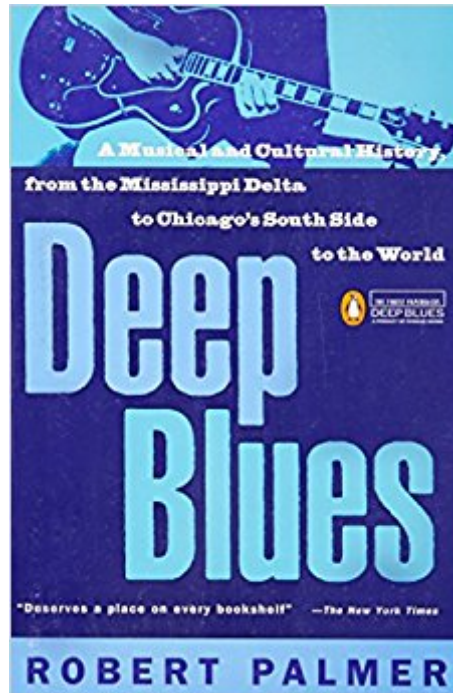




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There is some very interesting information on the roots of the blues, and on various performers. It is well worthwhile.

Great history not many people know about and great reading!

Robert Palmer seems to be very well known in the States for his quality research and musical knowledge. As a Dutch guy I didn't know Robert but I trusted the reviews and ordered the book. It's great reading and gives a lot of information about blues music and its origin. I knew a lot of names,

but now I know a lot more. he also explains lyrics in "slang" which makes it a lot more fun and understanding on blues music. Thank you Robert!

gave as a gift...but person I gave it too was excited about it & it's supposed to be a definitive history of blues & its culture. There is a DVD to accompany it.

Palmer provides a judgement free history. At times the book flashes between characters and locations so rapidly that the temporal context is difficult, but in the end you appreciate the level of action the arena was experiencing. McKinley Morganfield is a recurring subject to a much higher degree than any of the other players, but it serves to reflect the man's centrality to the period. Thoroughly enjoyable, informative and enlightening.

I like that it gives a more in depth history of the development of the blues as opposed to just focussing on the

Interesting, with more information than I expected.

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