

Books & Web Sites on Roots Music

For Adults & Teens

The Songcatcher by Sharyn McCrumb
A folk singer traces her family history through a favorite song that was passed down from generation to generation. FIC MCCR



King of the Creeps by Steven Banks
A geeky teen realizes that he bears an uncanny resemblance to Bob Dylan, so he decides to become a folksinger. FIC BANK



A Folk Song History of America: America Through Its Songs by Samuel L. Forcucci
784.4973 FORC

Encyclopedia of American Gospel Music W.K. McNeil, editor R 782.25 ENCY

Folk Songs of the Southern Appalachians as Sung by Jean Ritchie foreword by Alan Lomax
784.406 FOLK

Old-time Kentucky Fiddle Tunes by Jeff Todd Titon
787 TITO

For Kids

Elizabeth's Song
by Michael Wenberg
Fictionalized story of how 11-year-old Elizabeth Cotton saved to buy her first guitar and composed the popular folk song "Freight Train." E WEN



Honky-tonk Heroes & Hillbilly Angels: The Pioneers of Country & Western Music
by Holly George-Warren J 781.642 GEOR

Gonna Sing My Head Off!: American Folk Songs for Children compiled by Kathleen Krull
J 781.62 GONN

Web Links

American Roots Music
www.pbs.org/americanrootsmusic

Country Music Hall of Fame
www.countrymusichalloffame.org

The Blues Foundation www.blues.org

Folk Music Archives
www.folkmusicarchives.org

Concerts & Movies featuring Roots Music



Alison Krauss + Union Station Live at the Palace (DVD) Filmed live at the Louisville Palace!

Honky-tonk Heroes (DVD) Classic Opry performances.

A Tribute to Chet Atkins (DVD)

Willie Nelson Live in Amsterdam (DVD)

The Gospel Live Let the Music Move You (DVD)

Woody Guthrie Ain't Got No Home (DVD)
Documentary film exploring Guthrie's life and music.

The Best of Hootenanny (DVD)



A Prairie Home Companion (DVD)
Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan, Kevin Kline, Lily Tomlin, Woody Harrelson, and others star in this film based on Garrison Keillor's popular radio show.

Black Snake Moan (DVD)
A religious blues musician tries to help an abused sex addict. Stars Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, and Justin Timberlake. Features rootsy blues music and alludes to the Mississippi Blues movement; the film title is derived from a 1927 Blind Lemon Jefferson recording.

The Blues Brothers (Video)
John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd star; guest appearances include Cab Calloway, John Lee Hooker, Aretha Franklin, and others.

Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (Video)
A mob story with Andy Garcia, Steve Buscemi, Christopher Walken, Gabrielle Anwar, and Don Cheadle. Blues guitarist Buddy Guy makes a cameo musical appearance.

O Brother, Where Art Thou? (Video or DVD)
George Clooney stars in this film based loosely on Homer's *The Odyssey* and well-known for its "winning hillbilly soundtrack."

The Big Easy (Video)
An easy-going New Orleans police lieutenant (Dennis Quaid) and an uptight D.A. (Ellen Barkin) must work together to stop a gangland murder spree. Cajun, zydeco, R&B, and gospel music bring the Big Easy to life.

A Mighty Wind (DVD)
Mockumentary about a folk music revival concert starring Eugene Levy, Fred Willard, Catherine O'Hara, and others.

Tender Mercies (DVD)
Robert Duvall stars as a down and out country singer who tries to restart his life and his career with the help of a widow and her son.

Songcatcher (DVD)
Aidan Quinn and Janet McTeer star in this period drama/romance about a musicologist who is collecting Appalachian folk music.

Sounder (Video)
Coming-of-age story of a boy growing up in 1930s Louisiana. Features a strong blues soundtrack by Taj Mahal.

American Roots Music



American roots music grew from Anglo-European, Native American, and West African music traditions, generating new American music forms like folk ballads, country, blues, bluegrass, and gospel.

These forms eventually led to the development of jazz, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, and even hip-hop.

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From Appalachian to Zydeco: Roots Music CDs @ the Library



Country Blues Guitar
(various)

The Essential Roy Acuff
(Roy Acuff)

Time Life Presents Superstars of Country Live! (various)

Honeysuckle Rose
(Willie Nelson)

Anthology, Great Days
(John Prine)

Black Banjo Songsters of North Carolina and Virginia (various)

North Carolina Banjo Collection (various)

Johnny Cash Country Legend (Johnny Cash)

Bluegrass: Nine Pound Hammer (various)

Man of Constant Sorrow: Instrumental Impressions of American Heartland (various)

The Bill Monroe and His Bluegrass Boys
(Bill Monroe)

Clinch Mountain Treasures
(The Carter Family)

A Prairie Home Companion Original Motion Picture Soundtrack
(cast)

Shakin' Down the Acorns v.2 : Traditional Music Played on the Hammered Dulcimer (Tony Elman)

Le Cowboy Creole (Geno Delafosse)

Said and Done (Flaco Jimenez)

Goodnight Irene (Lead Belly)

Troubadours of the Folk Era, Vols. 1 & 2



The Essential Bob Dylan (Bob Dylan)

Woodeye: Songs of Woody Guthrie
(Woody Guthrie)

The Best of John Denver (John Denver)

Bowery Song (Joan Baez)

Gotta Serve Somebody: The Gospel Songs of Bob Dylan (Bob Dylan)



American Angels: Songs of Hope, Redemption & Glory (Anonymous 4)

The Best of Mahalia Jackson
(Mahalia Jackson)

Dancing in the Aisles
(Klezmar Conservatory Band)

Before the Blues (various)

Singin the Blues Vol.1 (Bix Beiderbecke)

Pickin the Blues (Doc Watson)

Greatest Hits (B.B. King)

Albert King with Stevie Ray Vaughan
(Albert King)

Billie Holiday Greatest Hits (Billie Holiday)

Sarah Vaughan's Finest Hour
(Sarah Vaughan)

Kind of Blue (Miles Davis)

The Door (Keb' Mo')

Monk's Dream
(Thelonious Monk)

Jazz Guitar Virtuoso
(Little Eddie)

Compact Jazz
(Count Basie)

Doctor Jazz
(Jelly Roll Morton)

Benny Goodman on the Air: Original 1935-38 Broadcasts (Benny Goodman)

What a Wonderful World
(Louis Armstrong)

The Very Best of Ella Fitzgerald
(Ella Fitzgerald)

Moanin All Over (Blind Lemon Jefferson)

The Very Best of Lightnin Hopkins
(Lightnin Hopkins)

Down on Stovall's Plantation
(Muddy Waters)

Muddy Waters the Anthology
(Muddy Waters)

Charles Mingus in a Soulful Mood
(Charles Mingus)

Last of the Mississippi Jukes Soundtrack
(various)

Cab Calloway and His Orchestra, 1931-1932
(Cab Calloway)

John Coltrane: The Ultimate Blue Train
(John Coltrane)

