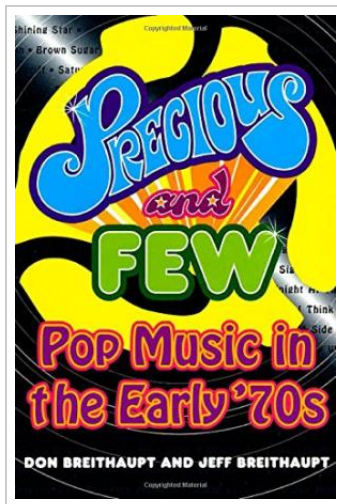




Precious and Few: Pop Music of the Early Seventies

By Breithaupt, Don, and Breithaupt, Jeff

St. Martin's Griffin, 1996. Soft cover. Condition: New. 1st Edition. From Library Journal: Singer/song writer Don and his brother Jeff try to reclaim the music of their youth. Beginning in 1971 after the breakup of the Beatles and ending in 1975 with the advent of disco, they devote 31 brief chapters to AM-radio hits of the early Seventies. The authors deal with such trends as the Philadelphia sound of Gamble and Huff, the folk-pop of James Taylor and Cat Stevens, late Motown hitmakers such as Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross, and the progressive rock of Yes and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer. They also address more obscure Canadian popsters, novelty records, and religious pop. Though paying homage to most of the rock/pop icons of the era, the brothers Breithaupt present a jumbled confusion of categories: They label such diverse artists as Elton John and the Carpenters as "self-pity pop," Harry Chapin and Tony Orlando as "story songsters," Linda Ronstadt and Helen Reddy as "feminist pop," and Herbie Hancock and Gino Vannelli as "jazz/pop." Their work quickly becomes a disorganized, seemingly endless compendium of early-Seventies hits that seldom explains the authors' obvious excitement about the music to the reader....



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