



The Music

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Sleeve Notes is a book published by CentreCentre, featuring fan-made inner record sleeves dating between 1950 and 2000 and collected by Crazy Beat Records, a local second-hand music store in Essex. The sleeves are photographed by artist and documentarian Dominique Russell, with a foreword by her father Kevan Russell, the collection's originator.

Many of these sleeves came about when the originals were lost, stolen or damaged. A blank cover then became the perfect place to draw a pop idol, sketch out the outfit to wear at the next youth club, or make a collage from Jackie magazine. These im-

provised designs are full of biro doodles, scribbles, and pencil marks, everyday gestures of fandom that turned record covers into sketchbooks. Hidden away inside an LP, they functioned like secret drawings or private diaries, visible only to the record's owner and close friends,

As Kevan Russell writes, record collections are "a fascinating insight into the rich journey people have taken, through music and life more generally." These handmade sleeves preserve a pre-internet era of devotion, when music ownership was lived physically and when a quick drawing on a record sleeve could carry as much meaning as the vinyl inside.≡

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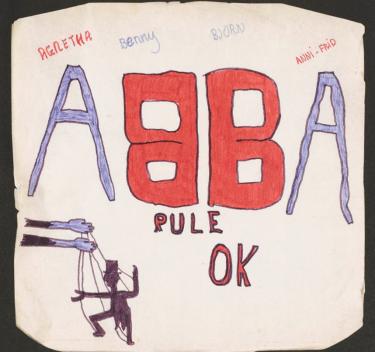
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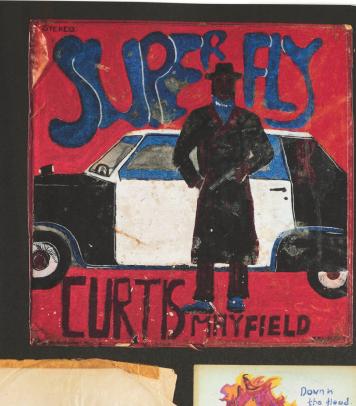












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