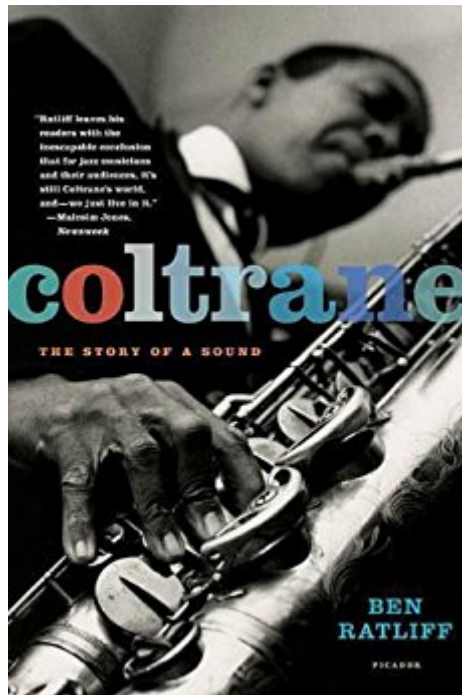




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I liked that the emphasis wasn't purely biographical but centered more on the evolution of his sound.

as a jazz guy i've read all the great coltrane books but this one by a jazz critic/journalist has more of a spiritual insight thinkin about trane and has a bit more bite because of a bit of criticism reported

about trane from people of the past, not just unadulterated praise for the master.. just a feeling i get from the read: like we know trane the man and not just the legend.. the imperfections were refreshing.. we don't need or demand that trane be perfect.. he's just perfect as he is.. thanks ben, great read man :-)

Ben Ratliff's book is about Coltrane's work not a biography but an analysis of the music and the concepts behind it. A great read and very informative .Well worth the read.

Fast shipping, great book

Had everything I needed

Best Coltrane book I've read!!!!

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