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**Clifford Brown** (October 30, 1930 – June 26, 1956), a.k.a. "**Brownie**", was an American [jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz) trumpeter. He died at the age of 25 in a car accident, leaving behind only four years' worth of recordings. Nonetheless, he had a considerable influence on later jazz trumpet players, including [Donald Byrd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Byrd), [Lee Morgan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Morgan), [Booker Little](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Booker_Little), [Arturo Sandoval](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arturo_Sandoval) and [Freddie Hubbard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freddie_Hubbard). He was also a composer of note: two of his compositions, "Joy Spring" and "Daahoud", have become jazz standards.

Brown won the [*Down Beat*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Down_Beat) critics' poll for the "New Star of the Year" in 1954; he was inducted into the *Down Beat* "Jazz Hall of Fame" in 1972 in the critics' poll.