

## Crucial Acoustic Blues (2007)

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01. *High Heel Sneakers* - Junior Wells 02. *Oreo Cookie Blues* - Stevie Ray Vaughan 03. *Stop Running 'Round* - Carey Bell 04. *Down in the Alley* - Bob Margolin 05. *Sloppy Drunk* - Saffire The Uppity Blues Women 06. *The Man Next Door* – Koko Taylor 07. *Railroad Bill* - John Jackson 08. *Evil on My Mind* - Johnny Winter [play](#) 09. *Trouble in Mind* - Cephas & Wiggins 10. *So Tough with Me* - Sonny Terry 11. *Baby Bee* - Kenny Neal 12. *God Don't Ever Change* - Corey Harris [play](#) 13. *The Dirty Dozens* - Johnny Jones

I discovered so many great artist from this disc. I have purchased almost all of their cds based on what I heard here. --- Todd A. Hooper, amazon.com

Alligator Records shows a different side of its house-rocking face on this 13-cut collection of acoustic blues. While Muddy Waters, Robert Johnson and Bukka White don't appear here, other performers -- some of whom one normally associates with overdriven electricity -- are. Buddy Guy is present, as is Stevie Ray Vaughan. Koko Taylor's "The Man Next Door" is here and it's one of her greatest performances on record. In addition, Johnny Winter, who was no stranger to a National Steel string bottleneck earlier in his career, returns to give it another go, and the true roots doctor Corey Harris is here with "God Don't Ever Change," and Carey and Lurrie Bell with "Stop Running Around." Guy's "Hi Heel Sneakers" is terrific as is Winter's "Evil on My Mind." But it's those that are normally associated with the acoustic blues like Harris, Saffire -- The Uppity Blues Women, Cephas & Wiggins, John Jackson and the legendary Sonny Terry who come off best, bringing the true rhythm and mystery with them into their songs. This is a hip collection that will make the feet shuffle and the backbone slip. And it's sold for a song,

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