

# Mingus Speaks: Hear the Jazz Legend's Voice in Lynn Eustis' Unforgettable Book



## Mingus Speaks by Lynn Eustis

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Screen Reader	: Supported
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In the annals of jazz history, Charles Mingus stands as a towering figure, a brilliant and enigmatic artist whose music defied categorization and pushed the boundaries of the genre. His compositions were complex and challenging, his playing was passionate and intense, and his personality was as colorful as his music.

In her book *Mingus Speaks*, author Lynn Eustis provides an intimate and revealing look into the life and music of this jazz legend. Through a series of interviews with Mingus, Eustis captures the essence of this brilliant and enigmatic artist.

*Mingus Speaks* is more than just a biography. It is a testament to the power of music and the indomitable spirit of one of its greatest practitioners. Eustis' writing is clear and concise, and her interviews with Mingus are both

insightful and revealing. She paints a vivid picture of Mingus' life, from his early days in Watts, California, to his rise to fame as a jazz musician.

Eustis also explores Mingus' complex personality. He was a man of contradictions, both gentle and volatile, brilliant and self-destructive. He was a tireless champion of civil rights, but he could also be intolerant of those who disagreed with him. Eustis does not shy away from Mingus' flaws, but she also shows us his humanity and his deep love for music.

Mingus Speaks is an essential read for anyone interested in jazz history or the life and music of Charles Mingus. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finish it.

### **Book Details**

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### **About the Author**

Lynn Eustis is a writer and editor who has written extensively about jazz music. She is the author of several books, including *Jazz Women: Conversations with Twenty-One Musicians* (2004) and *Women in Jazz: A Discography, 1917-1954* (1994).

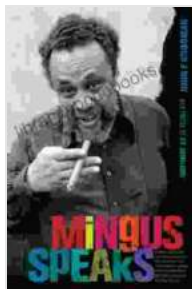
Eustis' writing has appeared in a variety of publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Village Voice. She has also worked as a producer and director for National Public Radio.

## Reviews

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