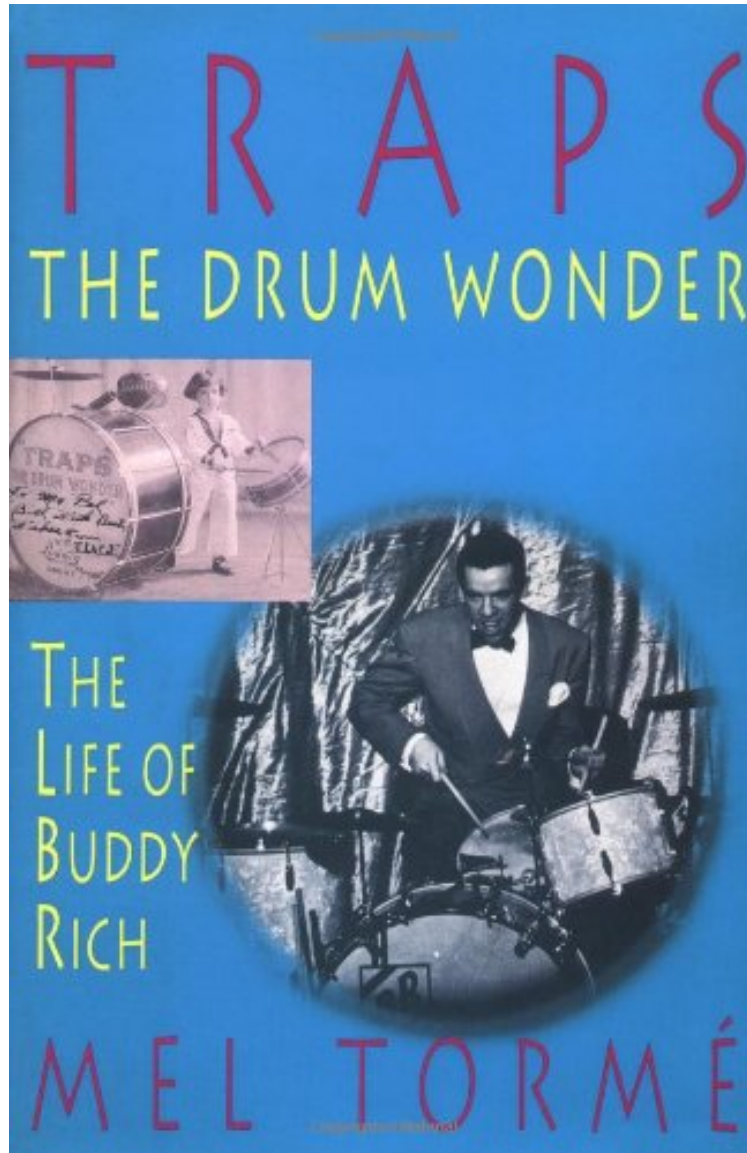


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Gene Krupa and so did I. No one dare say to me that there was any drummer better than Gene. However, I left myself open to change that opinion once I began to observe and listen to Buddy play. Gene was great, an innovator and driving force behind the drums, but honestly couldn't hold a candle to Buddy, nobody could! I actually got a chance to meet Buddy Rich after his performance at a New York Westbury Music Fair concert circa 1980, courtesy of my date, his daughter Cathy's best friend at the time, Michelle. Her dad was a band leader in Vegas, and after Buddy's performance she took me backstage to meet him. He gave her a big hug and she introduced me to him, and I said hello and shook his hand. My biggest regret? I wish at that time I had the knowledge and appreciation of Buddy that I later came to have of this man's remarkable, if not God like ability as the master of his craft. Would that have helped me to tell him that night how much I loved this greatest drummer of all time, bar none? Perhaps not. Because knowing what I have seen and heard with my own eyes and ears when this man played the drums, well, quite frankly, I would have been speechless at the site of him to utter a single word of praise. What can you say to a man who's heard it all and you don't want to make the man uncomfortable gawking at him, as you goo goo and ga ga about how great he is? Now that he's gone and we are left with just a book, and a great one at that, I'll say this to you Buddy Rich: God bless you and your wonderful daughter, who keeps your blessed memory alive by speaking about you and promoting your band. You were loved, and your talent will never be replicated again, and like Frank, we still have the recordings and the videos to remind us all how truly great you were. Read the book, you can't put it down. Great work Mel. I hope you, Buddy, Frank and the rest of the swing band giants are having a blast entertaining the man upstairs. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you play the drums now or ever you must read this book By Edward F. Ayres A true musical giant. This is a fascinating biography filled with invaluable insights from a fellow musician who knew Buddy Rich well. Mel Torme was obviously a big fan of the drumming genius, and takes you from his beginnings as a novelty and prodigy, in a vaudeville act with his parents, where he was known as Traps-The Drum Wonder, to his rise to International renown, and finally to his end. He never took a lesson and never practiced. Buddy Rich probably felt alone in his genius, contributing to a personality that was moody, mercurial, restless, sought perfection in himself and his band members, who often received tongue lashings for failing to meet his expectations. Rich was a survivor, intent on not allowing big band music to not only survive but evolve and push forward. Genius does not often breed nice guys. The book is filled with wonderful anecdotes about the era in which Rich left an indelible impression. His work continues to inspire the young drummers of today. A very entertaining and informative, and easy read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The man behind the hype. By Debra Guerra In depth, well written biography of a drumming powerhouse. Gives an excellent education of went into creating a massively talented drummer. This book was referred to me after I had made a comment I saw Buddy Rich on Carson when a kid thought him an arrogant, egotistical man I did not like. It was suggested I read this book. Admitting my opinion was formed by a 10 yr old girl I was willing to give it a shot. It did change my mind. He is a complex man who was the major breadwinner for his family from an early age. It explained how Buddy Rich's persona was shaped by too much responsibility, too much power, at too young an age, laying the groundwork for creating a seemingly arrogant, egotistical musician grounded in a childhood never lived. I highly recommend especially if you love learning the details of a great musical talent's life a historical snapshot of his place in time.

(Book). Now back in print, this bestseller by Mel Torme is a brilliant biography of his friend of forty years, Buddy Rich, who was one of the most famous drummers of the Swing Era, having starred in the Artie Shaw and Tommy Dorsey bands. His career started when he was two years old in his parents' Vaudeville act, and by the time he was four he was the highest paid child performer in the world. The Buddy Rich story is a fascinating one, as much for what it says about the world of American music and entertainment as for the remarkable life it portrays. Drawing from interviews and many personal reminiscences, Torme packs this biography with vivid, often funny, anecdotes. His personal touch and his in-depth knowledge of jazz make for a moving, insightful, and often hilarious biography. 233 pages, 6-1/2 x 9-1/2 Softcover