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ARTIST	BILL HALEY
TITLE	Rock 'n' Roll Arrives... The REAL Birth Of Rock 'n' Roll 1946-1954
LABEL	Bear Family Records
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PLAYING TIME	288:02



SALES NOTES

Released to coincide with the **twenty-fifth anniversary of Bill Haley's death** in 1981, Bear Family Records in association with Rollercoaster Records present...for the first and only time...**absolutely all of Haley's pre-Decca recordings**. Other companies have tried to gather Bill Haley's groundbreaking early recordings, but Bear Family and Rollercoaster spent 20 years painstakingly getting it right and carefully assembling every known recording...and more!

Was 1954 the 50th anniversary of the birth of rock 'n' roll? Absolutely not! These recordings, made between 1946 and 1954, are where rock 'n' roll *really* began. Bill Haley was first. Unquestionably the first. And this is where Bill Haley began. All these recordings predate *Rock Around The Clock*, and reveal Bill and the Comets at work on their own **unique blend of boogie woogie, hillbilly, pop, blues, and jazz**, years before anyone else.

For the first and only time, all of Bill Haley's pre-Decca recordings have been gathered in one place. On five CDs, we hear him invent the as-yet unnamed music that came to be called rock 'n' roll and eventually changed the world.

In 1946, Bill Haley was a member of the Downhomers cowboy band before going out on his own with his Four Aces of Western Swing. From that point, the music changed fast as Bill recorded for Center, Cowboy, Keystone, Atlantic, Holiday, Abbey, Vogue, Gotham, and Essex. In addition to all of Bill Haley's recordings for those labels, this set also includes **fabulously rare 'live' recordings, transcriptions, demonstration discs, and alternate takes**. It's all here, including the first true rock 'n' roll hits: ***Rock The Joint, Real Rock Drive, Crazy Man Crazy, Fractured***, and ***Rocket 88***.

The last word on the beginnings of rock 'n' roll!

This box also includes **hundreds of rare and previously unseen photos** as well as a complete **essay on Bill Haley's early days by expert Chris Gardner**.

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TRACK LISTING

CD 1: (The Cowboy, Center, Keystone and Atlantic Recordings)

Bill Haley And the Four Aces of Western Swing

Too Many Parties, Too Many Pals - Four Leaf Clover Blues - Candy Kisses - Tennessee Border - The Covered Wagon Rolled Right Along - Yodel Your Blues Away - Behind the Eight Ball - Foolish Questions

Bill Haley, alias 'Johnny Clifton and his String Band' - Center Records, 1949

Loveless Blues - Stand Up And Be Counted

Bill Haley and the Saddlemen, featuring Billy Williamson, steel guitar

Deal Me A Hand (I Play The Game Anyway) - Ten Gallon Stetson (With A Hole In The Crown) - Susan Van Dusan - I'm Not To Blame - I'm Gonna Dry Every Tear With A Kiss - Why Do I Cry Over You? - Teardrops From My Eyes - Loveless Blues

Bill Haley and the Saddlemen, alias 'Reno Browne and her Buckaroos'

My Sweet Little Girl From Nevada - My Palomino and I

CD 2: (The Holiday, Abbey, Gotham and Vogue Picture Disc Recordings)

Bill Haley and the Saddlemen, Bill & Loretta & with the Saddlemen* - Holiday Records 1951-1952

Rocket '88' - Tearstains On My Heart - Green Tree Boogie - Down Deep In My Heart - I'm Crying* - Pretty Baby* - A Year Ago This Christmas - I Don't Want To Be Alone This Christmas - Jukebox Cannonball - Sundown Boogie

The Saddlemen, backing Curly Herdman on Abbey Records 1951

Barnyard Special - Rose Of My Heart

The Saddlemen, backing Lou Graham on Gotham Records 1951

Two Timin' Blues - Long Gone Daddy - I'm Lonesome - A Sweet Bunch Of Roses - Please Make Up Your Fickle Mind - My Heart Tells Me (I'm Still In Love With You)

Lou Graham and the Saddlemen, alternate takes 1951

I'm Lonesome - A Sweet Bunch Of Roses - Please Make Up Your Fickle Mind - My Heart Tells Me (I'm Still In Love With You)

Downhomers – Vogue Picture Disc Recordings

Out Where The Westwind Blows - Who's Gonna Kiss You When I'm Gone - Boogie Woogie Yodel - Baby, Found Out All About You

CD 3: (Essex Records)

Bill Haley and the Saddlemen - Essex

Rock The Joint - Icy Heart - Dance With A Dolly (With A Hole In Her Stocking) - Rockin' Chair On The Moon

Bill Haley with Haley's Comets

Stop Beatin' Around The Mulberry Bush - Real Rock Drive - Crazy Man, Crazy - What'cha Gonna Do? - Pat-a-Cake - Fractured - Live It Up - Farewell, So Long, Goodbye - I'll Be True - Ten Little Indians - Yes Indeed! (1) - Yes Indeed! (2) - Chattanooga Choo Choo - Straightjacket

CD 4: (Acetates & Radioshow, Advertising Spots)

Bill Haley (and the Four Aces of Western Swing) 1947 -1950

Rovin' Eyes - Candy and Women - My Mom Heard Me Cry Over You - Cotton Haired Girl - The Wreck On The Highway - A Yodeler's Lullaby - All I Need Is Some More Lovin' - Candy and Women - Yodel Your Blues Away - Red River Valley - Behind the Eight Ball – Foolish Questions - Easy Rocking Chair - I Wasted A Nickel Last Night - My Bucket's Got A Hole In It - Sunday Down In Tennessee - Behind the Eight Ball



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Bill Haley And His Saddlemen Featuring Billy Williamson, Steel Guitar, c.1950 /c. 1951*/? 1951**

Rose Of My Heart* - Within This Broken Heart Of Mine**

The Downhomers Radio Show - early 1946

Down Home - Following the Sun - She Taught Me How to Yodel - Cool Water - Baby, I Found Out All About You - Open Up Them Pearly Gates For Me - Who's Gonna Kiss You When I'm Gone?

Bill Haley airshots, c 1950 / late 1950*

Arizona Cowboy Advert - Westinghouse and Twin Bars Advert*

CD 5: (Acetates)

Bill Haley (vocal and guitar) - unissued acetates – 1957 –1950

Rose Of My Heart - Rose Of My Heart - Cherry Tree Lane - Cute Little Brown-Eyed Gal - A Sweet Bunch Of Roses - Yodel Your Blues Away

Bill Haley (and the Four Aces of Western Swing) - acetates unissued, 1947 -1950

Candy and Women - Behind the Eight Ball

Bill Haley (and the Four Aces of Western Swing) - acetates unissued, 1947 -1950

Ages and Ages Ago - Honestly - I Dreamed Of An Old Love Affair - Whispering - I Love You So Much It Hurts - Little Rock, Arkansas - A Bundle of Kisses - Are You Teasing Me? - I Want You - Gotta Have My Baby Back - Take Me In Your Arms - Candy and Women

Bill Haley And His Saddlemen Featuring Billy Williamson, Steel Guitar, c.1950 /c. 1951*/? 1951**

Teardrops From My Eyes