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ARTIST	PORTER WAGONER
TITLE	The Cold Hard Facts Of Life
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16537
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EAN-CODE	 4 000 127 165 374
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FORMAT	3-CD digipac with 60-page booklet
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	70
PLAYING TIME	176:57



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- First CD release of six best-selling concept albums that gave the late country music superstar Porter Wagoner a cult following: 'Confessions Of A Broken Man' (1966); 'Soul Of A Convict' (1967); 'The Cold Hard Facts Of Life' (1967); 'The Bottom Of A Bottle' (1968); 'The Carroll County Accident' (1969); and 'Down In The Alley – Skid Row Joe' (1970).
- Seventy gripping 'slice of life' songs and recitations including such memorable Top 5 'Billboard' country chart hits as *Green, Green Grass Of Home*; *Skid Row Joe*; *The Cold Hard Facts Of Life*; and *The Carroll County Accident*.
- Features a rogue's gallery of murderers, philanderers, depressives, death-row inmates, unrepentant barflies, panhandling winos and other losers.
- Includes extensive notes covering these fascinating albums and Wagoner's life and career.

## SALES NOTES

Invigorated by a critically acclaimed new album, invitations to open at major venues for Neko Case and The White Stripes, and a guest appearance on CBS-TV's 'The Late Show with David Letterman,' country music icon Porter Wagoner was riding on a late-career resurgence when he died October 26, 2007 after a brief illness.

Mainstream audiences best knew the lanky, rhinestone-suited singer as a symbol of 'old Nashville' and a longtime member of The Grand Ole Opry. Longtime country music fans remembered Wagoner as the popular television personality who gave Dolly Parton her big break. But a younger audience embraced him for the dark, nightmarish concept albums he made for RCA Victor during the late sixties.

'Confessions Of A Broken Man,' 'The Bottom Of The Bottle' and 'Down In The Alley' introduced Wagoner's alter ego, 'Skid Row Joe.' Once a successful family man, Joe was a disheveled, panhandling alcoholic. 'Soul Of A Convict' revealed the world of prison inmates and their long-suffering families. 'The Cold Hard Facts Of Life' explored the minds

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and motivations of murderers, philanderers and the down-and-out. 'The Carroll County Accident' was built around Wagoner's country and pop chart hit about two respected citizens, a fatal wreck and a missing wedding ring.

With songs penned by such writers as Bill Anderson, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and Mel Tillis, Wagoner's mind-numbing country noir sagas are filled with as much despair as any low-budget grindhouse movie or cheesy paperback novel. Since their original release, these albums gained a cult following among the psychotronic set, alt-country fans and the Goth subculture. After being out of print for more than two decades, they're available once again in glorious stereo from the original two-track mixdown tapes.

## TRACK LISTING

### CD 1:

#### CONFESSIONS OF A BROKEN MAN

1. Men With Broken Hearts
2. I Just Came To Smell The Flowers
3. May You Never Be Alone
4. Skid Row Joe
5. Take Me Back And Try Me One More Time
6. How Far Can I Go?
7. I'm A Long Way From Home
8. Confessions Of A Broken Man
9. My Tears Are Overdue
10. I've Been Down That Road Before
11. Thy Burdens Are Greater Than Mine
12. My Last Two Tens

#### SOUL OF A CONVICT

1. Boston Jail
2. The Convict And The Rose
3. I Relived My Life Today
4. I'm Just Here To Get My Baby Out Of Jail
5. Let Me In
6. The Big River Train
7. The Snakes Crawl At Night
8. They're All Going Home But One
9. Folsom Prison
10. Soul Of A Convict
11. Green Green Grass Of Home
12. (I Heard That) Lonesome Whistle

### CD 2:

#### THE COLD HARD FACTS OF LIFE

1. The First Mrs. Jones
2. Words And Music
3. The Cold, Hard Facts Of Life
4. Sleep
5. Hundred Dollar Funeral
6. If I Could Only Start Over
7. Tragic Romance
8. Try Being Lonely
9. I'll Get Ahead Some Day
10. I Just Can't Let You Say Goodbye
11. Shopworn
12. Julie

#### THE BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE

1. Wino
2. Daddy And The Wine
3. Swinging Doors
4. The Bottom Of The Bottle
5. In The Shadows Of The Wine
6. She Burnt The Little Roadside Tavern Down
7. The Bottle Let Me Down
8. One Dime For The Wine
9. Wine
10. Turn The Juke Box Up Louder
11. I Threw Away The Rose
12. Bottle, Bottle

### CD 3:

#### THE CARROLL COUNTY ACCIDENT

1. The World Needs A Washin'
2. Banks Of The Ohio
3. Sing Me Back Home
4. Barefoot Nellie
5. Sorrow Overtakes The Wine
6. Black Jack's Bar
7. The Carroll County Accident
8. Rocky Top
9. Your Mother's Eyes
10. King Of The Cannon County Hills
11. I Lived So Fast And Hard
12. Fallen Leaves

#### DOWN IN THE ALLEY

1. Here's A Toast To Mama
2. Sidewalks Of Chicago
3. The Silent Kind
4. The Alley
5. The Town Drunk
6. Mama
7. Bottle Of Wine
8. One More Dime
9. I Judged A Man
10. When I Drink My Wine



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#### CD 1:

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#### CD 2:

Hey, Maw - How Quick - I Like Girls - Itchin' For My Baby - Eat, Drink And Be Merry - I'm Steppin' Out Tonight - Let's Squiggle - Living In The Past - What Would You Do (If Jesus Came To Your House) - How Can You Refuse Him Now - Tryin' To Forget The Blues - Uncle Pen - How I've Tried - I Like Girls - Trying To Forget The Blues - I've Known You From Somewhere - Seeing Her Only Reminded Me Of You - Midnight - I Guess I'm Crazy - Born To Lose - Ivory Tower - I Should Be With You - Would You Be Satisfied - I'm Day Dreamin' Tonight - I'll Pretend - Who Will He Be - Good Mornin', Neighbor - My Brand Of Blues - Thinking Of You

#### CD 3:

I Thought I Heard You Call My Name - Turn It Over On Your Mind - Pay Day - Big Wheels - A Wound Time Can't Erase - As Long As I'm Dreaming - Your Love - Doll Face - I Don't Want This Memory - Burning Bridges - Five O'Clock In The Morning - Heaven's Just A Prayer Away - Tomorrow We'll Retire - Just Before Dawn - Dear Lonesome - Tell Her Lies And Feed Her Candy - Haven't You Heard - Don't Ever Leave Me - Who'll Buy The Wine - Me And Fred And Joe And Bill - Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind - I Thought Of God - I'm Gonna Sing - Our Song Of Love - The Battle Of Little Big Horn - Luannie Brown - Your Kind Of People - The Girl Who Didn't Need Love

#### CD 4:

Legend Of The Big Steeple - Wakin' Up The Crowd - An Old Log Cabin For Sale - Falling Again - Old Jess - Your Old Love Letters - Heartbreak Affair - Everything She Touches Gets The Blues - I Cried Again - Tricks Of The Trade - My Name Is Mud - Sugarfoot Rag - I Thought I Heard You Calling My Name - One Way Ticket To The Blues - Take Good Care Of Her - I Went Out Of My Way - Tennessee Border - I Gotta Find Someone (Who Loves Like I Do) - Uncle Pen - Misery Loves Company - Cryin' Loud - I Wonder Where You Are Tonight - Frosty The Snowman - Cold Dark Waters - Ain't It Awful - Wasted Years - Private Little World - I've Enjoyed As Much Of This As I Can Stand - Blue House Painted White

## VARIOUS ARTISTS

### Shit Happens! Songs Of Everyday Life

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**EDDY ARNOLD:** Mommy Please Stay Home With Me **DOLLY PARTON & PORTER WAGONER:** Mommie, Ain't That Daddy **HANK SNOW:** Don't Make Me Go To Bed And I'll Be Good **GEORGE HAMILTON IV:** Little Tom **DOLLY PARTON & PORTER WAGONER:** Jeannie's Afraid Of The Dark **HANK THOMPSON:** Little Blossom **HANK SNOW:** The Answer To 'Little Blossom' - The Drunkard's Son - Nobody's Child **EDDY ARNOLD:** Did You See My Daddy Over There **LOUVIN BROTHERS:** Mother I Thank You For The Bible You Gave **HANK SNOW:** The Blind Boy's Dog **HAL LONE PINE & BETTY CODY:** O Lord Please Tell Me, Do **TED HARRIS:** Pickin' Flowers **WEBB PIERCE & RED SOVINE:** Little Rosa **JIM REEVES:** Mother Went A-Walkin' **JOHNNY CASH:** Give My Love To Rose **WEBB PIERCE:** The Hobo and the Rose **RED FOLEY:** Old Shep **HAL LONE PINE:** Dear Sister **JOHNNY HORTON:** Another Woman Wears My Wedding Ring **PORTER WAGONER:** The Cold Hard Facts of Life **ED BRUCE:** Tiny Golden Locket **FERLIN HUSKY:** Drunken Driver **PORTER WAGONER:** The Carroll County Accident