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Jazz, Jail, And Genius: Anita O'Day



Synopsis

How did Anita go from the slums of Chicago to a world wide concert singer? How did she survive life as a jazz musician? This is the story of her life, how she kicked heroin, her marriage to Carl Hoff, her association with the big bands of Gene Krupa, Stan Kenton, Benny Goodman. Many stories by John Poole, her drummer and alter ego.

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I read this in an earlier edition and am glad to buy it again on Kindle. This is an amazing resource for the history of jazz. Dorothy/Elaine Poole transcribed conversations and oral reminiscences of O'Day and her drummer/road manager, John Poole. Essential for ascribing dates and personnel to obscure recordings, photographs, and performances. Fascinating.

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