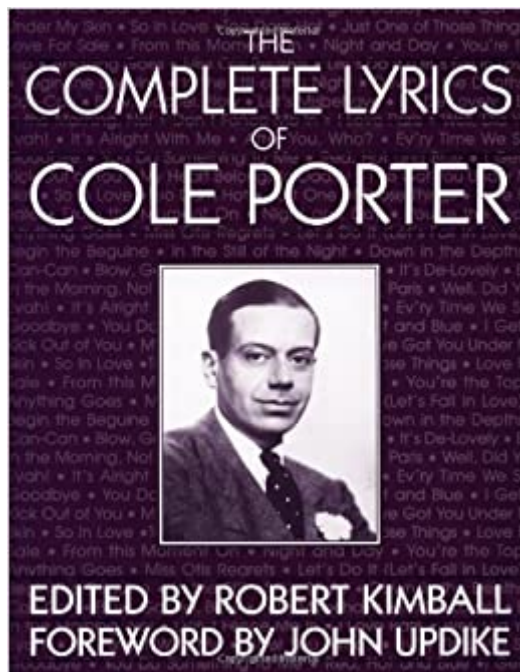


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# The Complete Lyrics Of Cole Porter



## Synopsis

This work contains the complete body of lyrics by Cole Porter, comprising 800 songs, more than half of which were previously unpublished. These lyrics demonstrate Porter's artistic development and, through their wit and jaunty sang-froid, tell something of the times in which he flourished.

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## Customer Reviews

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COLE PORTER had a way with words like a few others. In fact, only LORENZ HART and JOHNNY MERCER could really compete with him. Like them, his lyrics are fun to read and are often cynical to say the least. It is true that COLE if you except TRUE LOVE, written for his wife LINDA didn't write many straight love songs, but isn't that the reason we still love him today? Only COLE PORTER could write a naughty show like NYMPH ERRANT and a song like LOVE FOR SALE that could not be played on radio back then. His last show was a television musical called ALLADIN. For the remaining years of his life, he became a recluse after losing his wife and his legs, the aftermath of a terrible riding accident in 1937. A man who wrote lyrics and music to more than 800 songs deserved to be remembered well.

Cole Porter fans who attend anything he's written; plays, songs, movies. We go to the Peru Porter

festival every year so getting this book was essential. WOW a library copy in fantastic shape, large size book and print is clear. The personal tidbits are a big plus too.

The best by the best.

Here it is, every lyric ever written by this genius songwriter. Many are unfamiliar, were never recorded and may never be, but what fun discovering them. Porter was not immune to the racial and ethnic stereotypes of the times, and so some songs contain lyrics that I found somewhat offensive, and that were changed for the familiar recorded versions of later years. But all in all, a real treasure.

Cole Porter was a phenomenon! He was clever, amusing, & prolific, and a far better composer than many "giants" of the 20th century. This anthology of lyrics includes the different incarnations of songs that were changed over time to fit into shows/performances. We love the book, which is thoughtfully organized & a thorough-going delight!

I was looking for the lyrics from the movie "At Long Last Love" and was delighted to find not only those, (and with additional lyrics), but others I had forgotten that Cole Porter wrote. A wonderful book and a must have for those who like to sing a little song when walking or doing housework!

except that it was very musty smelling and had to be aired for a while before it could be read. Otherwise it was not represented and was in above average condition for a used book.

Great value on . Bought it for my wife. She loves it. That's the best recommendation a husband can give.

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