



BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST Various
TITLE Smoke That Cigarette – Pleasure To Burn

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FORMAT 1 CD digipac with 52-page booklet
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PLAYING TIME 87:34



- 30 vintage cigarette-related recordings from 1940s & '50s
- Unprecedented combination of hillbilly and pop music, including ultra-rare tracks
- Includes original cigarette ads from Golden Age of radio
- Fully illustrated notes on society's changing views towards cigarette smoking

INFORMATION

As long as people have smoked cigarettes, they have written and sung songs about them. And few things have changed as dramatically as our attitudes towards smoking and smokers. Those changing attitudes are reflected in the unique collection of Smoking Songs we present here. It's a pretty amazing cross section at that, drawn mostly from the 1940s and '50s with an emphasis on hillbilly and pop music. No matter how you slice it, this is the first time that Frank Sinatra, Rev. J. M. Gates and Little Jimmy Dickens have appeared on the same compilation. And you can throw in Patsy Cline and Homer & Jethro for good measure. And what could bring them together as easily as cigarettes?

Sit back and listen as smoking and cigarettes changed from telling the world how sexy and sophisticated you are to... well, let's just say to something less than socially desirable. Back a half a century ago that cigarette turned you into a cool, hard-boiled chick magnet. The woman? Smoking made her an alluring creature of mystery, as smoke swirled all around her. The cigarettes? They started out as sleek and romantic phallic symbols, and ended up being toxic and deadly – colloquially referred to as 'cancer sticks.'

All this happened almost overnight, and there is no shortage of music to document it. In addition to 30 wonderful tracks, we include some vintage cigarette ads from the Golden Age of radio. Remember, nine out of 10 doctors agree that smoking is good for you. Whether you want to be John Wayne, Marlon Brando or Frank Sinatra, the quickest path to ultra-cool is that pack of smokes in your hand. And here are the songs to prove it. Many of these tracks are quite rare, including Peggy Lee's original version of her classic tune, *Don't Smoke In Bed*, or the extraordinary 1939 recording of Rev. J. M. Gates' sermon about the evils of a *Smoking Woman In The Street*. This memorable collection also includes humorous and informative notes on society's changing views towards cigarette smoking by music historian Hank Davis, accompanied by an assortment of smoky vintage images.



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TRACK LISTING

JIMMY MARTIN: I Can't Quit Cigarettes • MARTY ROBBINS: Cigarettes And Coffee Blues • LES PAUL & MARY FORD: Smoke Rings • JERRY REED: Another Puff • GLEN GLENN: One Cup Of Coffee And A Cigarette • LILLIAN LEACH & MELLOWS: Smoke From Your Cigarette • JOE & ROSE LEE MAPHIS: Dim Lights, Thick Smoke (And Loud, Loud Music) • REV. J. M. GATES: Smoking Woman In The Street • PATTI PAGE: While A Cigarette Was Burning • ROGER MILLER: Dad Blame Anything A Man Can't Quit • AUTRY INMAN: Does Your Sweetheart Seem Different Lately • JOHNNIE RAY: Coffee And Cigarettes (Thinking It Over) • SLIM DUSTY: Sad Cigarette • BOBBY EDWARDS: You're The Reason • JIMMY DOLAN: Nicotine Fits • PEGGY LEE WITH DAVE BARBOUR AND HIS ORCHESTRA: Don't Smoke In Bed • BAKER KNIGHT: Smoke • PATSY CLINE: Three Cigarettes In An Ashtray • PAUL CLAYTON: My Last Cigarette • HOMER & JETHRO: Are You Kissing More Now (But Enjoying It Less) • BILLY WALKER: Down To My Last Cigarette • FRANK SINATRA: These Foolish Things • THE SONS OF THE PIONEERS: Cigarettes, Whusky And Wild Women • BONNIE GUITAR: Three On A Match • CURTIS GORDON: Caffeine And Nicotine • WILF CARTER: What Cigarette Is Best • BILL MACK: The Smoke, The Bottle And The Wine • TOMMY COLLINS: Cigarette Milner • LITTLE JIMMIE DICKENS: Twenty Cigarettes • TEX WILLIAMS AND HIS WESTERN CARAVAN: Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! (That Cigarette) • DRAGNET ADVERTISEMENT (MARCH 20, 1952) • RICHARD DIAMOND ADVERTISEMENT (FEBRUARY 2, 1951)