

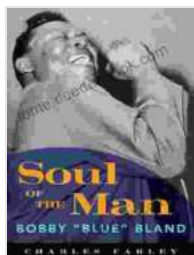
Bobby Blue Bland: The King of Blues and Blues Master of the American Made Music Series



Early Life and Career

Bobby Blue Bland was born Robert Calvin Bland on January 27, 1928, in Rosemark, Tennessee. He began singing in church at a young age and was soon performing at local clubs and talent shows. In 1952, he signed with Duke Records and released his debut single, "Farther Up the Road."

The song was a hit, and Bland soon became one of the most popular blues singers in the country.



Soul of the Man: Bobby "Blue" Bland (American Made Music Series) by Charles Farley

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Bland's smooth, soulful vocals and passionate delivery made him a favorite of both blues and R&B fans. He had a string of hits in the 1960s and 1970s, including "I Pity the Fool," "Turn on Your Love Light," and "Ain't No Love in the Heart of the City."

The American Made Music Series

In 1980, Bland was invited to perform on the American Made Music Series, a PBS television show that showcased the best of American music. Bland's performance was a triumph, and he was praised for his powerful vocals and his ability to connect with the audience.

The American Made Music Series helped to introduce Bland to a new generation of fans. He continued to perform and record throughout the 1980s and 1990s, and he was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 1981.

Later Years and Legacy

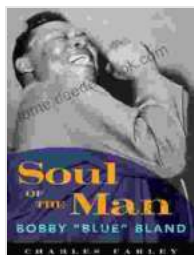
Bland continued to perform until his death in 2013 at the age of 83. He was a true legend of the blues, and his music continues to inspire and entertain fans around the world.

Bland was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. He was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012.

Bobby Blue Bland was one of the most influential blues singers of all time. His smooth, soulful vocals and passionate delivery made him a favorite of both blues and R&B fans. Bland's music continues to inspire and entertain fans around the world.

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- [Official website of Bobby Blue Bland](#)
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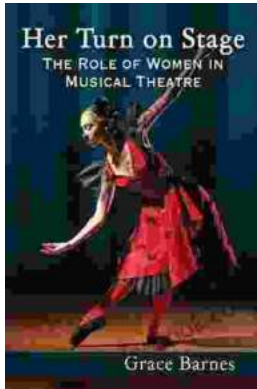
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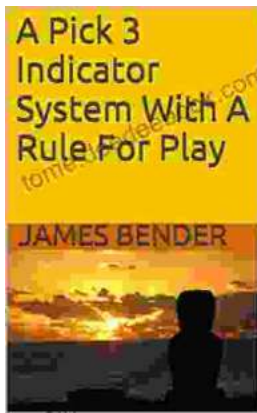
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