



## Russ Columbo and the Crooner Mystique

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Feral Pub., Los Angeles, 2002. Soft Cover. Condition: New. Russ Columbo (illustrator). First Edition. 2002 first edition Paperback book . BRAND NEW from 2002 publisher . Never opened , Never read , Never marked . Book size : 6" wide x 9" tall x 1" thick ; 276 pages , with Discography, Filmography, Bibliography & Recordings List ; illustrated throughout with black & white Photographs. Handsome book, Glossy fold-over cover with photo of Russ Columbo on the front & back . In the early 1930's, Russ Columbo, a dashing singer who was called " The Vocal Valentino " , was a rival to Bing Crosby in a widely-publicised " Battle of the Baritones " . But for Russ, his great looks, personal charm, nad beautiful voice, also had a haunted side . Russ was shot and killed, after a series of mysterious circumstances, by a stray bullet . Just 2 days before he had attended the premiere of the movie that was to make him a star . a Hollywood sneak preview of " Broadway through a Keyhole " . that gave him his first leading role . This fascinating book is a look at early Hollywood , through a...

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