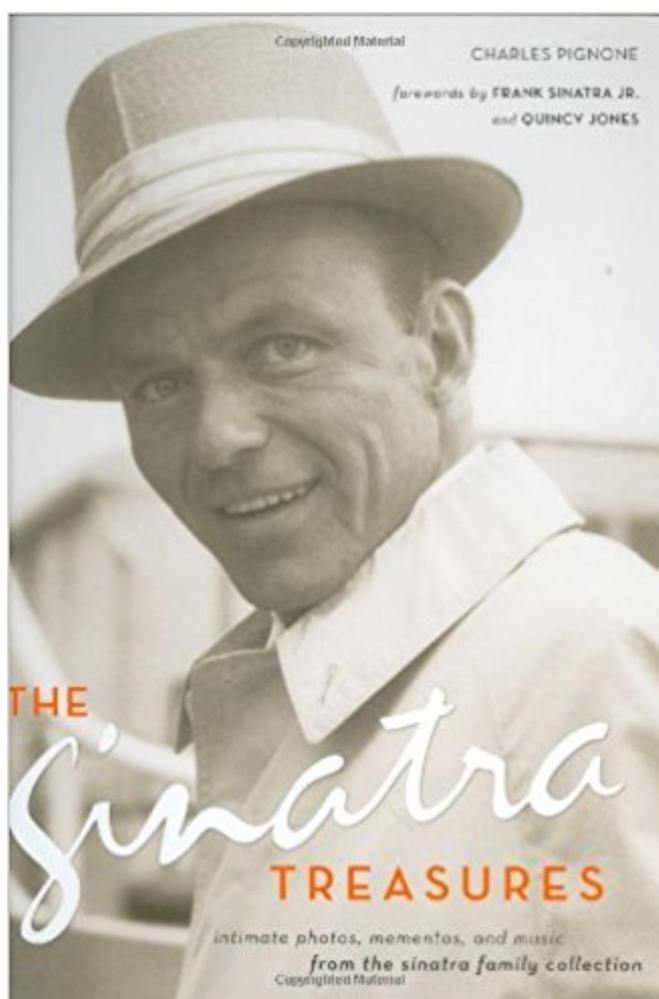


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The Sinatra Treasures: Intimate Photos, Mementos, And Music From The Sinatra Family Collection



Synopsis

The first-ever collection from the archives of the legendary Chairman of the Board, filled with never-before-seen photos, letters, mementos, and more. What is a legend? A legend is a man who, more than 65 years after stepping on stage for the first time, is still larger than life. A man who changed the way we wear our hats. A man possessed not of a voice, but The Voice. Frank Sinatra is a legend. Created in conjunction with the Frank Sinatra Estate, THE SINATRA TREASURES tells the story of Sinatras life with rare and never-before-published quotes from those he loved and those he worked with--and from the Chairman of the Board himself. More than 200 black-and-white and full-color images from several Sinatra archives, as well as 30 removable facsimile reproductions of items, such as a script from one of his radio shows and a Sinatra family photo album, provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into Sinatras world and talent. Also included is a new compilation CD of rare interviews, early radio appearances, and songs. This celebration of the many elements of Frank Sinatra--as singer, as actor, as humanitarian, as friend--brings to life as never before the man who made the standards standard.

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Customer Reviews

This marvelous paean to the chairman of the board comes from the person who is perhaps the ultimate source of Sinatra information—Pignone, archivist for the Sinatra family and the president of the Sinatra Society of America fan club, working in collaboration with the Sinatra family.

Those seeking scandal and intrigue should look elsewhere, for this volume has been lovingly put together, like a family album. The 204 black-and-white and color photos (some familiar, most not) tell the story of Sinatra as friends, relatives, and fellow musicians and singers— from his children to professionals such as Sammy Kahn and Billy May— offer their memories. But what stands out are the many realistic and beautifully reproduced memorabilia tucked into sleeves throughout: e.g., a 1944 radio program script between Sinatra (known then as "The Voice") and comedian Bert Wheeler; a 1942 New York Giants baseball scorecard advertising a Sinatra performance with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra; telegrams and letters; the piano score to "My Way" (a song, Pignone explains, Sinatra disliked for its "self-indulgent, self-reverential lyrics"). Pignone also allows readers to see what Sinatra himself had to say on any given subject, with ample quotes throughout. Rounding out this extraordinarily rich and entertaining volume is a CD containing early live recordings, some songs (e.g., from the Frank Sinatra show in 1945) and talk, including a 1981 WNEW interview with Arlene Francis. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Charles Pignone is the archivist for the Sinatra family. His duties include organizing and maintaining the enormous stores of photographs and memorabilia collected over the course of Sinatra's life as well as producing liner notes for several Sinatra albums. Pignone has been president of America's largest Sinatra fan club since 1984.

I was expecting a nice "coffee table" book about Sinatra but this is so much more. Included for each chapter is a big envelope. When you open each one there are reproductions of letters, pictures, posters and other souvenirs from his life which you can keep safe in the containers. The price for a keepsake like this is REALLY reasonable. A 'must buy' for any real Sinatra fan. .

If you love Frank Sinatra's music like I love it (it's timeless), you will want to see this book, written in cooperation with his children who provided all sorts of photos and other memorabilia which have been reproduced just as they appeared and stored in big pockets for each chapter. You can pull them out and examine them then keep them stored in the book. All of the stories behind the memorabilia is covered plus a lot of interesting information (including from family and celebrity friends). The photos are gorgeous and I had never seen many of them before. If you are a Frank fan, you need this book.

This is a remarkable book. The CD tracks with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, a live 1955 track with Tommy Dorsey, another with the Jack Kennedy campaign song, and never before heard live performances and Frank's narrative alone are worth the price of entry. The pockets full of perfectly reproduced memorabilia are another brilliant inspiration. The graphics are superbly reproduced. But what makes this book such a superb read is the fact that Charles Pignone cares about his subject and is also a sensitive, thoroughly accurate historian. The Sinatra Treasures is an education, not only on the career and friends of Frank Sinatra, but an important recounting of a remarkable era in American life. One can't read this book one time and put it aside. There is so much richness here, so much integrity, and insight. If you are going to buy one book on Sinatra, this is the ONE!

The product is beautifully presented travelled well and is the best overall presentation of the man and his music I have in my memorabilia collection. I particularly wanted to get an insight into Frank's early life in the music industry and the influences that effected his decisions and directions he would take in the business because I am 73 years of age and a singer entertainer still working the clubs around Melbourne, Aus doing mostly Sinatra's popular songs and using the information I have collected over the years to inform the audience of his amazing career in particular the early years of which the "Treasure Collection" has been most informative thank you, Lyndsay Coombe.

best Christmas present for my oldest ever and way more than I expected

This book arrived in a very timely manner and it was received in a new condition. It was packaged well, so it would not be mutilated by the shipping company. The shipping container was a bit banged up because of bad handling by the USPS, but because of the care and consideration used in the packing of the book, it arrived in pristine condition. I was very pleased with this order and would order products from this seller again.

Love this book! Got it for my father-in-law for his birthday. He's a huge Sinatra fan. And he's also tough to buy a gift for. This was perfect!!! So many interesting things and tidbits in the book. My FIL picked up this book often, which was unusual for him. When my FIL passed, many family members wanted it. I would recommend that any and all Sinatra fans get this book.

As someone who knew Frank and know the perfectionist he was, I am sure he would be proud of this pictorial and informational account of his life and accomplishments

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