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Synopsis

JUKE BOX COMICS VOL. 1SCROLL DOWN FOR TABLE OF CONTENTSTRUE STORIES OF BAND LEADERS, SINGERS, SONG WRITERS, MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS FROM THE â ^SWING MUSIC BIG BANDâ ™ ERA and RECORD REVIEWS plus RECORD ALBUM ADVERTISEMENTSTHE SWING MUSIC OF THE BIG BAND ERAThis type of music flourished through the early 1930s, although there was little mass audience for it until around 1936. Up until that time, it was viewed with ridicule and looked upon as a curiosity. After 1935, big bands rose to prominence playing Swing music and held a major role in defining swing as a distinctive style. Western swing musicians also formed very popular big bands during the same period. There was a considerable range of styles among the hundreds of popular bands. Many of the better known bands reflected the individuality of the bandleader, the lead arranger, and the personnel. Count Basie played a relaxed propulsive swing, Bob Crosby more of a dixieland style, Benny Goodman a hard driving swing, and Duke Ellingtonâ ™s compositions were varied and sophisticated. Many bands featured strong instrumentalists, whose sounds dominated, such as the clarinets of Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, the trombone of Jack Teagarden, the trumpet of Harry James, the drums of Gene Krupa, and the vibes of Lionel Hampton. The popularity of many of the major bands was amplified by star vocalists, such as Frank Sinatra with Tommy Dorsey, Helen Oâ ™Connell and Bob Eberly with Jimmy Dorsey, Ella Fitzgerald with Chick Webb, Billie Holiday and Jimmie Rushing with Count Basie, Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest with Harry James, Doris Day with Les Brown, and Peggy Lee with Benny Goodman. Adapted from Wikipedia These books cover most of the above mentioned artists, telling their stories in a graphic comic book format, with a few literary stories included.ENJOY!Table of ContentsINTRODUCTION 4JUKE BOX COMICS: ISSUE #1 â "MARCH, 1948 6Famous Stars Praise Juke Box Comics 7SPIKE JONES: Never Like Thisâ | 8â ^TEXâ ™ BENEKE Carries On the Glenn Miller Orchestra 12JOHNNY MERCER: Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive 16WOODY HERMAN: Serenade 18Paging Mr. Husing! 25PERRY COMO: King of the Juke Boxes 27Jivey and Groovy 31BENNY GOODMAN: Master of the Clarinet 36SAMMY KAYE: So You Want to Lead a Band 44DUKE ELLINGTON: Musicdomâ ™s Nobility 47BUDDY RICH: Young Man with a Drum 50AL JOLSON: Beloved Minstrel 54JO STAFFORD: Sweetheart of the Juke Box 57JUKE BOX COMICS: ISSUE #2 â " MAY, 1948 58DINAH SHORE: Sweetheart of the Juke Box 59DINAH SHORE: First Lady of Song 60PHIL REGAN: The Pluck of the Irish 66XAVIER CUGAT: The Rhumba King 69GUY LOMBARDO: Speedboat Maestro 72Jivey and Groovy 76ELLIOT LAWRENCE: The Human Dynamo 82STAN KENTON 86KATE SMITH: God Bless America 91â ^POPSâ ™ WHITEMAN Does It Again 94LENA HORNE 96The NAT â ^KINGâ ™ COLE TRIO:

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