

COUNTRY MUSIC REFERENCE RESOURCES

MUSIC DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

Butterfield, Arthur and Groman, Jeff. **Encyclopedia of country music**. New York : Gallery Books, 1985
192 p
Call Number: ML 102 .C7 B871 1985
LOCATION: Glendale Public, Prescott Public Libraries.

Carlin, Richard. **Country Music: A Biographical Dictionary**. New York: Routledge 2003.
UA LIB. Music Ref. ML102.C7 C28 2003.
Provides biographical information on major country musicians, plus selective recommendations on recordings. Includes portraits, and index and a bibliography. Originally published as *The Big Book of Country Music*.

The encyclopedia of country music : the ultimate guide to the music. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 2004.
UA LIB. Music Ref. ML102.C7 E54 2004.
Compiled by the staff of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, this work offers the standard biographical information on performers, but also includes extensive lists of awards, top selling albums and other useful information..
*Need to check to see if this is indeed a reprint. Record doesn't say it's a new edition. One was published in hardback in 1998. If this isn't a new edition, have the hardback put back in reference and put the paperback in the stacks.

Flint, Joseph H. and Nelson, Judy A. **The insider's country music handbook**. Salt Lake City : Gibbs-Smith, c1993.
552 p.
ML102.C7 F6 1993
LOCATION: Phoenix Public Library

Jeier, Thomas. **Lexikon der Country Music**.
Orig.-Auszg. 623 p.
ML102.C7 J4
LOCATION: Harvard, New York Public Library, Library of Congress

Jeier, Thomas. **Das neue Lexikon der Country Music**
Originalausg. 397 p.
ML102.C7 J43 1992
LOCATION: LofC, NYPL

Marschall, Richard. **The Encyclopedia of Country and Western Music**. New York: Exeter Bks, 1985.

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 102 C7 M37 1985.

Another lavishly illustrated (with color portraits) one volume work. Contains brief biographical entries, but not much else.

McCloud, Barry. **Definitive country : the ultimate encyclopedia of country music and its performers.** New York, NY : Berkley Pub. Group, 1995.

UA LIB. Music Ref. ML102.C7 M33 1995.

Includes biographies of performers, awards lists, directory information on agents, record companies etc, radio stations, fan clubs, movies, and a bibliography.

Millard, Bob. **Country music what's what : the fan's guide to the people, places and things of today's country.** New York : Harper Perennial, c1995.

249 p. available at TPPL Main and Wilmot branches

Country music--Dictionaries.

Country musicians--United States--Biography.

ML102.C7 M55 1995

LOCATION: TPPL Main Ref. and Wilmot Branch.

Richards, Tad and Shestack, Melvin B. **The new country music encyclopedia.** New York : Simon & Schuster, c1993.

270 p

Subjects: Country music--Bio-bibliography--Dictionaries.

ML102.C7 R5 1993

LOCATION: TPPL Main Ref., also at Green Valley branch

Sakol, Jeannie. **The Wonderful World of Country Music.** New York: Grossett and Dunlap, 1979.

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 102 C7 S15.

Published in 1979, this older resource is lavishly illustrated with black and white portraits of country musicians and includes basic biographical information on artists, entries on festivals and awards and other interesting information. Limited in that it does not include some major artists like Hank Williams, Sr.

Shestack, Melvin. **The Country Music Encyclopedia.** New York, T. Y. Crowell Co. [1974]

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 102 C7 S5.

An older work published in 1973. Has black and white portraits. Extensive entries on major performers. Includes birth and death dates, and various lists, including a directory of radio stations, and limited discographical information.

Stambler, Irwin and Landon, Grelun. **Country music : the encyclopedia.** New York : St. Martin's Press, 2000.

708 pp.

Country music--Dictionaries.

Country musicians--United States--Biography--Dictionaries.

ML102.C7 S7 2000

LOCATION: TPPL Columbus, Main, Wilmot

Stambler, Irwin and Grelun Landon. **The Encyclopedia of Folk, Country and Western Music.**

UA LIB. Music Ref. ML 102 F66 S7 1983.

A very useful resource with extensive entries on folk and country musicians and topics. Includes a huge number of award winner lists. While not as up to date as more recent encyclopedic works, this one is still useful for its depth and scope.

Vaughan, Andrew. **Who's Who in New Country Music.** New York: St. Martins Press, 1989.

ML 105 V25 1989

LOCATION: Pima College West Campus and Desert Vista Libraries

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Brislin, Richard. **Old-timey, bluegrass, and early country and western music : a selected bibliography of recent and current song books.** Washington, D.C. : Library of Congress, Archive of Folk Song, 1979.

UA Lib. Gov Docs: LC 1.12/2:O1 1

Tonachel, Ruth. **Country Music Before World War II: a selected bibliography.**

Washington, D.C. : Library of Congress, Archive of Folk Song, [1978]

UA Lib. Gov Docs LC 1.12/2:C 83/3

COUNTRY MUSIC DISCOGRAPHY:

Albert, George and Hoffmann, Frank W., 1949-. **The Cash box country singles charts, 1958-1982.** Metuchen, N.J. : Scarecrow Press, 1984.

596 p.

ML156.4.C7 A4 1984

LOCATION: Arizona State, Phoenix Public, Tempe Public.

All Music Guide to Country: The Definitive Guide to Country Music. San Francisco : Backbeat Books ; Berkeley, CA : Distributed to the book trade in the US by Publishers Group West, c2003 2nd edition

UA Lib. Music Ref. ML 156.4 C7 A45 2003.

Provides biographical overviews of country musicians, plus extensive discographical information of both in and out of print recordings. All recordings are given a ranking from 1 to 5.

The Blackwell Guide to Recorded Country Music. Oxford, UK ; Cambridge, Mass.,USA: Blackwell, 1994. Music Stacks.

UA LIB. MUSIC STACKS ML 156.4 C7 B58 1994.

Discography with some history/criticism. Includes bibliographical references.

Boothroyd, John L. **Australian bluegrass recordings : [a history and discography]** Eltham, Australia : J.L. Boothroyd, 1999.

ML156.4.C7 B62 1999

LOCATION: Stanford, UW Madison. LC

Boothroyd, John L. **Bluegrass LP issues, 1957-1990.** Briar Hill, Vic. : J.L. Boothroyd, 1990. 393 p.

ML156.4.C7 B63 1990

LOCATION: LC?

Country chart yearbook. Mississauga, ON : Music Data Canada, c1997.

ML156.4.C7 C655.

LOCATION: LC, NYPL,

Country western dance music reference guide.: Crozier, VA (1340 Cardwell Rd., Crozier 23039) : Dancing Cowboys, c1995-

ML156.4.C7 C69 1995.

LOCATION: LC

Country on Compact Disc. New York: Grove Press, 1993.

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 156.4 C7 C88 1993.

A slim volume that pales in comparison to the All Music Guide to Country. Offers rankings of recordings and provides a list of #1 hits.

Elliott, John. **Song 'n' dance : the database/index for C/W dancers, dance instructors, choreographers, event directors, & DJ's** / [compiled by John Elliott].

Albany, OR (P.O. Box 1778, Albany 97321-0494) : Country Stage Productions, c1993.

ML156.4.C7 E45 1993

LOCATION: Library of Congress.

Faber. Charles F. **Greatest country music hits of all time .** Lexington, Ky. : Faber, c1974. [26] leaves

Contents: The 1000 greatest modern country music hits (1944-1973) --

The 200 greatest old-time country & western music hits (1922-1943).

Notes: Recordings listed in order of popularity by title, artist, and year.

ML156.4.C7 F3

LOCATION: LAPL, LC

Ginell, Cary. **The Decca Hillbilly Discography, 1927-1945.** New York: Greenwood Press, 1999.

UA LIB. Music stacks. ML 156.4 C7 G56 1989.

Extensive information on the history of the Decca recording company and its output of country/western/hillbilly music. A very useful resource for studying the history of commercially recorded American music.

Friskics-Warren, Bill and Cantwell, David. **Heartaches by the number : country music's 500 greatest singles** [Nashville] : Vanderbilt University Press : Country Music Foundation Press, 2003.
ML 156.4 .C7 H42 2003
LOCATION: Phoenix Public, Mesa Public.

Hoffman, Frank W. and Albert, George. **The Cashbox country album charts, 1964-1988**. Metuchen, N.J. ; London : Scarecrow, 1989.
290 p
ML156.4.C7 H63 1989
LOCATION: Rutgers, U of Okla, NYU.

Joel Whitburn's country annual: chart data compiled from Billboard's country singles charts. Menomonee Falls, Wis. : Record Research Inc., c1998-
ML156.4.C7 J64
LOCATION: LC, Boston Public, Glendale CA. Public.

Kitsinger, Otto. **The early country charts**. [U.S.A.] : O. Kitsinger, c1987. 44, A-J leaves
ML156.4.C7 K57 1987
LOCATION: LC

Legere, Bill. **Record collectors guide of country LPs**. Mississauga, Ont. : William J. Legere, 1977.
ML156.4.C7 L44 1977
LOCATION: LC

McCulloh, Judith. **Hillbilly records and tune transcriptions**. Los Angeles, Calif. : John Edwards Memorial Foundation, Folklore & Mythology Center, University of California, [1967?]
Reprinted from "Western folklore, v. 26 (1967), 225-244."
ML 156.4 .C7 M33 1967
LOCATION: U of Memphis, U of Kentucky, Appalachian State U.

Meade, Guthrie T. and Spottswood, Richard K. **Country Music Sources: A bibliodiscography of commercially recorded traditional music**. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Southern Folklife Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries in Association with the John Edwards Memorial Forum, c2002.
UA LIB. Music Ref. ML 156.4 F5 M43 2002.
A discography of country and folk music arranged by topic. Includes an extensive bibliography, and song and performer indices.

Morthland, John. **The best of country music**. Garden City, N.Y. : Doubleday, 1984.
436 p.
Country music--Discography.
ML156.4.C7 M67 1984

Phoenix Public, Mesa and Glendale Public Libraries

MusicHound country : the essential album guide / edited by Brian Mansfield and Gary Graff. Detroit : Visible Ink, c1997.

642 p.

ML156.4.C7 M87 1997

LOCATION: Maricopa County Library District

Music master country music catalogue. Edited by Byworth, Tony. Hastings, Sussex, England : J. Humphries, 1991.

ML156.4.C7 M87 1991

LOCATION: Boston Public.

Neely, Tim and Heggeness, Fred. **Goldmine country & western record price guide.**

Iola, WI : Krause Publications, c2001.

542 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Call Number: ML156.4 .C7 N43 2001

LOCATION: Phoenix Public

Olson, Robert R. and Crisp, David L. **Country music on 78s : Robert R. Olson's numerical lists & 3 JEMF lists.** [Fla.? : s.n., 2001?]

ML156.4.C7 O47 2001

LOCATION: UCSB

Osborne, Jerry. **Country music : buyers-sellers reference book and price guide** 1st ed. Tempe, Ariz. : Osborne Enterprises ; New York : Distributed by Kampmann, c1984. 300 p.

ML156.4.C7 O8 1984

LOCATION: Phoenix Public.

Roland, Tom. **The Billboard book of number one country hits** . New York : Billboard Books, 1991.

584 p.

ML156.4.C7 R64 1991

LOCATION: Pima CC Desert Vista Ref.

Note: Buy later on Amazon.

Russell, Tony and Pinson, Bob. **Country Music Records: A Discography, 1921-1942.**

Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2004.

UA LIB. Music Ref. ML 156.4 C7 R87 2004.

Amazing resource that documents the recorded history of country and western music.

Includes information on record labels. Arranged alphabetically by performer.

Smyth, Willie. **Country music recorded prior to 1943 : a discography of LP Reissues.** Los Angeles, Calif. (Los Angeles 90024) : John Edwards Memorial Forum at the Folklore and Mythology Center, University of California, c1984.

JEMF special series ; no. 14
Call Number: ML156.4.C7 S65 1984
LOCATION: LAPL, LC, YALE

Whitburn, Joel. **Joel Whitburn's top country singles & LPs.** Menomonee Falls, Wis. : Record Research, Inc., 1978-1983.
ML156.4.C7 W499 Suppl.
LOCATION Phoenix Public Library

Whitburn, Joel. **Joel Whitburn's top country singles, 1944-1988 : compiled from Billboard's country charts, 1944-1988.** Menomonee Falls, Wis. : Record Research, Inc., 1989.
Call Number: ML156.4.C7 W5 1989
LOCATION: LC, LA County Library etc.

Whitburn, Joel. **Joel Whitburn's top country singles, 1944-1997 : chart data compiled from Billboard's country singles charts, 1944-1997.** Menomonee Falls, Wis., U.S.A. : Record Research, c1998. 541 p. 4th edition.
ML156.4.C7 Whit 1998
LOCATION: Phoenix Public, Glendale Public.

Whitburn, Joel. **Top country singles, 1944 to 2001 : chart data compiled from Billboard's country singles charts, 1944-2001.** 5th ed. Menomonee Falls, Wis. : Record Research, c2002. 591 p.
ML 156.4 C7 Whit 2002
LOCATION: LC, UC Berkeley.

Whitburn, Joel. **Top country & western records, 1949-1971.** [Menomonee Falls, Wis.] Record Research [1972]
ML156.4.C7 W99 1972
LOCATION: Northern Arizona University

Wolff, Kurt, and Duane, Orla. **Country Music: The Rough Guide.** London: Rough Guides, 2000.
UA LIB. Music Ref. ML 3524 W643 2000.
Provides historical and biographical information as well as recommended recordings. Arranged by broad topic, not alphabetically by performer. Illustrated, with a very helpful performer index.

WEB RESOURCES:

ACountry.com. features country music news, information on concerts, interviews and artist bios, concerts tickets and an online shop.

[Americana Roots](#) (31)

Americana Roots brings you the latest music news, reviews and interviews that focus on

the Americana Music scene. We also feature a weekly podcast CD review show which highlights two new cd's a week.

AngryCountry.Com

[Country Board Fest](#) (622)

Annual Country Music showcase held during FanFair in Nashville.

[Country Interviews Online](#) (635)

Country music interviews, reviews, & information

Country Music Association <http://www.cmaworld.com/default.asp>

Countrymusicfactsandnews.com

[Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum Library](#) The Frist Library and Archive at the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum represents more than thirty years' worth of collecting country music books, periodicals, photographs, fan club newsletters, scrapbooks, sheet music, songbooks, video and film, oral histories, and sound recordings.

[Country Standard Time](#). An online magazine that includes news, features, cd reviews, concert reviews.

[The Country Startpage](#) (636)

All the great country sites together on one page.

[Great American Country \(GAC\)](#). An online companion to the satellite tv station GAC. Includes news, artists features, and information about the station's shows.

[John's Country Links](#). A good site for finding links to a variety of country music related topics, including artists homepages, radio stations, magazines, organizations and associations.

[Yahoo Entertainment Directory: Country Music](#). Provides links to hundreds of sites related to country music.

MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS

Country airplay monitor. New York, NY : BPI Communications, c1993-
Description: 10 v. : ill. ; 35 cm. Vol. 1, no. 1 (June 25, 1993)- Ceased in 2002.

Country Music Greats Magazine (quarterly)

You can relive the stories and songs of your life with entertaining and informative stories about the lives of stars that made Country great! This is the ONLY magazine dedicated to Classic Country Music and nothing else. It's also filled with beautiful photographs, fans memories and fun facts.

Country Music Today.

The official magazine of Country Music television. We'll keep you up-to-date on today's country music scene with reviews, introductions to new artists and exclusives from your favorite CMT programs. You'll also get in-depth interviews and original photos of your favorite artists.

Country Weekly. (available at the Tucson Pima Public Library Main branch).

Country Weekly is devoted to country music and entertainment. Each issue is packed with feature articles and photos of country music personalities plus music and video reviews, tour dates and late breaking news from the world of country music.

The Journal of Country Music. UA Library Music Stacks. ML 1 .J63.

Maverick. (UK publication). 100 page monthly country and roots music magazine.

<http://www.maverick-country.com/>.

BIOGRAPHY

Stars of country music : Uncle Dave Macon to Johnny Rodriguez. Urbana :

University of Illinois Press, [1975]

UA Lib MUSIC STACKS: ML 385 S73.

HISTORY/STUDY OF COUNTRY MUSIC

Biracree, Tom. **The country music almanac** New York : Prentice Hall General Reference, c1993.

UA LIB. MUSIC REF. ML3524 .B57 1993.

Country Music Annual 2001. Lexington, KY. University of Kentucky Press, 2001.

UA LIB. Music stacks ML3524 .C686 2001

Country Music Annual 2002. Lexington, KY. University of Kentucky Press, 2002.

UA LIB. Music Stacks ML 3524 C686 2002.

An edited work that offers papers or studies in various areas. Not really a reference work at all.

Dellar, Fred and Richard Wootton. **The Country Music Book of Lists.** New York: New York Times Books, 1984.

ML 3524

Rincon High School Library has this!

Kingsbury, Paul. **The Grand Ole Opry history of country music : 70 years of the songs, the stars, and the stories.** New York : Villard Books, 1995.

257 pp.

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LOCATION: TPPL Wilmot, Himmel, Columbus.

Lomax III, John. **Nashville : music city USA.** New York, Abrams, 1985.

ML 3524 .L65 1985

Pima CC West Campus Library

Millard, Bob. **Country Music: 75 years of America's favorite music.** New York: Da Capo Press, 1999.

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 3524 M53 1999.

A useful resource for finding information chronologically. Includes awards and top songs, plus biographical profiles of artists.

Oerman, Robert K. **A Century of Country: An Illustrated History of Country Music.** New York: TV Books, 1999.

UA LIB. Music Stacks. ML 3524 O34 1999.

Nice illustrations. Chapters on bluegrass, singing cowboys, rockabilly, etc.

Robert K Oermann, and Green, Douglas B. **The listener's guide to country music.**

New York, N.Y. : Facts on File, 1983,

ML 3524

LOCATION: Phoenix Public Library

BMI country hits, 1944-1975. Broadcast Music, inc.

1976

ML 3561 C9

Six libraries in Worldcat listed as owning this. Bowling Green, Appalachian State.