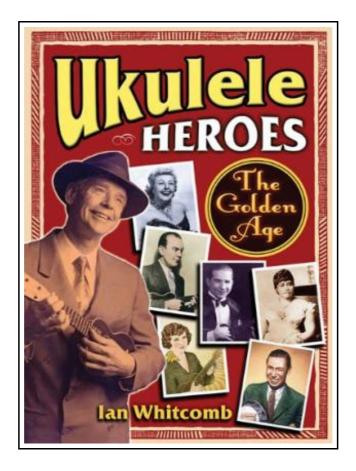
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Hal Leonard, 2012. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: Ukulele Heroes: The Golden Age is an essential read for any ukulele enthusiast! The once-neglected ukulele is now a King of Pop. The current fascination with the uke has put the four-string cousin of the guitar into the hands of veteran musicians and young hipsters alike. This highly illustrated romp of a book profiles the stage, screen, and recording stars and Hawaiian royalty who pioneered the uke. This noble line of heroes paved the way for the current worldwide resurgence of the "jumping flea." Ukulele Heroes begins with the story of how the uke came to the United States from Hawai'i, inspiring a Tin Pan Alley song craze. We then meet, from the 1920s Jazz Age onward, heroes such as Ukulele like, Johnny Marvin, Wendell Hall, Roy Smeck, May Singhi Breen and Arthur Godfrey, followed by the British contingent led by George Formby and Tessie O'Shea-who later guested with the Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show. Ian Whitcomb crafts the history into a racy read that brings these unsung heroes back to life. Whitecomb describes how, as a 1965 British Invader coming off a Top Ten hit, he ruined his rock heart-throb career by taking out his old Martin uke to record a 1916 novelty "Where Did Robinson Crusoe Go with Friday on Saturday Night?" This hit led to appearances on Shindig!, Where the Action is, and The Pat Boone Show. The phenomenon of Tinty Tim followed shortly. The story of the golden age of the uke is brought up to date with an account of how today's craze came about and is built to last forever. Ukulele Heroes also features a detailed discography, filmography, and wonderful sheet music covers and photos. Book...



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