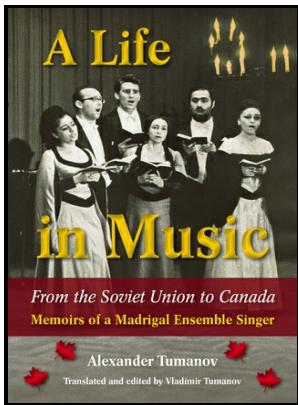


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I had never done that before so I did something I had never done before; take a step away from regular work and into professional singing. The way he talks about musical mentors such as , Woody Guthrie and Johnny Cash is touching.

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He also discusses his own nervous breakdown after the triumph of Thriller, and his failed marriages. In Satchmo, Louis Armstrong provides an exuberant first-hand account of New Orleans at the turn of the 20th century, before he and others like him brought jazz a worldwide audience. Armstrong is no slouch as a storyteller; his disposition charms as he savors recollections of his chaotic and confident youth, when it seemed everyone—from the hustlers to the preachers—was intoxicated by a city in the midst of a cultural explosion.

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He worked extensively with Bloomfield for several years. It was in those recording sessions that Kooper met and befriended , whose guitar playing he admired. Married at the age of 13, with four kids by 18, Loretta Lynn climbed to stardom from the most unlikely circumstances.

Al Kooper

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