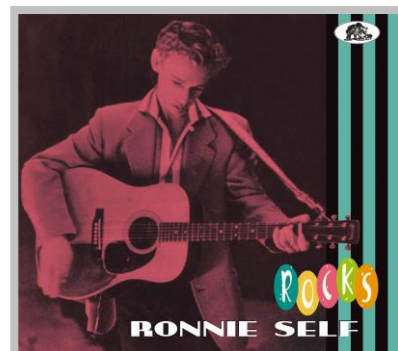


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (CD) August 2, 2024

Artist **Ronnie Self**  
Title **Rocks**  
Label Bear Family Records  
Catalog no. BCD17656 Price code: AR  
EAN-Code 4000127176561  
Format 1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Rockabilly  
No. of tracks 33 approx. 79:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- His incredibly energetic Rock-A-Billy made Ronnie Self (1938 - 1981) from Missouri one of the very top artists of the genre!
- 'Rocks' on Bear Family Records® delivers not only his first big hit *Pretty Bad Blues* (1956) but 32 more fantastic rockers.
- Alongside smash hits like the immortal *Bop-A-Lena*, the album includes *Big Blon' Baby*, *You're So Right For Me*, *Ain't I'm A Dog* and *Rocky Road Blues* as well as some demos and recordings from the 1960s.
- In keeping with the Bear Family standard, we have invested time and care to generate the best possible sound from the best possible sources.
- Extensive liner notes by Bill Dahl, together with many photos and illustrations in the 36 page booklet, round off this project.
- 'Rocks' is a wild trip for die-hard rockabilly fans and a highlight in our successful CD series.

They didn't call Ronnie Self 'Mr. Frantic' for nothing, as viewers of 'Ozark Jubilee' and folks that flocked to attend 'The Philip Morris Caravan' could readily attest. Self's raucous, livewire vocals were tailor-made for the emerging rockabilly movement, and his sides for ABC-Paramount, Columbia, Decca, and other major labels, which commenced in 1956 with a sizzling *Pretty Bad Blues*, have long mesmerized devotees of the genre. Bear Family's 33-song 'Ronnie Self Rocks' cuts a wide swath through Ronnie's career, from his seminal '50s rockers including *Big Blon' Baby*, *You're So Right For Me*, *Ain't I'm A Dog*, *Rocky Road Blues* and the immortal scorcher *Bop-A-Lena* (his only pop charter) and stripped-down early demos of *Grandma's Rockin'* and *Money Honey* to a fascinating series of '60s tapes that Ronnie made when he was primarily channeling his creative energies into songwriting. Struggles with destructive substances hampered Self's musical career as time went on and ultimately brought his life to a much-too-early end in 1981, but Ronnie left us some of the craziest, most unhinged recordings of the classic rockabilly era that still pack a full-fledged wallop today. Prepare for a wild ride!

## TRACKLISTING:

**CD:**  
This Must Be The Place    You're So Right For Me    Home In Your Hand    Three Hearts Later    Petrified    The Boss Daughter  
Bop-A-Lena    Big Town    Houdini    My Own Kick Going    I Ain't Goin' Nowhere    Pretty Bad Blues    Wild And Woolly Life  
Date Bait    Biggest Dog In Town    Flame Of Love    Big Fool    About Cured?    Rocky Road Blues    Bless My Broken Heart  
Ain't I'm A Dog    Do It Now    Big Blon' Baby    When He Flies Away    Some Things You Can't Change    Black Night Blues  
Too Many Lovers    Ugly Stick    Ain't I A Dandy    Instant Man    Get Out Of My Life    Grandma's Rockin' (Demo)  
Money Honey (Demo)

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## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Benny Joy: Rocks

BCD17645 AR  
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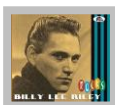
### Various Artists: Bear Family Records Rocks, Vol. 1

BCD17734 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177346



### Billy Lee Riley: Rocks

BCD17597 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 40-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175978



### The Coasters: Rock

BCD17526 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175268



### Link Wray: Rocks

BCD17600 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176005



### Gene Vincent: Rocks

BCD17134 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 40-page booklet  
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