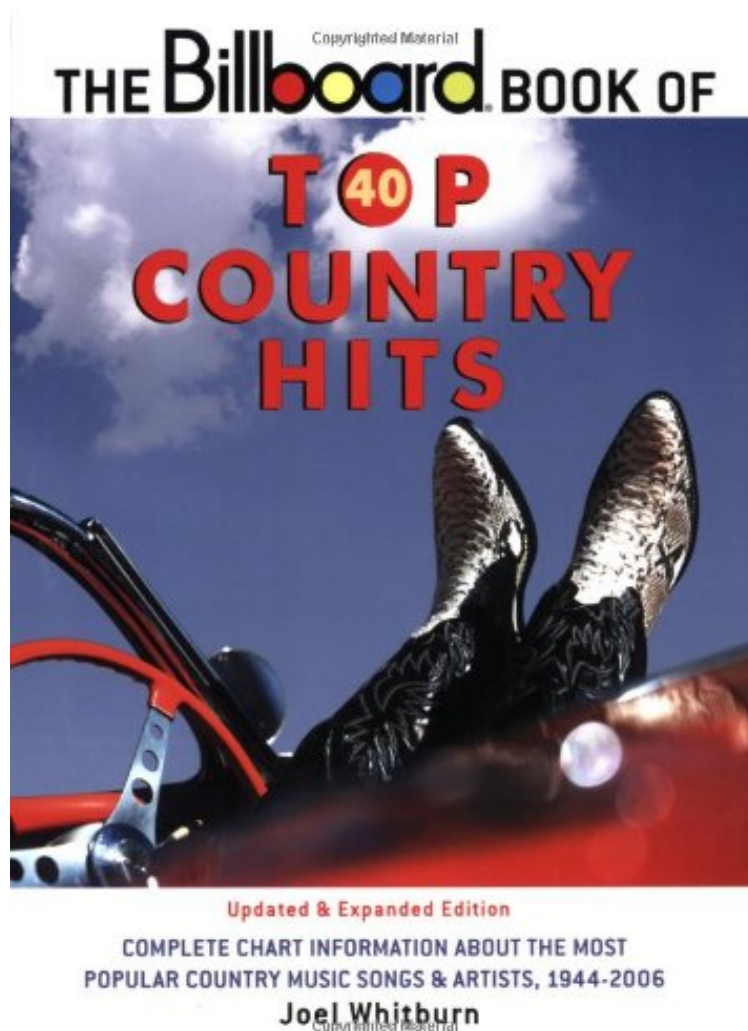


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7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Joel Whitburn's Billboard Book of Top 40 Country HitsBy Tom TobbenIn keeping with the overall quality of his series of Billboard Top 40 books, Joel Whitburn has once again provided an excellent compendium of the top charting country hits and artists, dating all the way back from 1944 to 2006. Whether you're a died-in-the-wool country music fan or just a big fan of music, this book is a delight to simply peruse or to use as your bible for country music.Organized like the other books in this series (e.g., Top 40 Hits, Top 40 RB Hits), the book lists all the charted songs by each artist, organized alphabetically by artist. For each song, the date,

number of weeks, highest chart position, and record label are provided. Likewise, for each artist or group, some brief biographical information is provided. Interspersed throughout the book are pages with pictures of album or singles covers from sample artists and brief narratives about those artists or songs. The back of the book also includes an alphabetical index of all charted songs, as well as listing the artist, year, and highest chart position. And for people who are interested in rankings of the best songs and artists, additional tables at the back of the book list the Top 100 songs of the era, the top singles by decade, the Top 100 artists of the era, the top artists by decade, the biggest top 40 artist achievements (e.g., most #1 hits), and a chronological list of all #1 songs by year. I started many years ago with Joel Whitburn's book of popular Top 40 hits and have purchased multiple editions of that book in subsequent years. I found those books so enjoyable as handy references and to help me get deeper into many artists catalogues of hits, that I eventually also purchased the Book of Top 40 RB Hits and this Book of Top 40 Country Hits as my musical interests expanded and deepened in these genres. I would think that books like this one would be "must-have's" for disc jockeys and music historians. For died-in-the-wool music fans like myself, books like this one are a pure delight that I keep handy whenever I am listening to music, adding songs to my iPod, creating personal playlists of songs, or simply wanting to expand or refresh my knowledge about particular artists and songs over the years. I highly recommend this book as being up to the same high standards as the other books in Joel Whitburn's series of Billboard Top 40 hits. It's a great reference book for any serious music fan to keep handy when listening to or thinking about all these delightful (and not-so-delightful) songs and artists that made it into the enviable weekly "top 40" lists on the music charts. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great reference book. By Margaret B. I own the top 40 of rock and roll, and the country version is just like it. Love these books to look up songs and artists that I want to check out on I-Tunes. Excellent! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book. By Fuffy Lloyd This is a first class research tool. This book is perfect for the music collector who wants to know what songs charted and when by any given artist. What is really great about this book is it covers songs from 1944 through 2005. It also has sections to rank the top singles and artists from Billboard publishing. This is not a fan club book. This is a factual report of actual recording success by artist.

From the classic days of Red Foley, Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash to the country super-stars of today like the Dixie Chicks and Toby Keith, "Billboard" magazine has been keeping tabs on the best-sellers in country music and today, country music is hotter than ever before. Now, all the information since the earliest Billboard charts - compiled in 1942 - has been gathered into one essential reference: "The Billboard Book of Top 40 Country Hits", newly updated and expanded to capture today's top recording artists and their biggest songs. Complete, authoritative chart information on the most popular songs and artists make this a great book for music fans, record collectors, industry professionals, and trivia lovers. Joel Whitburn is the leading authority on charted music and began collecting records in the 1950s, filing each one according to the position it reached on Billboard's charts. He went on to publish this information - and his business, "Record Research", was born. Today, he leads a team of chart researchers from his home base in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

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