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01. Howling Wolf - Moanin' At Midnight 02. Howling Wolf - Bluebird 03. Earl Hooker - Move On Down The Line 04. Earl Hooker - The Kucklebuck 05. Walter Horton - Walter's Instrumental 06. Walter Horton - Grandmother Got Grandfather Told 07. Willie Nix - Midnight Showers Of Rain 08. Willie Nix - Prison Bound Blues 09. Rufus Thomas - Bear Cat 10. Rufus Thomas - Married Woman 11. Rosco Gordon - Roscoe's Boogie 12. Rosco Gordon - City Women 13. Earl Forest - Baby, Baby 14. Earl Forest - Rock The Bottle 15. Bad Women, Bad Whiskey 16. Little Jr. Parker - You're My Angel 17. Bobby Bland - Good Lovin' Bobby Bland 2:23 \$0.99 18. Bobby Bland - Drifting From Town To Town 19. James Cotton - My Baby 20. James Cotton - Straighten Up Baby 21. Shy Guy Douglas - Work With Her Boy 22. Shy Guy Douglas - Detroit Arrow Blues 23. Houston Boines - Carry My Business On, Take 1 24. Houston Boines - Crying In The Courthouse, Take 1 25. Charlie Booker - Walked All Night 26. Charlie Booker - Baby I'm Coming Home 27. Pat Hare - I'm Gonna Murder My Baby 28. Pat Hare - Bonus Pay

This 4-disc set collects over 100 post-war blues sides recorded in Memphis, just about all for Sam Phillips' Sun label (in fact, quite a number of tracks are duplicated on the multi-disc Sun blues box issued a number of years ago). Early sides by such major blues artists as Howlin' Wolf, Little Milton, James Cotton, and Roscoe Gordon are here, but it's usually the lesser known artists that provide the surprises and highlights: Woodrow Adams, Hot Shot Love, Raymond Hill, Pat Hare, and L.B. Lawson all knocked my socks off with their recordings. A number of inclusions are alternate takes. The blues from Memphis offer a wide variety of styles, from boogie-woogie to the deepest down-home heartbreakers. JSP specializes in 4-disc boxes revolving around particular themes, and all of them are superb: lots of music, great selections, the best sound available - all at a bargain price. This set is no exception. Post-war blues fans will find this set a total knockout; I call it a must-have set. Grab it while you can. ---Bomojaz, amazon.com

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