



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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## ARTIST TITLE

**Sonny Burns**  
**A Real Cool Cat –**  
**The Starday Recordings**

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Country / Rockabilly  
31  
79:55



- The complete 1950s **STAR**DAY recordings by this master of Texas honky-tonk music
- The hit version of *Too Hot To Handle*
- The original version of *A Place For Girls Like You*, covered by Faron Young
- Eight unissued songs and alternate takes
- His two duets with George Jones

## INFORMATION

For a few brief years in the 1950s, Sonny Burns personified Texas honky-tonk music. Tall and handsome, with a powerfully emotive voice, he seemed poised at any minute to graduate from the **STAR**DAY label to major label success and national stardom.

Many country singers of his time portrayed themselves in song as hard-drinking womanizers, but for Burns this was no pose – it was his life, and his wild and reckless ways probably doomed any chance he might have had at wider recognition.

He enjoyed a big regional hit with *Too Hot To Handle*, but Faron Young stole Burns's momentum by covering his follow-up record *A Place For Girls Like You* (a Top 10 hit for Faron in 1954), and when Burns failed to show up to duet with George Jones on what became George's breakthrough hit (*Why, Baby, Why*), his career was essentially over. There was a brief attempt at a comeback with **UNITED ARTISTS** in the early sixties before Burns disappeared back into the rural East Texas woods for good.

This **BEAR FAMILY** release gathers together for the first time the complete **STAR**DAY recordings of Sonny Burns – all ten original singles, plus eight unissued songs and alternate takes. Most have been transferred from the original master tapes, resulting in the finest sound quality ever for these recordings. Having been unfairly relegated to footnote status in the George Jones Story in all previous treatments, this CD proves that Burns had a formidable voice all his own.

The set includes liner notes and a discography by Texas music historian Andrew Brown.



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## TRACK LISTING

Powder And Paint • Too Hot To Handle • Tho' You're In My Arms • Blue, Blue Rain • Close Your Eyes • Another Woman Looking For A Man • I Just Ain't Long For This World • Just A Token • Think Again • You'll Look A Long, Long Time • It's Easier Said Than Done • A Real Cool Cat • Satan's A-Waitin' • Frown On The Moon • A Girl From The Street • Let's Change Sweethearts • Six Feet Of Earth • If You See My Baby • Invitations (To Your Wedding) • Heartbroken Me (& George Jones) • Waltzing With Sin • Tell Her • A Place For Girls Like You • Heart Like A Dollar Sign • It's So Easy To Love, But So Hard To Forget • Won't You Leave Him Alone • God Knows I Tried • Wrong About You (& George Jones) • Forgive And Forget, Remember And Regret • Tell Her • Another Woman Looking For A Man

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