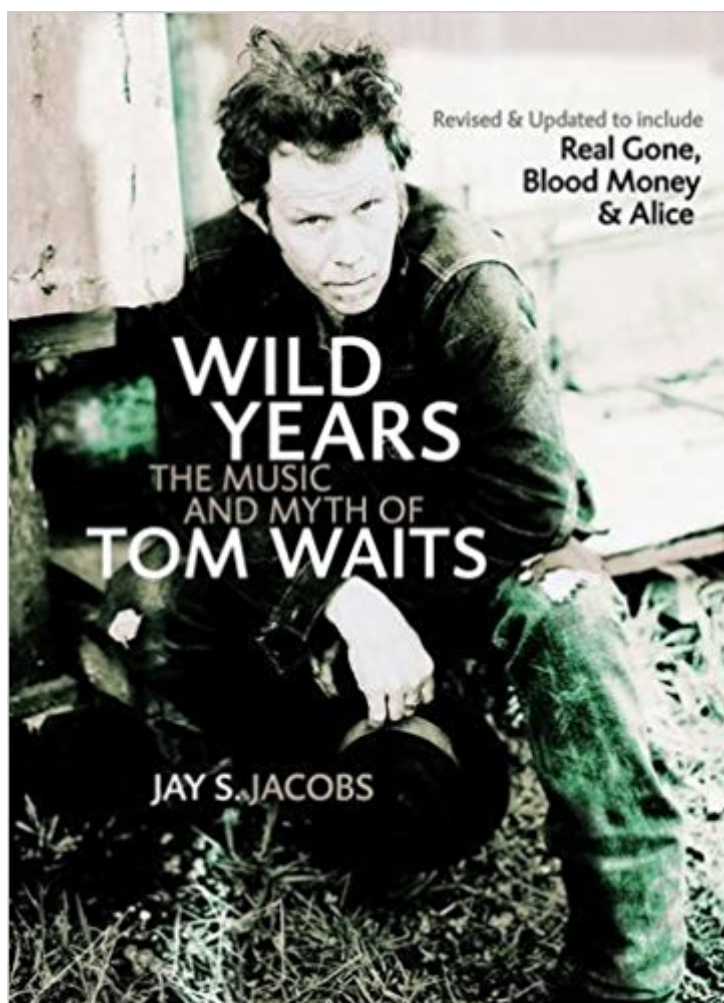


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# Wild Years: The Music And Myth Of Tom Waits



## Synopsis

Newly updated to include his critically acclaimed post-millennial work, this look at Tom Waits--both the reality and the myriad myths--reveals how a self-taught, drunken hipster in roach-killers and a dirty beret has influenced a generation of musicians with his sound, warmth, and willingness to take chances.

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Updated to include Tom Waits's most recent endeavors--albums *Real Gone*, *Blood Money* and *Alice*, and movies *Coffee and Cigarettes* and *Domino*--Jacobs's biography of the man with the gravelly voice draws on a 30-year career, a lot of interviews and Waits's microphone banter to show "the irony of Tom Waits's career is that after he found happiness, love, and sobriety, his music became more and more experimental." Waits appears here with all the trappings of an iconic figure, including the self-mythologizing: Jacobs quotes Waits heavily, but warns that the musician's words are often of questionable accuracy. With over 30 images capturing Waits in his many different roles, a discography (including covers) and a list of Waits's guest appearances, Jacobs's biography will find a welcome audience in fans of Waits's music. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"Jacobs' study isn't simply informative; it's a solid and entertaining read on its own." —Eric Waggoner, *Phoenix New Times*

This is a good Tom Waits history, but it seems like the author has never been in the same room with Waits. Rather, all his stories and vignettes seem to be drawn from second hand accounts or published Waits interviews. It's worth a look.

got this for Christmas. a great book for any fan of waits

Excellent read !!!!!

The writer got it little caught up in dissecting Waits songs , It was OK .

This was a really interesting book full of rich stories. The stories may not be 100% true, but it captures the signature flavor of Tom Waits. It's also a great gift for the Tom Waits fan in your life who already has all the music and a shirt or two.

I am a hardcore Waits fan, and I'm very impressed with mr. Jacob's seriousness and respect for his subject. Considering Wait's known tendency to keep his life private, mr. Jacob's concentrates on the professional side of Waits career. It is a very earnest book, informative and well written. I liked it a lot.

Great reading.....

Good read..

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