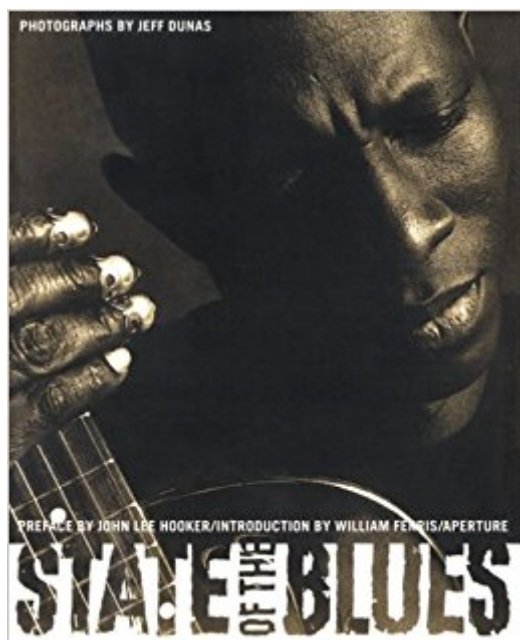


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# State Of The Blues: The Living Legacy Of The Delta



## Synopsis

State of the Blues is photographer Jeff Dunas's stirring tribute to the power of the blues, an American tradition that has its roots in the Mississippi Delta and branches that have spread around the world. One of the most vital early expressions of African-American culture, the blues makes poetry of sorrow and finds humor and bitter irony in the hardships of life. It tells of loves lost and regained, and of the fight for dignity in a world that judges people by the color of their skin. Alongside a series of intimate portraits of the greatest blues performers of our time--including B.B. King, Koko Taylor, Charlie Musselwhite, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown and many others--the book presents Dunas's timeless photographs of the landmarks and byways of the Blues Highway, a heritage trail through the American South that leads from New Orleans to Chicago, where the blues continues to thrive today. "The Blues is the roots of all music. It's the roots... Blues has been here since the world was born. Once there was women and men loving each other and breaking up, that's the blues." --John Lee Hooker, from the Preface

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Jeff Dunas has published his photographs in several major magazines, including GQ, Life, Vibe,

Entertainment Weekly, and Esquire. Based in Los Angeles, Dunas has been photographing blues legs since 1994.

I first saw a gallery showing of this exhibit in a museum that I went to specifically for this show. I was so moved by the images that this photographer was able to capture. I was so enthralled in seeing the images of so many of these amazing Blues artists, that I have listened to and enjoyed over the years, that I knew I wanted to purchase this book. I am totally thrilled that I am able to capture that moment over and over again with this beautiful book.

love it. makes me want to jam

if you want to see the legends faces you must buy this book.expensive? YES but it' s worth the \$50A lot of very goog portraits of legends witha few words for each person.Attention This book recomended only for blues lovers NOT for ordinary people.

Even if you never read the text, which is also interesting, this is one of the most riveting books on the blues you'll ever see. The faces of the artists tell stories in ways that words could never express. Look into their eyes, and you can almost hear the blues music coming out of them.

GREAT PHOTOS.

I purchased this book for a friend who is really into the blues. He absolutely loves it. It is sentimental to him for various reasons. It was the perfect gift. It makes for a great coffee table book.

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