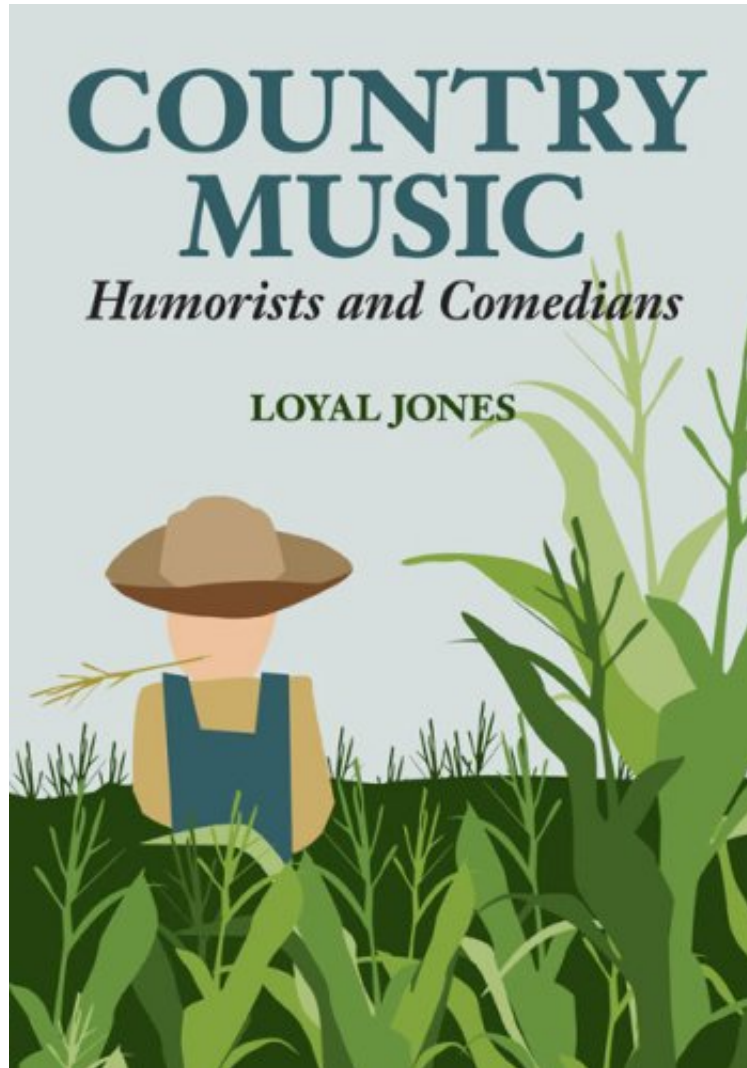


## Country Music Humorists and Comedians (Music in American Life)

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**Loyal Jones : Country Music Humorists and Comedians (Music in American Life)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Country Music Humorists and Comedians (Music in American Life):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A valuable resource and MUST HAVE for those who love Country Comedy!By herb williamsThis is one of my favorite books because I have an intense interest in the individuals who pioneered and crafted an art form. There are hundreds of biographical sketches of men and women who polished and created what we know as "Country Comedy".Much of this features those who were pioneers in popular early day "Barn Dance" programs which were broadcast on live radio. Many who were top entertainers on the Grand Ole Opry,

The Renfro Valley Barn Dance, and The National Barn Dance. Many of them transitioned to movies and later television. This is the first such effort to collect and publish information on this subject and is an invaluable resource. The author stated that he was not able to include all that he had gathered. This volume is 430 pages and includes many hard to find photos. This is one of my favorite reference and resource books on a subject that needs more recognition and research. I highly recommend this pertinent volume of entertainment history in America. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loyal does it again. By Arkansas Red I've been a fan of Loyal Jones's writing for a number of years, and this book is a fine collection of stories about those country comedians who gave us so much pleasure. Growing up I always laughed at their jokes, stories, and outlandish costumes. I was lucky enough to have worked with some of them. So glad to see someone put their bios down on paper. And who better than Loyal Jones? For any fan of the old country comedians, this book is a must. Recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Laugh Learn about Comedians By Johnny Counterfit I'm proud to be included in this repository of comedians and humorists; the book is informative and concise!

This volume is an encyclopedia of country music performers who have used comedy as a central component of their presentation. Loyal Jones offers a conversational and informative biographical sketch of each performer, often including a sample of the musician's humor, a recording history, and amusing anecdotal tidbits. In an entertaining style, Jones covers performers throughout the twentieth century, from such early stars of vaudeville and radio barn dances as the Skillet Lickers and the Weaver Brothers and Elviry, to regulars on Hee Haw and the Grand Old Opry, continuing to current comedians such as the Austin Lounge Lizards, Ray Stevens, and Jeff Foxworthy.

If Cratis Williams is the father of Appalachian Studies and Helen Lewis its mother, than I reckon Loyal Jones would have to be considered the midwife of it all. . . . This book reflects not only his disarming sense of humor, but also his meticulous attention to voluminous details, his considerable scholarship, and his substantial wisdom.--Appalachian Heritage