



BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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**ARTIST
TITLE**

The Cokers
We're Gonna Bop
The Complete Coker Family Recordings
on ABBOTT and DECCA: 1954-1957

**LABEL
CATALOG #
PRICE-CODE
EAN-CODE**

Bear Family Productions
BCD 16742
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**FORMAT
GENRE
TRACKS
PLAYING TIME**

1 CD digipac with 76-page booklet
Country / Rock 'n' Roll
32
71:57



- Rediscover the first family of West Coast country, bop, rockabilly, and pop!
- Most tracks released on CD for the first time, including eight that have never been released on any format until now!
- Detailed liner notes with in-depth biographical information culled from all-new interviews with the Cokers.
- Massive, beautifully illustrated booklet packed with many never-seen photos of the family and their famous friends – from the Coker siblings' personal collections!

INFORMATION

California's Coker Family is best remembered for two rockabilly classics of the 1950s: patriarch Alvis Coker's *Don't Go Baby (Don't Go)* and his daughter Alvadean's *We're Gonna Bop*. Both songs were written by Alvis' wife, Geraldine, who played bass in the family band. With son Sandy on guitar and fiddle, daughter Linda on piano, and youngest daughter Carolyn on vocals and percussion, the six members of the Coker Family were a popular staple of the rockabilly-infused West Coast country scene of the mid-1950s. Alvadean and Sandy were regular performers on the influential 'Town Hall Party,' and the Cokers – in various incarnations – recorded a total of 30 songs for both the ABBOTT label in Los Angeles and the DECCA label in Nashville.

Ranging from hillbilly, to rockabilly, to early pop-country, the Coker recordings are a fascinating snapshot of an era of rapid changes in the world of popular music. Their revved-up collaborations with Jim Reeves, Floyd Cramer, Hank Garland and other legendary luminaries of country music are included in this collection, which gathers the family's complete studio output for the first time. You'll hear more than 25 songs that have never been released on CD. Of these, eight have not previously been released to the public on any format! As a bonus, you'll hear an alternate take of Alvadean's rockabilly classic, *We're Gonna Bop!*

Nearly six decades later, the Coker Family's recordings still retain the energy and vibrancy that made them so appealing to live audiences in the mid-1950s. With detailed liner notes by Scott B. Bomar, in-depth biographical details about the Cokers based on several all-new interviews with the family, and a plethora of unseen photos from the Cokers' personal archives, this lovingly curated collection is a treasure trove of forgotten gems just waiting to be rediscovered by fans of 1950s rockabilly and country!



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TRACK LISTING

Alvadean Coker: Witch's Waltz • Sugar Doll • Pinnolo The Puppy • Funny Little Things • I Sold Out My Heart • Crying Heart • **Sandy Coker:** Meadowlark Melody • Toss Over • **Jim Reeves and Alvadean Coker:** Are You The One • **Alvadean Coker & The Cokers:** We're Gonna Bop • Do Dee Oodle Dee Do (I'm In Love) • **Al Coker with The Coker Family:** Don't Go Baby (Don't Go) • I Laughed And Walked Away • **Sandy Coker with The Coker Family:** Free Wheelin' • Rock Island Ride • **Alvadean Coker with The Coker Family:** Insufficient Love • There's A Tear In The Eye Of The Man In The Moon • **Al Coker with The Coker Family:** Are You In The Mood For Lovin' • Baby I Like Your Style • **Sandy Coker with The Coker Family:** Sandy's Rag • Gitfiddle Rag • **Alvadean Coker:** Playing Cupid • **Al Coker with The Anita Kerr Quartet:** One More Chance • Let's Do It Again • **Alvadean Coker:** Double Date • It's Nearly Over • **Sandy Coker:** Good Feelin' • Undercover • Tender Moments • Honky Tonk Freeze • **Alvadean Coker:** Crying Heart (alternate) • Are You The One • **Alvadean Coker & The Cokers:** We're Gonna Bop (alternate)

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The Real Thing (1954-1963)

CD with 48-page booklet

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Out Arizona Way • They Don't Know Nothin' At All • Rascal Boogie (Demo) • If The Easter Bunny Knew The Fun He'd Have On Xmas • Rascal Boogie • I'm Sad, Blue And Lonesome • Baby, Baby, Baby • I'm Too Young To Fall In Love With You • Rock 'n' Roll Lullabye • Careless Love • I'm No Good Without You • Start At The Bottom • I Spy • Bird Watcher's Ball • The Real Thing • The Little White Cloud That Cried • Calorie Date • You're Much Too Lovely To Cry • The Wild Irish Rose • I Want To Mean Everything To You • Little Juke Box • I Was Born When You Kissed Me • I Still Love You • What Does She Do With Him? • The Little White Cloud That Cried • Heart • So Long Lucy • Better Now Than Later • Shirl Girl • Someone's Ahead Of You • Dream Baby • Danke Schön

JIM REEVES

The Complete Abbott Recordings, plus

3-CD Mini-Box (CD-size) with 124-page booklet

BCD 17356 CR

CD 1: My Heart's Like A Welcome Mat • I've Never Been So Blue • Teardrops Of Regret • Chicken Hearted • I Could Cry • Wagon Load Of Love • You're The Sweetest Thing • I Could Cry • Wagon Load Of Love • Wagon Load Of Love • What Were You Doing Last Night • I Could Cry • You're The Sweetest Thing • Each Beat Of My Heart • Each Beat Of My Heart • Heart Breaking Baby • You're The Sweetest Thing • Heart Breaking Baby • Whispering Willow • If You Love Me Don't Leave Me • Then I'll Stop Loving You • Then I'll Stop Loving You • Let Me Love You Just A Little

CD 2: Mexican Joe • Mexican Joe • Butterfly Love • Let Me Remember (Things I Can't Forget) • Let Me Remember (Things I Can't Forget) • A Woman's Love • A Woman's Love • Let Me Love You Just A Little • El Rancho Del Rio • It's Hard To Love Just One • Gypsy Heart • I Love You (& Ginny Wright) • Bimbo • Echo Bonita • Then I'll Stop Loving You • Then I'll Stop Loving You • Then I'll Stop Loving You • My Rambling Heart • My Rambling Heart • My Rambling Heart • Give Me One More Kiss • Give Me One More Kiss

CD 3: Tahiti • Tahiti • Spanish Violins • Hillbilly Waltz • Hillbilly Waltz • Hillbilly Waltz • Hillbilly Waltz • Padre Of Old San Antone • Padre Of Old San Antone • Beatin' On A Ding Dong • Mother Went A-Walkin' • Mother Went A-Walkin' • Penny Candy • Penny Candy • I'll Follow You • I'll Follow You • I'll Follow You • Where Does A Broken Heart Go? • The Wilder Your Heart Beats The Sweeter You Love • The Wilder Your Heart Beats The Sweeter You Love • Drinking Tequila • Red Eyed And Rowdy • Are You The One (& Alvadean Coker) • How Many • How Many