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**ARTIST
TITLE**

Arthur Q. Smith
The Trouble With The Truth
Disc 1: The Commercial Recordings
Disc 2: The Acetates

**LABEL
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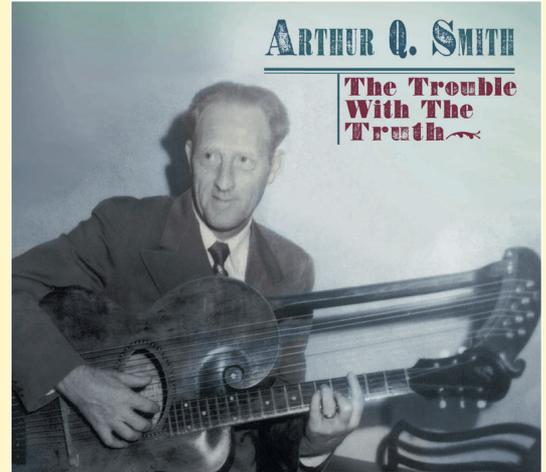
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**FORMAT
GENRE
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PLAYING TIME**

2 CD digipac with 124-page booklet
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- A great untold story in country music!
- Arthur Q. Smith sold hundreds of songs, many of them later became hits for Ernest Tubb, Hank Williams, Ricky Skaggs, Mickey Gilley, Carl Smith, Bill Monroe, Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, and many others!
- Rumors circulated for years about the songs that Arthur Q. Smith actually wrote. Now the story is revealed in a 124-page book by Knoxville researchers Bradley Reeves and Wayne Bledsoe.
- Includes every known recording, including song demos, by Arthur Q. Smith, plus MANY rare photos!

From the introduction by Marty Stuart:

The trouble with the truth, it always comes around. I grew up hearing some of the old timers tell their stories about songwriting and who wrote what. It was cold-blooded business. When the subject of writing then selling songs comes around, Arthur Q. Smith is legendary: *I Overlooked an Orchid (While Searching for a Rose), Wedding Bells, Rainbow At Midnight, If Teardrops Were Pennies, I Wouldn't Change You If I Could* and *Somehow Tonight* are but a handful of the songs he penned and sold.

Everyone that knew Arthur willingly sold his songs. The saddest of all the facts is that some of his songs were bought for the price of whiskey money. To bring the case of Arthur Q. Smith front and center, to have the absolute truth be told as to which songs he actually wrote that bear others names, songs that are regarded as some of country music's cornerstones, songs that are attached and credited to the legacies of several people who have been inducted into the Country Music and Songwriters Hall of Fame would most likely be seismic. Such a re-tooling of history would be a public relations, legal and accounting nightmare, not to mention the embarrassment that would undoubtedly be heaped upon families who inherited legacies left behind by loved ones from another time. Let me say this:

I hereby nominate Arthur Q. Smith to be inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. It's long overdue.



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TRACK LISTING

CD 1 - THE COMMERCIAL RECORDINGS: **Roy Acuff:** My Tears Don't Show • **Kitty Wells:** You Can't Conceal A Broken Heart • **Carlisle Brothers:** Rainbow At Midnight • **Hank Williams:** Wedding Bells • **Hawkshaw Hawkins:** Somebody Lied • **Moon Mullican:** Save A Little Dream For Me • **Carl Smith:** I Overlooked An Orchid • **Johnnie & Jack with Smilin' Eddie Hill:** Love In The First Degree • **Esco Hankins:** A Daddy's Lullaby • **Bill Monroe & His Bluegrass Boys:** How Will I Explain About You? • **Mother Maybelle & the Carter Sisters:** I've Got A Home Up In Glory • **Molly O' Day & the Cumberland Mountain Folks:** This Is The End • **Carl Butler:** Country Mile • **Ernest Tubb:** Missing In Action • **Carl Sauceman & the Green Valley Boys:** Wrap My Body In Old Glory • **Orval Prophet:** Crown Of Thorns • **Jim Eanes:** Heartless Women • **Don Gibson:** Sample Kisses • **George McCormick:** Don't Add An Ex To Your Name • **Reno & Smiley:** I Wouldn't Change You If I Could • **Riley Crabtree:** I Live With Memories (That Bless and Burn) • **Carl Story & His Rambling Mountaineers:** Every Time Somebody Calls Your Name • **Stonewall Jackson:** Tears On Her Bridal Bouquet • **Red Allen & the Osborne Brothers:** Wild Mountain Honey • **Little Jimmy Dickens:** A Ribbon And A Rose • **Freddie Chapman:** My Life Is Not My Own • **Stanley Brothers:** Next Sunday Is My Birthday, Darling • **Ray Price:** We Crossed Our Hearts • **Merv Shiner:** The Man In The Moon Cried Last Night

CD 2 - THE ACETATES: **Arthur Q. Smith:** I Doose What I Choose • You Can't Hide A Heartache With A Smile • There's Forty Eight States In The Union • Little Tow Head • A Broken Heart Will Mend • Country Mile • Black Cat • Angel Of Mine • The Angels Cried • Wild Mountain Honey • All Because Of You • Blue I'll Be Found • Missing In Action • A Song For Sale • Blue Lights, Blue Hearts, Blue Music • **Don Gibson:** Open Up Your Little Heart For Me • **Carl Butler:** Sweet Emilee • **Carl Butler:** Vicious Lies • **Carl Butler:** You Can't Insure A House Of Dreams • **Marty Stuart:** Be Careful Who You Love