



## Just for a Thrill: Lil Hardin Armstrong, First Lady of Jazz (Hardback)

By James L. Dickerson

Cooper Square Publishers Inc., U.S., United States, 2002. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 160 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Hot Miss Lil Hardin was the star pianist of King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band when, in 1922, a trumpet player named Louis Armstrong joined the band in Chicago. The educated and polished Hardin was decidedly unimpressed with Armstrong's lack of sophistication, yet she recognized a wealth of untapped potential in the shy young trumpeter. Over the course of the next few years, Hardin taught Louis how to read music, urged him to take the spotlight, and eventually became his second wife. Encouraging his own natural talent, Lil Hardin Armstrong helped turn Louis Armstrong from a gifted second coronet into a jazz legend. In *Just for a Thrill*, biographer James Dickerson tells Lil's remarkable story, from her childhood in Memphis with a mother who beat her for playing the devil's music, to her death onstage during a memorial jazz concert for Louis in 1971. Her marriage to Louis and the musical innovations that came from their years as jazz's first power couple forms the centerpiece of Lil's story. Their divorce, according to Dickerson, was...



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