

Synopsis

More than ten years after they disappeared from the mass market, the 45 RPM single is becoming more and more collectible. Covering 7-inch records and related items of all types - 45s, extended play singles, jukebox records and picture sleeves - issued from 1949 to 2002, this completely updated edition remains the most complete listing of "the little record with the big hole" anywhere. Containing nearly 75,000 singles, this reference lists all of them individually by title with updated pricing in up to three grades of condition. Also includes an expanded 16-page colour section of interesting records, labels, and sleeves. Prices are given in US dollars.

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Customer Reviews

I guess I should have spent a little more time thumbing through this one before picking it up. I have Mr. Neely's current LP price guide and it covers a good variety of styles of music. I assumed this guide would be equally diverse. I collect mostly soul and jazz 45s, two areas that are lacking or, in the case of jazz 45s, completely devoid of listings. Sure, there are the major artists, James Brown (though I have some label variations not mentioned) the Motown artists, etc. But where's Eddie Bo, for instance? He's obscure to probably the average punter, but he did have some top 40 and regional hits and is a highly collectable artist in this field. Even classic breakbeat artists the Incredible Bongo Band, who were popular enough to appear on K-Tel compilations, are missing from the listings. I wouldn't find the lack of soul listings so troubling, if not for the fact that in the

introduction the author discusses the "Northern Soul" scene and how the Frank Wilson 45 has surpassed the Beatles "Beat Brothers" single as the most valuable 45. Granted, a lot of the Northern Soul is based on obscure regionally produced 45s, but the listings seem to exist for Doo-Wop and garage collectors interested in similar pressings. The Northern Soul scene has been active since the 1970s and while it's mostly collectors over seas buying, they're buying American soul records. This has been an active field of collecting for long enough, at least the records that change hands more frequently (such as the afore mentioned Mr. Bo) should be included. The omission of jazz 45 I can tolerate a little better. This is kind of an odd field of collecting.

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