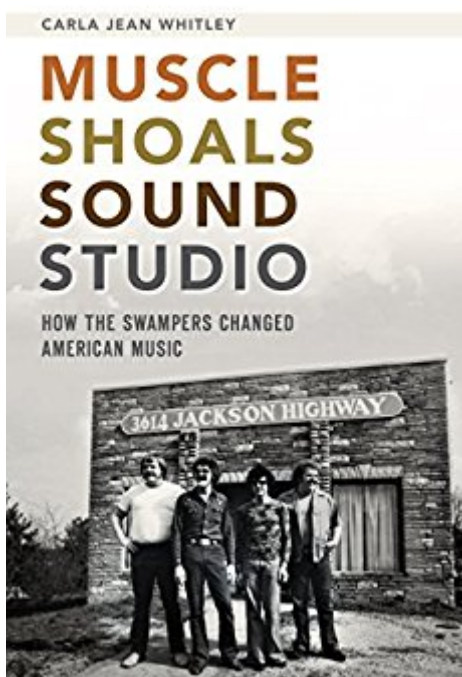


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# Muscle Shoals Sound Studio: How The Swampers Changed American Music



## Synopsis

An estimated four hundred gold records have been recorded in the Muscle Shoals area. Many of those are thanks to Muscle Shoals Sound Studio and the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, dubbed "the Swampers." Some of the greatest names in rock, R&B and blues laid tracks in the original, iconic concrete-block building--the likes of Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Rolling Stones and the Black Keys. The National Register of Historic Places now recognizes that building, where Lynyrd Skynyrd recorded the original version of "Free Bird" and the Rolling Stones wrote "Brown Sugar" and "Wild Horses." By combing through decades of articles and music reviews related to Muscle Shoals Sound, music writer Carla Jean Whitley reconstructs the fascinating history of how the Alabama studio created a sound that reverberates across generations.

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## Customer Reviews

If you love R&B/Soul music, then you have heard the Swampers, the studio musicians who played on so many of the '60's, 70's, etc. hits, Jimmy Johnson, Barry Beckett, David Hood, and Roger Hawkins. They gave Aretha her first hit and many more after it, and created hits for Wilson Pickett,

the Rolling Stones and so many others. I first noticed the Swampers' names along with Duane Allman's on Boz Scaggs' first album sometime in the '70's and saw them repeated again and again on so many other albums that I used them as a buying guide. And it always worked! Carla Jean Whitley has done superb job telling the Swampers' great story; the stories of so many of the hit tunes of my generation. The book is loaded with vignettes about the stars and how their most famous hit records were recorded. A fast read and loads of fun!

Beautifully written, for somebody that wrote their first book! Carla Jean Whitley absolutely shines all the way through. Fantastically written (loving job) and beautifully researched. Her heart was really in it. And she's local person, Alabamian anyway, unlike Bono! Why did they even put him in the movie? What does Bono know about Muscle Shoals? He never even recorded there and now he's an expert? FYI For some reason this book went very quickly out of print and it was going for as much as \$100 around Christmas time! That's if you can even find it! Now that is ridiculous. It also was available by Barnes & Nobles (going out of business this year) by print on demand for \$85 + shipping! Please issue a second printing! And I would love to have Hard Binding that was never issued.

loved this book.grew up in Sheffield .this the story of music.today the creative juices are aliveyoung talent is carrying forward the torch of Muscle Shoals Sound

I love this. Went to the Shoals to explore the studios and this is a must read.

My husband is a sound guy and really liked this book. Gave it to him as a gift.

Unfortunately this book reads like a college thesis on the subject. It doesn't appear the author interviewed many people and instead just cultivated quotes and anecdotes from other sources in a haphazard manner. There is little to no detail on the musicians and recording techniques. Instead we get a discography of albums and songs made there with repetitive unneeded details. There has to be better books on this subject out there.

A wonderful tribute to the character & talent of the South....who's given us a fabulous legacy of music and brotherhood!

Along with Charlie Hughes's Country Soul both books give a clear picture of how Northern Alabama ruled the music world

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