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## ARTIST TITLE

**Smiley Lewis  
Rocks**

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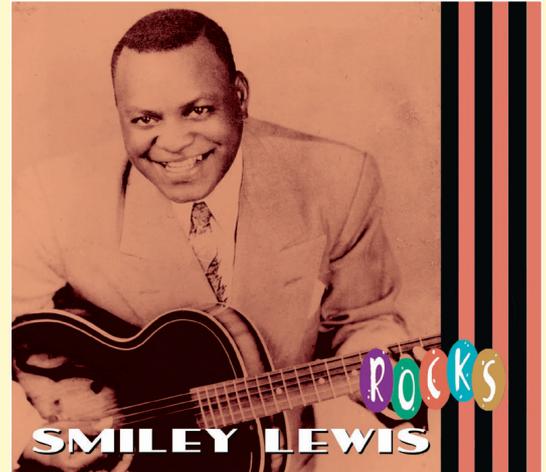
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- The most comprehensive single-disc collection available of Smiley's rocking 1950s output for Imperial.
- Features the brilliant Studio Band at Cosimo Matassa's New Orleans studio: saxists Lee Allen and Herbert Hardesty, drummer Earl Palmer, pianists Edward Frank and Huey Smith, and trumpeter/producer Dave Bartholomew among them.
- Contains both scorching versions of *Shame, Shame, Shame*, many equally fabulous rockers, like *Bumpity Bump* and Smiley's classic originals *I Hear You Knocking* and *One Night*, covered by Gale Storm and Elvis Presley respectively.
- Boasting a booming vocal delivery, Smiley was one of the seminal performers on the 1950s New Orleans R&B scene.

## INFORMATION

The charts didn't reflect just how spectacular Smiley Lewis' 1950s output for Imperial Records was. Under the savvy aegis of producer/songwriter Dave Bartholomew and featuring the Crescent City's top studio sidemen, Smiley made some of the most blistering rockers of his era. Yet only a handful of them were national hits; his classic original *I Hear You Knocking* was victimized by a puerile Gale Storm cover that killed his pop crossover potential, and Elvis Presley latched onto *One Night*, cleaned it up, and sold a lot more copies than Smiley ever did. Why *She's Got Me Hook, Line And Sinker, Bumpity Bump, Rootin' And Tootin'*, and *Shame, Shame, Shame* weren't hits during rock 'n' roll's primordial age we'll never know.

Bear Family's jam-packed single-disc collection of Smiley's greatest rockers showcases his huge, wall-shaking voice (reminiscent of Big Joe Turner's on the bluesier early stuff) on a non-stop barrage of rockers ranging from 1950 to 1958. Bartholomew was Smiley's best source for material, writing most of his most memorable releases, though Lewis penned a few of his own early on. Even Little Richard would be envious of some of these house-rockers, with tenor saxman Lee Allen wailing and drummer Earl Palmer stoking the romping rhythm like a locomotive. This is the most comprehensive single-disc Smiley Lewis collection on the market!



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## TRACK LISTING

Shame, Shame, Shame • Big Mamou • Ain't Gonna Do It • Down The Road • The Bells Are Ringing • Can't Stop Loving You • Ooh La La • My Baby Was Right • Blue Monday • Dirty People • Jailbird • Where Were You • Real Gone Lover • Bumpity Bump • I Hear You Knocking • Sad Life • Come On • Bee's Boogie • Queen Of Hearts • Lillie Mae • One Night • Caldonia's Party • Nothing But The Blues • She's Got Me Hook, Line & Sinker • Rootin' And Tootin' • Please Listen To Me • Down Yonder We Go Ballin' • No Letter Today • Mama Don't Like • Play Girl • Go On Fool • Goin' To Jump And Shout • Bad Luck Blues • School Days Are Back Again • Lil Liza Jane • Shame, Shame, Shame!

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