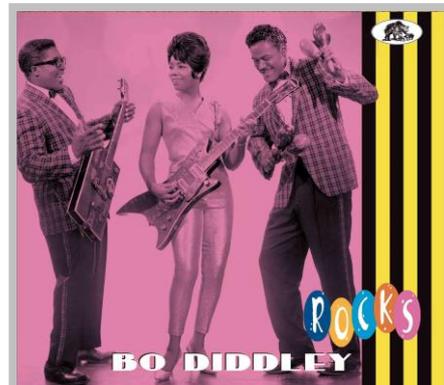


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (CD) June 3, 2022

Artist **Bo Diddley**  
Title **Rocks**  
Label Bear Family Records  
Catalog no. BCD17551 Price code: AR  
EAN-Code 4000127175519  
Format 1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Rhythm 'n' Blues  
No. of tracks 28 approx. 79:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- 28 original Bo Diddley Checker recordings from Chicago.
- One of the most important discs in Bear Family Records® Rocks series.
- Including 3 Top 5 R&B hits: *Bo Diddley* from 1955, *Pretty Thing* from 1956, and *Say Man* from 1959.
- Also including highly influential tracks such as *I'm A Man* and *Diddley Daddy* from 1955, *Road Runner* from 1960, and *You Can't Judge A Book By The Cover* from 1962.
- Recordings feature several important and original musicians, including: Jerome Green on maracas, Clifton James on drums, Jody Williams on guitar, and Peggy Jones (Lady Bo) on guitar, along with renowned blues players Otis Spann, Lafayette Leake, Frank Kirkland, and Willie Dixon.
- Formidable and informative biographical notes by Bill Dahl.
- Full discographical information for each track.
- Incredible photo gallery including previously unseen shots.
- Reissue co-ordinated and compiled by Martin Hawkins.

You can't judge a book by the cover, according to the song by Bo Diddley - but you sure can tell a record made by Bo Diddley.

For that reason, this is one of the most important discs in our Rocks series. Here is a full CD of truly original, groundbreaking rock and roll, presented as only Bo Diddley could, and as only Bear Family Records® can. Bo Diddley's music had a unique beat, an individuality, an 'attitude,' and it formed part of the basic fabric of rock and roll during its heyday in the mid-1950s to the early '60s. There was normally a Bo Diddley disc on the American R&B charts in those years (11 in all) and 5 of them made the pop charts, too.

The immediately recognizable 'Bo Diddley Beat' was copied by some, but never as well, while many others weaved elements of his style into the rock music mainstream. From Buddy Holly's *Not Fade Away*, Dee Clark's *Hey Little Girl*, and Johnny Otis' *Willie And The Hand Jive* through Freddy Cannon's *Buzz Buzz A-Diddle-It*, Mac 'Dr. John' Rebennack's *Storm Warning*, to *Magic Bus* by The Who, and right on into further waves of later blues-rockers, Diddley's sound has become universal - a sub-genre unto itself.

Elias Bates (known as Elias McDaniel, better known as Bo Diddley) was born in Mississippi in 1928 but grew up in Chicago. He became part of the music scene there - but his own unique part - and was a long-time staple of the Chess/Checker record company alongside Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters.

Bo Diddley always emphatically stated these words - and dared you to disagree: *"I had no influences when I first started. I didn't have nobody to copy after, because I couldn't play blues. I was cut out to be what I am. And that's the reason why I try to be unique at what I am."*

Bo Diddley was among the first groups of artists to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame, in 1987. He died in 2008, aged 79.

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## TRACKLISTING:

**CD:**  
My Story    Bo Diddley    Ride On Josephine    Pretty Thing    Little Girl (Can I Go Home With You)    I Can Tell    Road Runner  
Hush Your Mouth    Who Do You Love?    You Can't Judge A Book By The Cover    Say! (Boss Man!)    You Don't Love Me (You Don't Care)  
Diddley Daddy    Bring It To Jerome    Willie And Lillie    Pills    Cadillac    Down Home Special    Mona    Before You Accuse Me  
(Take A Look At Yourself)    Dearest Darling    I Am Looking For A Woman    Don't Let It Go    She's Alright    Deed And Deed I Do  
Diddy Wah Diddy    Gun Slinger    Hey! Bo Diddley

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Jimmy McCracklin: Rocks

BCD17552 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175527



### Chuck Berry: Rocks

BCD17139 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 52-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127171399



### Little Junior Parker: Rocks

BCD17535 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 40-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175350



### Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown: Rocks

BCD17537 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
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### Hank Ballard: Rocks

BCD17580 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
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### Reverend Robert Ballinger: The King's Highway

BCD17575 AR  
2-CD (Digisleeve) with 36-page booklet  
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