
Subject: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Sun, 21 Feb 2021 21:19:12 GMT
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What's your go-to resource for finding old records and tapes that are in good shape? I appreciate that some folks go to garage sales and such to find what they want, but those aren't common in my city. I just want to shop online. Is it eBay or bust?

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 21 Feb 2021 23:50:01 GMT
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Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Tue, 02 Mar 2021 04:49:30 GMT
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Nice! I'm bookmarking that one. I'm surprised by the variety. However, it's not much different from eBay and Amazon since there are third-party sellers using their platform. Maybe it's more trustworthy. Amazon is okay, really, but eBay is a pain to deal with when it comes to scams and returns. Is this outfit more reliable? I admit that I do like that they rate the sleeve condition too. I still kind of miss old music stores.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Concorde](#) on Tue, 02 Mar 2021 19:19:53 GMT
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There is a record store in my town whose owner scours the classifieds, Craigs List, etc.....for good deals. He cleans them up and re-sells them.

That guy will buy just about any genre of music as long it's on vinyl. From Ukrainian Polka to Black Sabbath, you want it, he probably has it.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 03 Mar 2021 02:16:43 GMT
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I often go to ZIA records. They have stores in a number of states. You can also find some on Amazon.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 14 Mar 2021 17:50:01 GMT
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Quote:

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It's more trustworthy by far. And what the seller asks is what you pay. You're not in competition with another bidder like eBay. I haven't used eBay since I'd discovered Discogs for my unobtainium used vinyl I can't find. I used to buy a lot from HPB, (Half Price Books). They're pretty good for what you can find anymore. Which is nothing like what Discogs has to offer.

Millions of Records, <https://www.millionsofrecords.com/> is a great source for new and reasonably priced records also. Most of my reggae collection came from there. But they have a wide genre selection. Very, very reliable. They even gave me a refund for a defective record and said I didn't have to send back the bad one.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2021 15:12:40 GMT
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Back in the day, there used to be book/record stores where I grew up. They were good places to hang out with friends and browse. They should start bringing those back. Online is a good option, but it shouldn't be the only one.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 2021 03:25:22 GMT
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I'm often shocked at what great albums I find at Goodwill shops. I think sometimes people get gifted vinyl - maybe after a relative has passed - and they take it to Goodwill thinking it's worthless. I've found a lot of really good quality albums at the Goodwill shop near to my house. I check there regularly.

Also, "Vintage Stock" has a good selection of new and used vinyl.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 2021 15:30:41 GMT
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That's interesting. I'll give the Goodwill a try. Never interred my little old mind that they would even have such things. Now I'm curious.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 2021 16:45:10 GMT
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Let us know what you find there!

I've gotten a lot of great albums, many with improved sleeves. That told me the original owner cared about their vinyl, and when I played them, it showed - no pops and clicks. Not all came that way, of course, and some were in mediocre condition. But a surprisingly large number of records I've gotten from Goodwill were in excellent shape.

No fair comin' down from KC to raid my store here in NWA though. :lol:

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Leot55](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2021 04:14:04 GMT
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I'm surprised (and jealous) that so many of you guys still have music stores around. We lost our last music store in the area in the late 90s due to lack of business.

Believe it or not, Walmart still carries music tapes, or at least the one near me does. You might check out their selection, StrumDrum.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2021 02:45:28 GMT
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Hi, Both Walmart and Target in our area carry new vinyl in a fairly good selection. Both new releases and some vintage ones.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Thu, 20 May 2021 02:24:49 GMT
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Rusty wrote on Sun, 21 February 2021 17:50Discogs.

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This has turned out to be a great resource, especially for older stuff. I haven't tried converting my money and ordering from an overseas buyer, but that's because I haven't needed to. The prices seem slightly higher, but I really appreciate that the sellers rank the state of the record AND its cover. I've been pleased so far.

Gofar99, my local Walmart doesn't carry records as part of their loss prevention strategy. In other words, people kept stealing them. It boggles the mind.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 21 May 2021 02:33:37 GMT

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How does one steal a LP? :? Boggles the mind. It annoys me that ZIA Records has raised the cost of all used LPS to \$3 minimum. It used to be a great place to go and get really nice ones for under a dollar. It seems all the ones I want now are about \$6. Still less than the \$20-30 at retail stores.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes

Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Sat, 22 May 2021 15:18:37 GMT

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gofar99 wrote on Thu, 20 May 2021 21:33How does one steal a LP?

That's what I want to know! I asked, but the guy running the section that day didn't know and was just as baffled as I was. Although I'm aware that thieves will target anything of value, I always thought stolen records would come from personal collections and were taken from homes, garages, storage sheds, or something of that nature.

Subject: Re: Sourcing old records and tapes

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Wed, 26 May 2021 12:42:48 GMT

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You'll likely have a better outcome if you stick with experienced vinyl sellers when you're bidding on eBay. That way you know, that they know, how to ship a record to the customer without it getting damaged.

gofar99 wrote on Thu, 20 May 2021 21:33How does one steal a LP? Boggles the mind.

An inside job maybe? That's all that I can figure. Then again, this person supposedly managed to steal several records as a teen, so apparently it's possible to sneak them out.

<https://thevinylfactory.com/news/record-thief-finds-god-and-returns-stolen-vinyl-10-years-later/>
