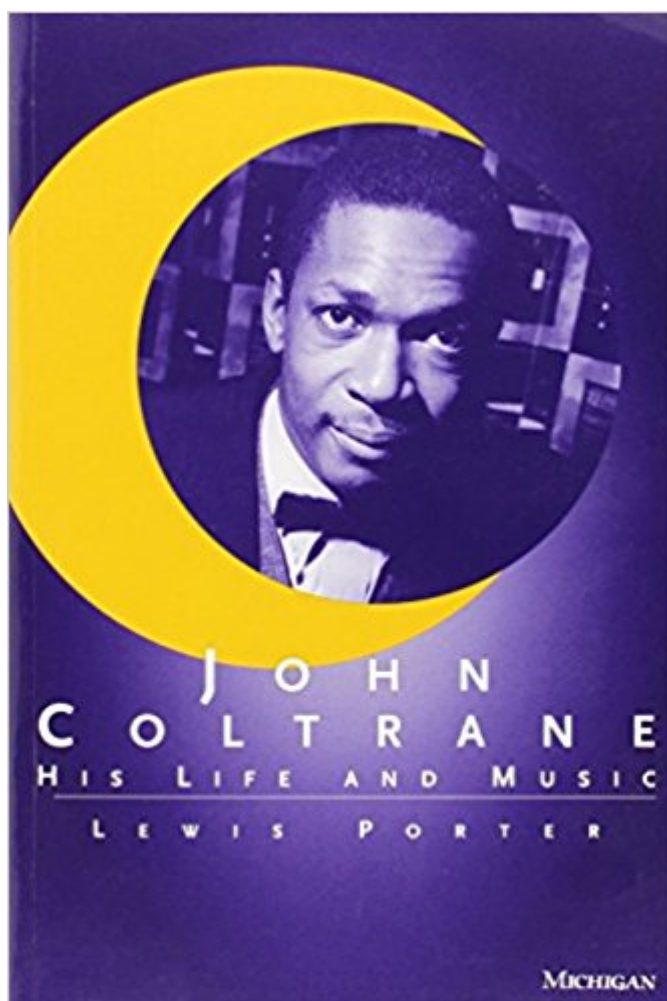


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John Coltrane was a key figure in jazz, a pioneer in world music, and an intensely emotional force. This biography presents interviews with Coltrane, photos, genealogical documents, and musical analysis that offers a fresh view of Coltrane's genius. It explores the events of Coltrane's life and offers an insightful look into his musical practices.

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I bought this book for my father who is an ardent John Coltrane fan. I've bought him every book, album and track I could find so I was really nervous about this one. The cover made it look like a children's biography, lol. He loved it! That's really saying something because he is an expert on John Coltrane. He said he learned a lot and could not put it down. I highly recommend!

All the minutia you want and more. I'd like more musical detail but it's more than fan gush.

Just as described and better than I expected. Great value and super shipping... outstanding vendor.

To fully appreciate this book the reader should certainly be able to read music. There are a multitude of scores that the reader should understand to be able to get the most out of this book. However even if you can't read music (As I can't) there is a lot to interest one in this book. Coltrane came from the Rocky Mount Section of NC. It seems like he had an interesting, stable Family Life, though the Father does not seem to have lived with him. Moved to Philly after High School, where he did Graduate. He was in the Service in the Mid 40s, and surprisingly was in an integrated Navy Band. I thought the services were segregated at that time. There are also details of his two marriages. If you can read music or at least understand scoring this book is highly recommended. If you are like me you will still probably enjoy it.

To really appreciate this book you need to be a musician. If you are not, it's going to be very hard to understand it. If you are...buy it NOW!!!!

a great read! some information was lost on me as i'm not a musician but otherwise I learned a hell of a lot about Coltrane and his legacy. p.s. I wish the cover was nicer looking.

Great bio. Very detailed from the cradle to the grave!

great book

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