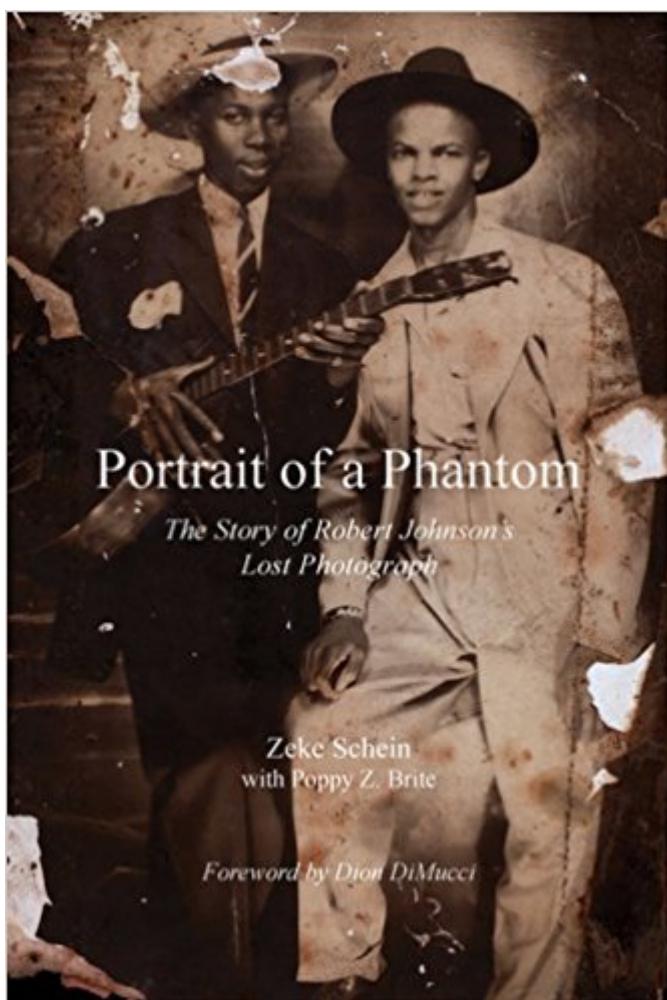


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What a ride! You do not have to be blues lover to fall in love with this story. Zeke takes you on a journey with him. You ride the subways of New York with him. You learn of the hidden treasures of the people and shops of Greenwich Village. You meet his family and you learn that Zeke is a true lover of the blues and becomes a true detective while trying to solve the mystery of Robert Johnson the man and the incredible find of the missing photo. You meet the celebrities whose names you know and get a whole different insight on them based on Zeke's encounters with them in the music store in which he works. You go through the emotional roller coaster with him as he tries to validate the photo. He is the under dog fighting on his own against so called historians who immediately trash him and his photo. This is a story that immediately pulls you in. You get to know him and his family you want him to win! Clearly this is and never was about money for Zeke. It is about the love of the music, the mystery of the man Johnson and the joy of finding a hidden treasure to share with the world. Those who debunk his picture and attack him personally I have to assume are jealous of his find. I personally wonder if that other "bidder" on Ebay who didn't get the photo are one of those so called authorities on the blues who have been eating sour grapes everyday since Zeke found the photo. Read it, you will love it and you will become a fan. If not of the blues, but certainly of the man Zeke.

There are so many wonderful elements that make this book such a great read. It's so much more than just a bout about a picture of an infamous and mysterious blues guy. This book has soul, and

while the legend of Robert Johnson selling his soul to the devil may or may not be true, we learn here that Zeke Schein remains true to his soul and definitely does not sell out. You have myth/legend, you have music, you have conflict, you have passion...I simply could not put this book down, I enjoyed every moment of it and I think you will too.

This is an important book not just about a photo of the great Robert Johnson moreover is a book about the the journey of a New York musician, guitarist, lover of the art and the instrument. I know the author for many years and I believe him to be a sincere, honest individual who has a heart felt passion for blues music and is an important part of the NYC music landscape. There is true passion in this piece of work and I can't say enough good things about Zeke as a person and a player.

Do yourself a favor and get on the Cosmic Bus. Author Zeke Schein is more than a reliable observer, he is a sensitive & generous tour guide into worlds old and new that will sweep you up and draw you into a story about 2 distinct & timeless legends standing at a crossroads. Robert Johnson and the author himself. "Portrait of a Phantom" reads like an epic poem. A true NYC Odyssey where the hero reflects true passion and authenticity in a world that sometimes refuses to stop, think and take a good, hard-look in the mirror. I highly recommend this book to all.

A first class book by a guy who really knows his stuff. What an incredible joy from beginning to end. Those who seem to need to be negative have clearly not read the book. What a shame anyone would waste time slandering a fine effort like this

Great book! Very interesting and informative.

The haunting and beautiful photograph of Robert Johnson and Johnny Shines is the catalyst for this thoughtful, well written book weaving past and present together by Schein's passion for Johnson's timeless music and love of the Blues. There is much to be learned from Zeke's journey after discovering the third known image of Robert Johnson. Quite a page-turner.

A unique, fascinating book built around the life and legend of Robert Johnson and the recently discovered photo with Johnny Shines by the author. Entertaining reminiscences from a great blues man in his own right. A perspective few if any others can call their own. A must for music fans and musicians.

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