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For many years, Francis Wilford-Smith led a parallel existence as an internationally respected cartoonist/illustrator ('Smilby'), and also as one of the world's foremost collectors of blues records and an acknowledged expert on blues piano. While both sides of his life are celebrated in this memoir, it focuses mainly on the latter. First bitten by the bug in 1939, when his brother returned home from the USA with a clutch of boogie-woogie records, Francis pursued a lifelong interest in the blues and over time amassed an enviable collection of rare 78s. These would later form the backbone of his highly regarded BBC radio broadcasts between 1970 and 1995, in which he examined various aspects of blues and gospel music. Fully annotated scripts of all these programmes are included in this volume, along with dozens of label shots of the records played. Motivated by a desire to preserve as much as possible of the music that he loved, Francis also privately recorded several visiting blues pianists at his home, Trumpets Farm, in 1960 and 1961. Unfettered by commercial or time constraints, his guests had free reign to play whatever they wished and produced some truly unique and outstanding performances. The intriguing story behind these ground-breaking recordings is likewise to be found within these pages. To accompany the book, vintage jazz and blues reissue label Frog Records will release (also on 30 September) a special 27 track companion CD, 'Trumpets Farm Blues' containing previously unissued material from these legendary sessions. (This will be available separately).

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