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British author Knight (Trekking in the Moroccan Atlas) has compiled a travel guide that focuses on the journey of blues and jazz music and musicians from New Orleans to Chicago via Highway 61. Besides providing a brief history of the music, landmarks, live music locations, record stores, and radio stations, the author also includes basic travel information for the cities and towns along the way, as well as short interviews with musicians. The five-page appendix contains brief biographies of the musicians mentioned in the text. The basic travel component is excellent, listing details on restaurants, lodging, transportation, and other services. The maps of the streets, cities, and regions are outstanding. Other similar titles include Christiane Bird's *The Jazz and Blues Lover's Guide to the U.S.* (LJ 3/15/91) and Steve Cheseborough's *Blues Traveling* (LJ 2/15/01), which covers the Mississippi Delta. At once a travel guide and a supplement to histories of the blues, this title is recommended for all libraries on the Highway 61 corridor and to larger public and academic libraries in the rest of the country. John McCormick, New Hampshire State Lib., Concord

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#### Review

'This book is vital' Sam Phillips, founder of Sun Records

#### From the Back Cover

The Blues Highway is a classic road trip through the cradle of musical innovation in America. This definitive travel and music guide follows Highway 61 and the Mississippi River to explore the roots of jazz, blues, Cajun, zydeco, country, gospel, soul and rock & roll music. Written by award-winning author, Richard Knight, the book features: comprehensive city guides with 50 maps from New Orleans to Chicago; what to see, where to stay and where to eat for a range of budgets; the best music clubs and bars; music landmarks; people, culture, and cuisine of the Blues Highway; who's who of Blues Highway music; music festivals and events; exclusive interviews with music legends.

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