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I know everyone thinks blues is more "authentic" than swing or something. When the local blues show is on here I have fairly regular chats with the person that does the show. One time I made mention of Calhoun Tubbs. Calhoun Tubbs was a character played by David Allen Greer on the old In Living Color show. Greer's character is in a performance setting doing his act. As he introduces the songs, they are all exactly the same tune.. with different introductions. The radio jock told me this is sometimes a running gag at blues shows and some of the audience can do the routine. This means I think, that there is a certain amount of nod and a wink about white people being taken in by anything seeming black and authentic. David Allen Greer pretty much nailed blues to the wall with that routine. It's unforgettable. Rhythm and Blues, Jump Blues, early rock and roll and swing have something in common: they are happy musics. And I think that people have a hard time relating to happy musics. That's why the retro swing fad died out so quickly. I bought all of it I could at the time and I'm glad it's available at the state-wide library system or I'd miss that much more of it.

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