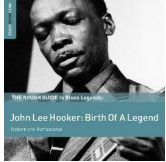


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Disc 1 1 *Dimples* (2:12) 2 *Crawlin' King Snake* (2:45) 3 *Boogie Chillun* (2:35) 4 *I'm In The Mood* (2:43) 5 *Hobo Blues* (2:48) 6 *Taxi Driver* (3:06) 7 *I'm So Excited* (2:54) 8 *Mercy Blues* (3:16) 9 *I Love You Honey* (2:34) 10 *Low Down Midnite Boogie* (3:35) 11 *Little Wheel* (2:36) 12 *Mean Mistreatin'* (4:09) 13 *Time Is Marching* (3:01) 14 *Sally May* (3:08) 15 *Trouble Blues* (2:45) 16 *I'm Gonna Kill That Woman* (3:04) 17 *Too Much Boogie* (3:00) 18 *Everybody Rockin'* (2:40) 19 *I'm A Boogie Man* (2:19) 20 *Never Satisfied* (3:00) JLH (Vocal, Guitar) Eddie Taylor (Guitar) George Washington (Bass) Tom Whitehead (Drums) Otis Finch (Tenor Sax) Bob Thurman (piano) Eddie Kirkland (guitar) Quinn Wilson (Bass) Joe Hunter (Piano) Everett McCray (Bass) Richard Johnson (Drums) Frankie Bradford (Piano) Jimmy Read (Harmonica) Disc 2 — Featuring bonus CD of Blues Greats 1 *Jimmy Reed: Honest I Do* (2:42) 2 *Muddy Waters: Walking Blues* (2:56) 3 *Howlin' Wolf: Smoke Stack Lightning* (3:09) 4 *Sonny Boy Williamson: Don't Start Me To Talkin'* (2:35) 5 *Big Bill Broonzy: How You Want It Done?* (2:52) 6 *Elmore James: Dust My Broom (I Believe My Time Ain't Long)* (2:45) 7 *Eddie Taylor: Ride 'Em On Down* (2:56) 8 *Big Joe Williams: Baby Please Don't Go* (2:47) 9 *Little Junior's Blue Flames: Mystery Train* (2:24) 10 *J.B. Lenoir: Mama Talk To Your Daughter* (2:27) 11 *Lightnin' Hopkins: Katie Mae Blues* (3:00) 12 *Bo Diddley: Who Do You Love?* (2:28)

John Lee Hooker was a true original, a musical colossus whose compelling and mysterious sound towered over the blues and echoed the very soul of African-American experience. Remastered for unparalleled audio clarity, this collection contains the dynamic early career of a truly unique blues legend.

Often hailed as one of the last living links to the real deep American blues, John Lee Hooker's music is of artistic and historic importance. Rooted in the deep gutsy guitar style of blues tradition, Hooker's music simultaneously breached new artistic territory via seminal

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collaborations. This Rough Guide features the legend solo, alone with just his immeasurable talent and cool boogie style to keep him company.

Many of Hooker's biggest and best hits are featured on this collection. 'Boogie Chillun' is one of Hooker's most famous tracks. His rich buttery vocals riff above a spellbinding guitar drone and the musicians signature foot-tap. Another popular tune, 'Crawlin' King Snake' spotlights Hooker's voice with his signature soft and chalky sub-tone. The guitar line slithers around scrunched blues chords. On 'Hobo Blues' Hooker's guitar part swoops from repeating mid-range patterns to thick earthy bass lines. The track 'Dimples' showcases Hooker with a pulsing hearty blues band backing. The version of 'I Love You Honey' from 1958 on this album is a reminder that Hooker was equally as charming in a positive and romantic swing mood. Glittery crisp piano articulations, a winding bass line, brushed fuzzy drums, rounded guitar bends and Hooker's charming baritone velvet voice make for an pleasantly smooth love song.

Hooker's boogie style brought him to fame and influenced generations of musicians who came after him. This album celebrates Hooker's cool boogie accent on the aptly named tracks, 'Low Down Midnite Boogie', 'Too Much Boogie' and 'I'm A Boogie Man'.

The bonus disc of blues greats showcases some of Hooker's worthy predecessors and colleagues in the blues trade. A host of well-known names grace the track list: Sonny Boy Williamson, Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf to name but a few. ---worldmusic.net

John Lee Hooker był prawdziwie oryginalnym, muzycznym kolosem, który hipnotyzował swoją osobowością twórczą i fascynował mistycznym brzmieniem oscylującym pomiędzy bluesem zabarwionym wpływami afro-amerykańskiego soulu. Prezentowana kolekcja zawiera unikalne, zremasterowane wczesne arcydzieła bluesowej legendy.

Edycja specjalna zawiera dodatkowo album bonusowy "Blues Greats - Reborn and Remastered" prezentujący gigantów bluesa, rówieśników Johna Lee Hookera. Wśród wykonawców znajdziemy muzyków tej miary co Howlin' Wolf, Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Bill Broonzy, Big Joe Williams, Lightnin' Hopkins, Bo Diddley, Jimmy Reed czy Muddy Waters.

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Płyta ukazuje blues w korzennej odsłonie, zawiera, bowiem najlepsze kawałki nagrane przez poprzedników i rówieśników Hookera, a zatem odsłania artystyczny kontekst, background dla twórczości tego giganta bluesa. ---empik.com

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