

Warner Bros' Combo Classics: A Timeless Symphony from the Big Band Era

In the annals of music, few eras have left an indelible mark on the human experience like the Big Band Era. It was a time of unparalleled creativity and innovation, when larger-than-life orchestras filled dance halls and ballrooms with their vibrant and infectious rhythms. Among the giants of the era, Warner Bros.' Combo Classics stand as shining beacons, a testament to the enduring power of big band music.

The Birth of a Legacy

The story of Warner Bros.' Combo Classics begins in the early 1940s, when the studio's music department recognized the growing popularity of big band music. Led by the legendary producer Milt Gabler, Warner Bros. assembled an impressive roster of talented musicians and composers, including Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and Harry James.



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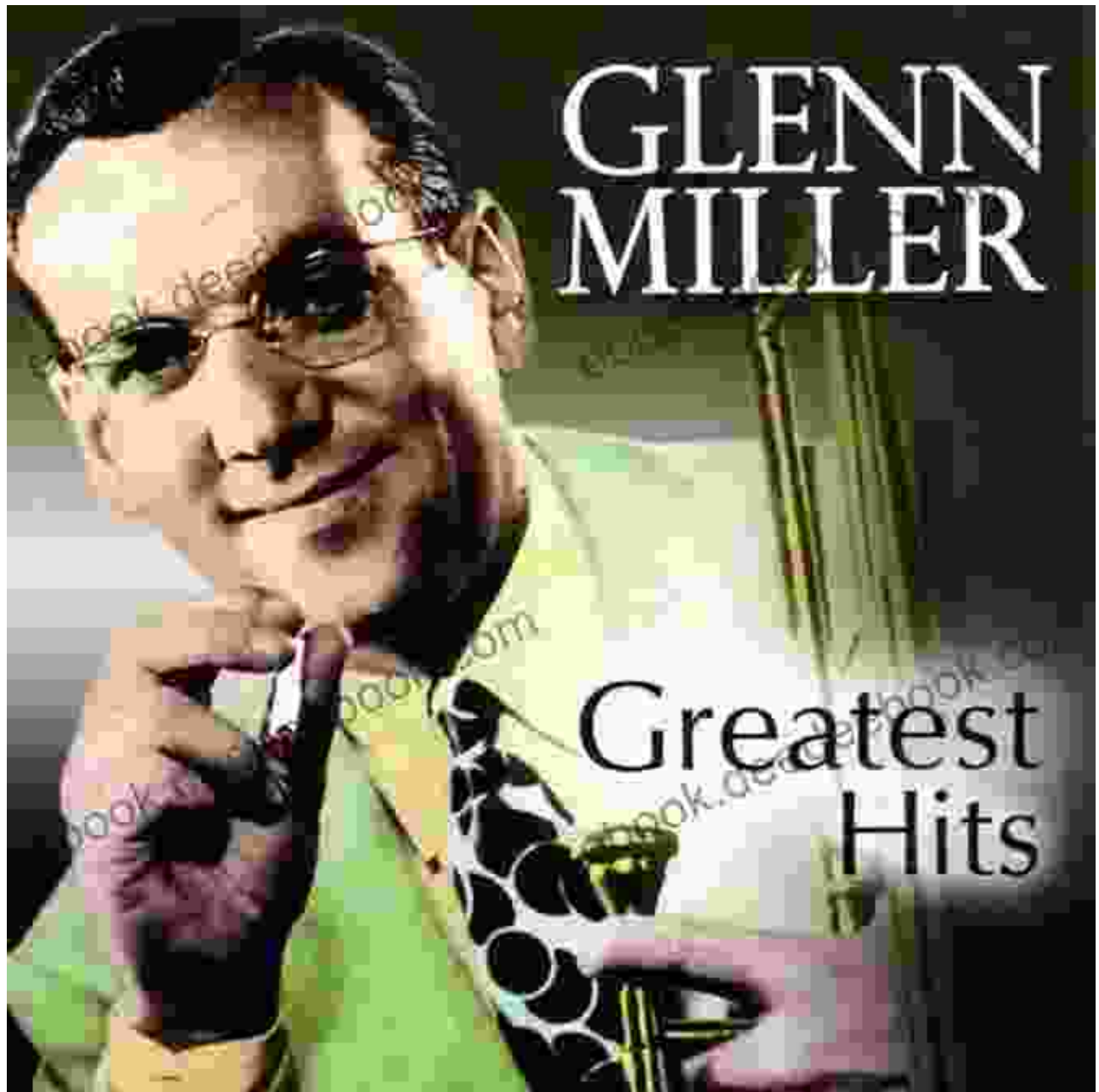


These musicians were given unprecedented creative freedom, and the results were nothing short of spectacular. The Combo Classics albums

captured the essence of the Big Band Era, with their infectious swing rhythms, soaring melodies, and virtuoso solos.

Swinging with Glenn Miller

Glenn Miller was undoubtedly one of the most iconic figures of the Big Band Era. His music was characterized by its smooth, flowing rhythms and catchy melodies. Miller's most famous album, *Glenn Miller's Greatest Hits*, is a true masterpiece, featuring classics such as "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," and "Pennsylvania 6-5000."



Glenn Miller's Greatest Hits

Glenn Miller Orchestra

Released: 1945

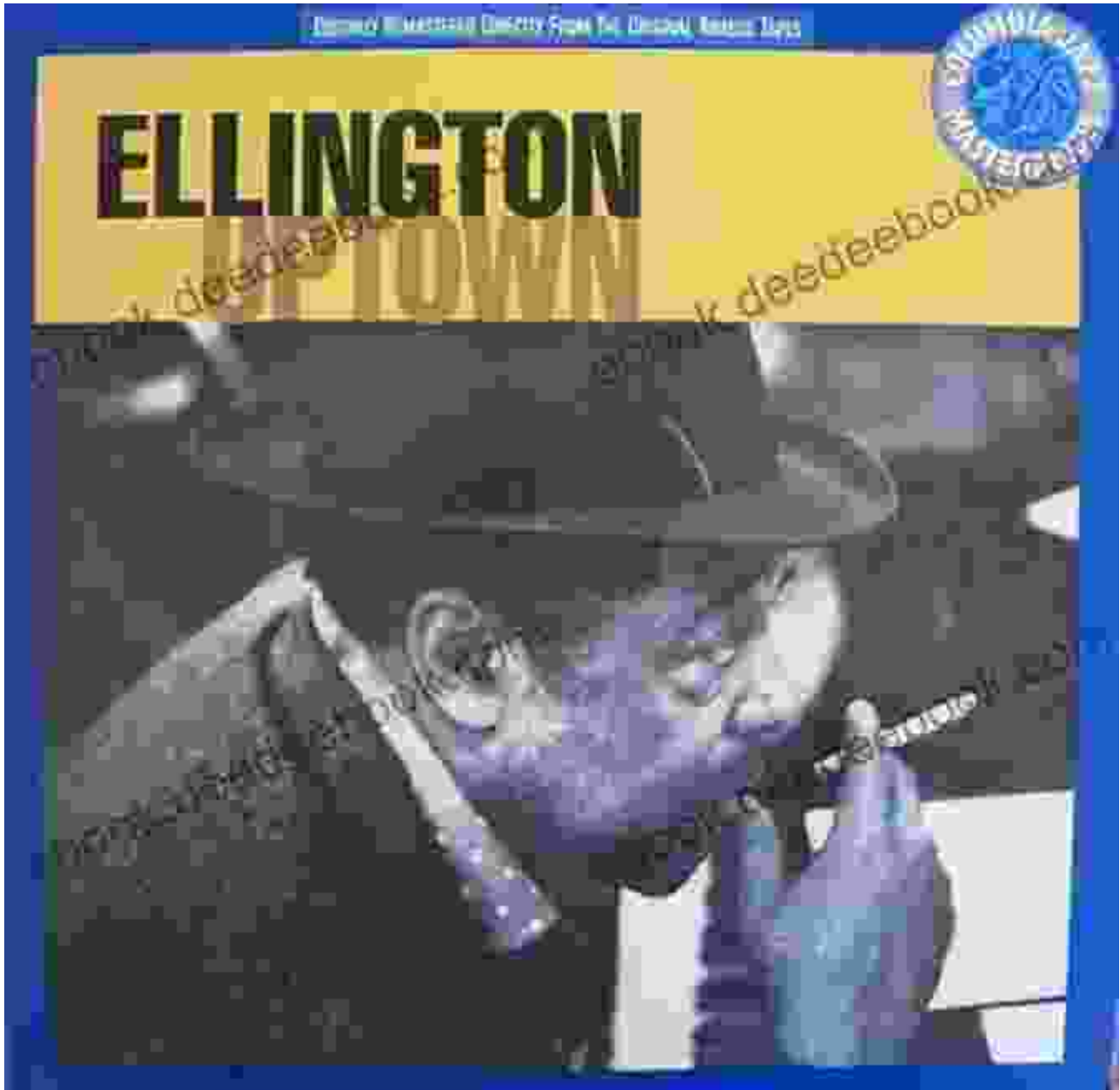
- 1.
- In the Mood

- 2.
- Moonlight Serenade
- 3.
- Pennsylvania 6-5000
- 4.
- Tuxedo Junction
- 5.
- Chattanooga Choo Choo
- 6.
- A String of Pearls
- 7.
- Elmer's Tune
- 8.
- Little Brown Jug
- 9.
- Sunrise Serenade
- 10.
- American Patrol

Sophisticated Swing with Duke Ellington

Duke Ellington was another towering figure of the Big Band Era. His music was known for its sophistication and elegance, with a heavy emphasis on

improvisation and syncopation. Ellington's most famous Combo Classic, *Ellington Uptown*, features some of his most iconic compositions, including "Take the 'A' Train," "Caravan," and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."



Ellington Uptown

Duke Ellington Orchestra

Released: 1952

- 1.
- Take the 'A' Train
- 2.
- Caravan
- 3.
- Just Squeeze Me (But Please Don't Tease Me)
- 4.
- Don't Get Around Much Anymore
- 5.
- Things Ain't What They Used to Be
- 6.
- Black and Tan Fantasy
- 7.
- It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)
- 8.
- Mood Indigo
- 9.
- Sophisticated Lady
- 10.
- Cotton Tail

Trumpeting with Harry James

Harry James was known for his electrifying trumpet playing and his powerful big band arrangements. His Combo Classic, *Harry James Plays His Hits*, showcases his signature sound, with swinging tunes such as "Ciribiribin," "Two O'Clock Jump," and "Trumpet Blues."



Harry James Plays His Hits



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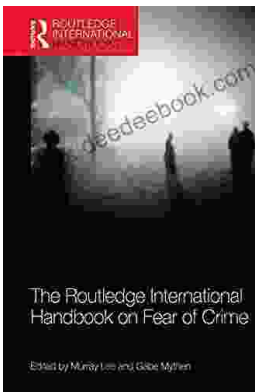
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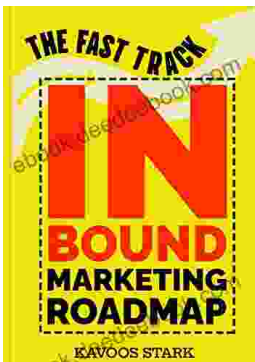
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