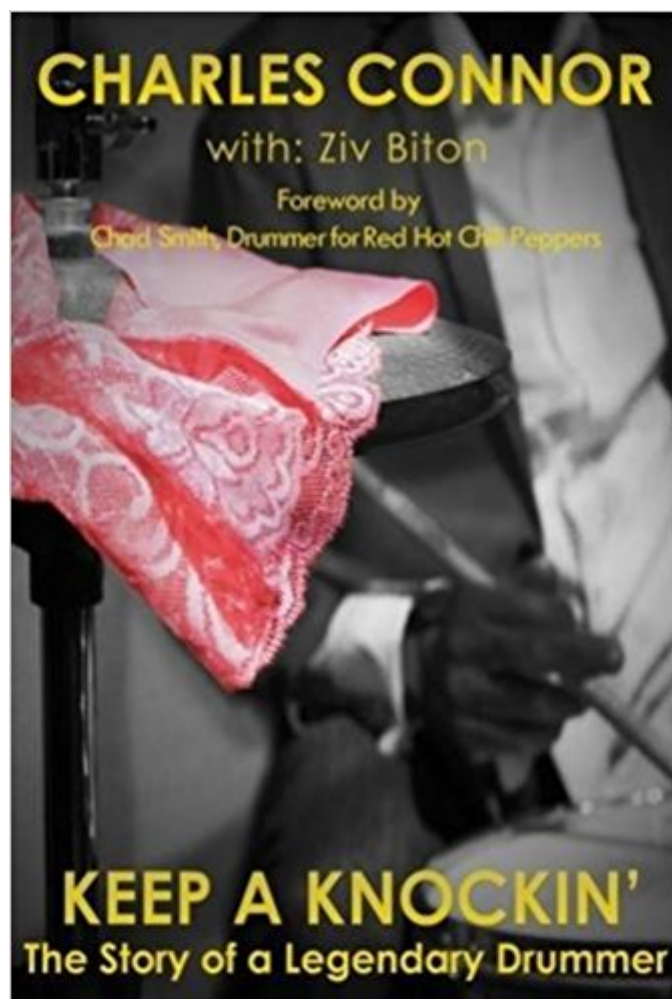


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# Keep A Knockin'



## Synopsis

This book is loaded with untold stories about drummer Charles Connor and his road into rock 'n roll history. Playing with legends like Roy "Professor Longhair" Byrd, Smiley Lewis, Guitar Slim, Jack Dupree then Shirley and Lee was just his launch pad before touring everywhere with Little Richard and his band The Upsetters; with whom he created his signature drum intro in "Keep A Knockin." He would go on even further to work with other music icons such as Lloyd Price, James Brown, Sam Cooke, Jackie Wilson, the Original Coasters, "Big" Joe Turner, "Champion" Jack Dupree, Larry Williams, Don Covay, "Papa" George Lightfoot, Larry Birdsong, and more.

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I really enjoyed this book. As a music fan, specifically rock and roll, it was very interesting to read about its history through Charles' specific vantage point, and what better place to see history unfold than from behind a drum kit. Charles recounts his early days growing up in New Orleans to playing with prominent, yet forgotten, influencers like Shirley and Lee, Professor Longhair, Jack and Smiley Lewis, to his backing Little Richard as one of The Upsetters (where he arguably created the strong, driving backbeat we still hear today in rock music), and ultimately to sustaining his drumming career post spotlight. Keep A Knockin' is written in Charles' conversational voice and mannerisms, right down to his New Orleans-style drawl, which makes you feel like he's sitting right in front of you telling you his life story with a huge grin on his face. I highly recommend this book for anyone who likes an up lifting, anything-is-possible-for-anyone theme, or if you are interested in a

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