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About the Author JOEL WHITBURN, widely recognized as the foremost authority on charted music, has published more than 100 books based on Billboard charts both for the trade market and for his own mail-order company, Record Research, based in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Record Research began as a hobby and is now a licensee of Billboard magazine. Joel's other Billboard Books titles include The Billboard Book of Top 40 Country Hits and The Billboard Book of Top 40 RB and Hip-Hop Hits.