie first started dating. Read the songs and watch the memories fly. A great gift as well!

This book is indispensable for anyone with an interest in the charting information of every song to make the Billboard Top 40 beginning with 1955. I have been using my 1984 edition of this book continuously, and could not live without it, despite the fact that it has been taped back together several times. I could not replace it for myself as it has thousands of handwritten notations. This copy is a gift for a friend.

The facts, just the facts is what I ask for and I get it here. The vast majority of music fans never take the time to find out the facts about their artists' career track record. Songs they believe were hits, mostly never reach Top 40 or Top 10 status. People have their opinions and even music magazines tend to lie about artists songs being hits. This book dispels all those lies. It is the BIG picture. I hope this never changes.

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