



## Mitchell and Ruff: An American Profile in Jazz (Paperback)

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By William Knowlton Zinsser

Paul Dry Books, Inc, United States, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Highly recommended Library Journal In this account of the world adventures of two splendid jazz artists, Bill Zinsser has given us one of the most exciting books about America's original art form that I've ever read. It's a revelation. Studs Terkel Since 1955, Duke Mitchell and Willie Ruff have been playing, teaching, and sharing jazz around the U.S. and around the world. William Zinsser, one of our finest chroniclers of American life, tells their story as he travels with the duo to China, to Davenport, Iowa, to New York City, and with Willie Ruff to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, where Ruff journeys back to the roots of Western music in order to understand jazz's musical legacy. Zinsser also accompanies Mitchell and Ruff as they visit their hometowns in Florida and Alabama. We listen as the two men tell of growing up in small towns in the American South of the 1930s and 40s; as they tell about the teachers, community leaders, and family members who believed in two young black men with talent but no formal musical...



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