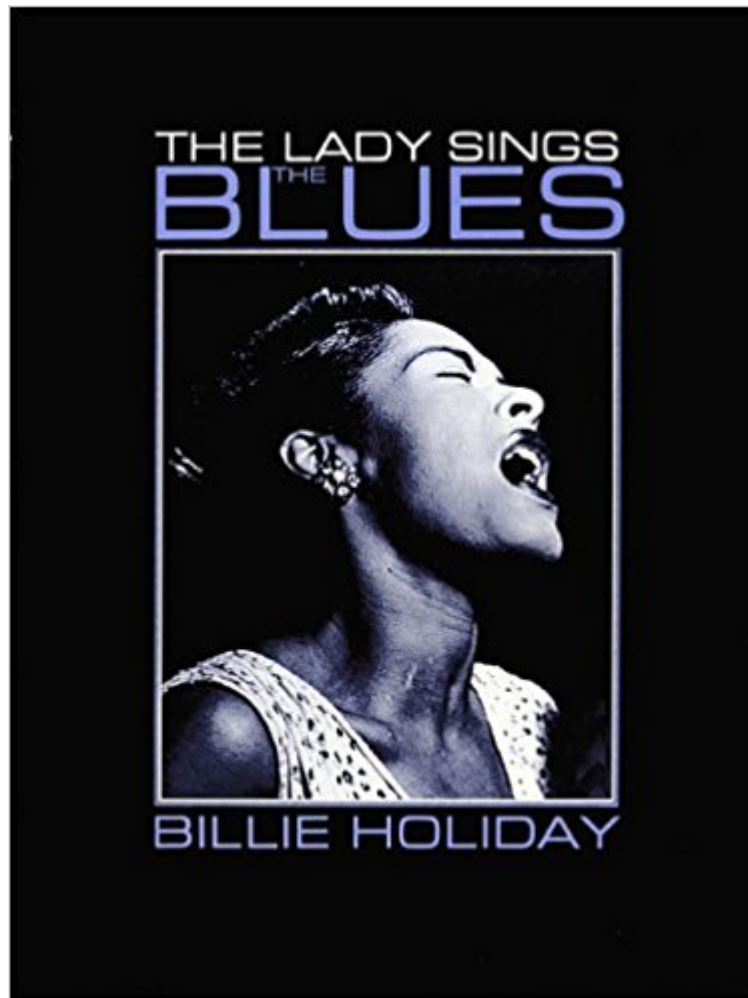




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# Billie Holiday - Lady Sings The Blues



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I have always loved Billie Holiday, her voice was so distinctive. My favorite song is God Bless the Child that's Got Its On. The book Lady Sings the Blues was so different from the movie featured decades ago. This book told her entire life story growing up in Baltimore. It explains the relationship with her mother, and the addictions she had that landed her in and out of jail.. I enjoyed the stories of her road trips. The author made you feel you were right there on the tour bus, and in the sleazy hotels. If you are a Billie Holiday fan, or a old blues fan, you will enjoy this book.

Was disappointed as I thought that I was getting a book..an autobiography of Billie Holiday's life (my daughter wanted to use it for her research paper). Even the "look inside" showed written pages of a book. Instead, it was written music...piano and vocal. I went ahead and still gave it three stars because it is something we can still use. We are going to keep it because my daughter is a vocalist and would like to add some of her music to her repertoire, but it wasn't what we thought we were originally ordering.

I enjoyed this book. It was an interesting look at a pretty unique life. Billie Holiday was a pretty big

personality and it comes through in her book.

The conversational tone of this memoir by Billie Holiday allows the reader the opportunity to get to know Billie from her viewpoint. Her life as she relates it is harrowing and her spirit is world weary yet indomitable. I can't wait to read one of the biographies that more fully cover her life honestly and compare it to this book.

If you love or even just like jazz, read this. Whether fully accurate or not, it's beautifully told and captures the unique voice of Billie Holiday, one of the greatest singers of the last century. Aside from shedding light on her life in the jazz world, it portrays a tough life lived hard, from growing up in poverty, teenage prostitution, lifelong drug addiction, and the everyday racism. Even with all that, it's an entertaining read that goes down as easy as a Lady Day song backed by the Prez on sax.

I would highly recommend this book. What a life! I cannot imagine what she could have accomplished had she lived longer. She was a trail blazer and learned life lessons the hard way. She held nothing back, in the book and in her music. Her soul was in everything. I loved listening to her music as I read the book. Amazing.

These stories make you aware how far society has evolved but how long the road is to make sense of treating drug use as a health problem and not as a criminal problem. Billie was visionary about this in the last chapters of the book. Billie's life is amazing beyond the sensationalism of her addictions. What she went through for being poor and Afroamerican in those days speaks about her enormous resilience and talent. The discography recommendations are excellent too. Worth the read.

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