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Blue Moo: 17 Jukebox Hits From Way Back Never



Synopsis

Sandra Boynton and Michael Fordâthe team behind *Rhinoceros Tap*, the Grammy-nominated #1 New York Times bestseller *Philadelphia Chickens*, and other toe-tapping book-and-CD setsâbring great words, great music, great performers to children and vintage children alike. Put a nickel in the jukebox, assuming you can locate a jukebox, and that you remember what a nickel is. Hereâs legendary Beach Boy Brian Wilson singing lead and 10-part harmonies on "Speed Turtle." The incomparable Neil Sedaka crooning "Your Nose." B. B. King brings you a wistful "One Shoe Blues," Gerry and the Pacemakers offer "Mersey Lullaby," and Broadway greatâPatti LuPoneâsingsâwhat elseâthe "Rabbit Tango." And then thereâs the hit single from Boyntonâs *Your Personal Penguin* sung by the impossibly cute Davy Jones of The Monkees. I mean jeepers, even *Sha Na Na* is here. And OH! The book! Boynton has filled it with all things 50s and 60s. And, well, golly, itâs so happy and colorful and just terrific, Mister! Grab your saddle shoes, plunk two straws into that swell chocolate malt, and letâs twist again like we did last century. 119,000 copies in print.

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Customer Reviews

My first copy of PHILADELPHIA CHICKENS was a gift for my granddaughters. We all enjoyed it so much that I bought three more copies -- each one for myself but impulsively given away. Now I have BLUE MOO, and I'm keeping it for myself, so don't even hint for it. You may know Sandra Boynton's

impressive children's books but this music thing she has going on is something else again. "Renegade children's music," she calls it. BLUE MOO is subtitled "17 Jukebox Hits from Way Back Never," and trust me, you don't need children around to enjoy it. Boynton collaborated with composer Michael Ford on these 17 fractured hits, and she mustered another stellar group of performers for the CD. Patti LuPone shines on "Rabbit Tango," and yes, that's the amazing B.B. King delivering the goods with "One Shoe Blues." Christopher Kale Jones of JERSEY BOYS fame croons "Singing In The Shower." When was the last time you heard a new release from veteran Neil Sedaka? Here he is in great doo-wop form with "Your Nose." And speaking of doo-wop, we have Sha Na Na singing "Gorilla Song" ("Banana nana nana nana, na na na"). Bobby Vee takes you down memory lane with the sentimental "With You," and John Ondrasik of Five For Fighting with a beautifully syncopated track named "Big Band Sound." How about "Speed Turtle":>> It's a ... Speed Turtle. Whoa-ho!>> It's a ... Speed Turtle. Oh, no!>> Man alive, it's in overdrive.>> Go, little turtle, go go. Yes, that's Brian Wilson, who else? And while I'm stating the obvious, "Mersey Lullaby" is (of course) recorded by Gerry & The Pacemakers. The title tune is offered twice, once by Steve Lawrence and in a jazzed up "Blue Moo '62" version by a house "girl group."

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