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ARTIST Roy Lee Johnson
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With guest Curtis Smith

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- The first, long overdue, collection of rare but sought-after singles by Roy Lee Johnson, the underground hero of guitar freaks and deep soul fans
- Includes *Mister Moonlight*, known to millions by the Beatles but originally by Dr Feelgood and the Interns (vocal: Roy Lee Johnson) and the first version of *When A Guitar Plays The Blues*, since revived by Albert Collins and Roy Buchanan
- Eleven previously unissued tracks including four by underrated soul man, Curtis Smith, Johnson's fellow singer-guitarist in the Interns
- The most soulful of Sixties soul packaged with all Bear Family's meticulous attention to detail including a lavishly illustrated essay by über-fan and soul authority, Martin Goggin

INFORMATION

Roy Lee Johnson first came to attention as the occasional vocalist with the Interns, a R&B band led by blues shouter Dr Feelgood, aka Piano Red. But there's a whole lot more to this songwriter, guitarist and singer of soul with a capital 'S'. Johnson's little heard treasures of Southern soul are finally served up on one CD. Everything he recorded for Okeh, Columbia, Josie and Philips is here; records you'd never own without spending months on e-bay and trunkloads of cash.

We have the original *Mister Moonlight*, heard by millions on the Beatles' fourth American LP, the shimmering *Love Is Amazing*, recorded by the Ohio Untouchables and Robert Ward, and the iconic *When A Guitar Plays The Blues*, revived by major axe men like Roy Buchanan and Albert Collins. There are gritty dance workouts, lilting soul ballads, ferocious instrumentals and devastating deep wrist-slashers from Muscle Shoals. Sixties soul reissues may be coin of the realm these days but few are quite as essential as this scorching collection of Roy Lee Johnson's best performances.



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TRACK LISTING

Mister Moonlight • Love Is Amazing • Sea Breeze • Black Pepper Will Make You Sneeze • Too Many Tears • Nobody Does Something For Nothing • Busybody • I'm So Happy • My Best Just Ain't Good Enough • Love Birds • When A Guitar Plays The Blues • Plowing Playboy • That's All I Need • Slowly I'm Falling In Love With You • Two Doors Down (instrumental) • Stanback Headache Powder • It's All Over - Busybody (2) • So Anna Just Love Me • Boogaloo #3 • Cheer Up Daddy's Comin' Home • Guitar Man • Can You Handle It • Chunk Some Love • Take Me Back And Try Me • She Put The Whammy On Me • **CURTIS SMITH:** Don't Do This To Me • **CURTIS SMITH:** Two Wrongs (Won't Make It Right) • **CURTIS SMITH:** Come Here Baby • **CURTIS SMITH:** I've Got A Feeling

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