

LIGHTNIN' CHARLIE - OFF THE RECORD

The Trials and Tribulations of a Travelin' Troubadour

"Hilarious! Not only does Lightnin' Charlie possess a very wry sense of humor and loquacious literary style, but on every subject, he is both painfully honest and tenderly compassionate. Lightnin' Charlie's *Off The Record* presents an extraordinary variety of daily encounters that tell moving tales of all too ordinary madness. It is outrageous and sad, poignant, politically incorrect, and most of all laugh-out-loud funny . . . which is all just another way of saying it is vintage Lightnin' Charlie."

- Harmonica Todd Levine

"Lightnin' Charlie has an unbelievable talent for music and it shows - not only through his incredible guitar playing and singing, but also through his knowledge of almost every song ever written! You would think that God must have given Charlie his full quota of talent . . . but noooo. In addition, Charlie is an artist - painting a picture full of emotion with words, through his gift of storytelling. His satires, rants and raves, and his reflections on life have become a sensation on his website and are now complete in *Off The Record*. What amazes me is that no matter what soapbox Charlie finds himself on, his character and love for God always shines through. He is my friend and brother, and I always cheerfully anticipate his next passionate tirade! You, the reader, are in for a real treat."

- Rev. Elbert Charpie

"Lightnin' Charlie delivers again! I've been a fan of his music for years and have always wanted a collection of his *Lightnin' Lowdown* in book form. *Off The Record* gives us an inside look at the origins of his lifelong quest for making music (what he calls 'good music for good people'), and provides marvelous insights into the crazy carnival of events that made him into the man he is today. Wouldn't it be great if MORE Americans were so observant, in-tune, well versed, and 'hip-to-the-tip' as Lightnin' Charlie? I think so. And I believe they will be - after reading this book!"

- Tim Rouse, RCO3 Inc.
Author of *The Delmer Green Series*