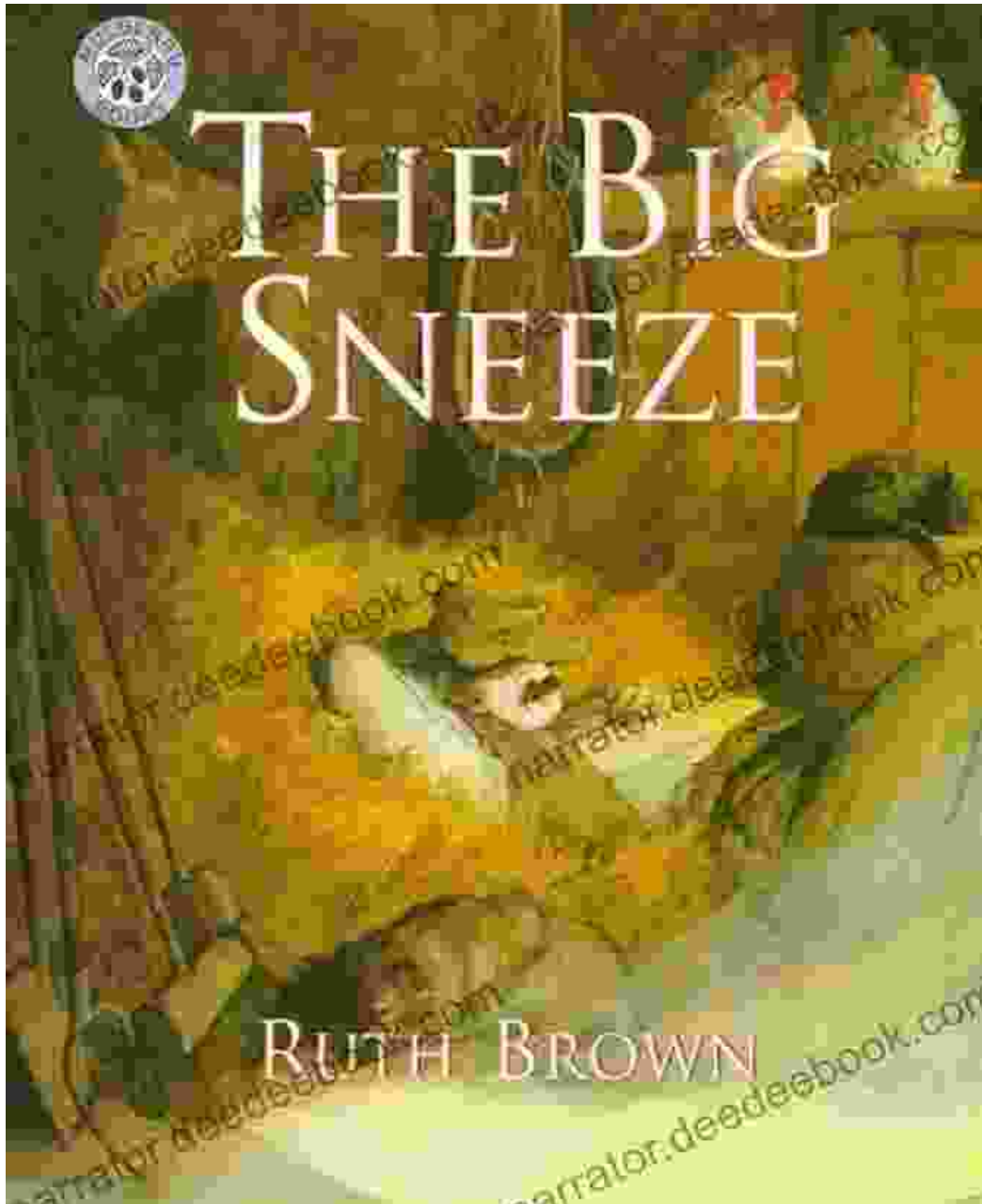


# The Big Sneeze: Ruth Brown's Unforgettable Performance



## Ruth Brown: A Trailblazing Legend

Ruth Brown (1928-2006), known as "Miss Rhythm," was an iconic figure in the American music scene. As a singer, songwriter, and actress, she played

a pivotal role in the development of rhythm and blues, soul, and rock and roll. Her powerful vocals, soulful performances, and infectious energy captivated audiences worldwide.



## The Big Sneeze by Ruth Brown

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One of Brown's most memorable performances was her rendition of "The Big Sneeze," a novelty song that became a signature part of her act. The song, written by Fred Ebb and John Kander, tells the humorous tale of a woman whose sneeze causes a chain reaction of events.

### The Big Sneeze: A Comedy Classic

"The Big Sneeze" is a masterpiece of comedic timing and vocal virtuosity. Brown delivers the lyrics with impeccable precision, perfectly capturing the absurdity and hilarity of the situation. Her sneezes, which punctuate each verse, are both exaggerated and infectious, eliciting laughter from audiences.

The song's lyrics paint a vivid picture of the sneezer's plight:

I sneezed, and I sneezed, and I sneezed some more I sneezed 'til my eyes

As the sneeze escalates, so does the chaos:

I sneezed the picture right off the wall Knocked the books right off the

## **Brown's Unforgettable Delivery**

Brown's performance of "The Big Sneeze" was more than just a song; it was a theatrical spectacle. Her exaggerated gestures, infectious laughter, and impeccable timing brought the lyrics to life, creating an unforgettable experience for audiences.

One of the most iconic moments in the performance is when Brown sneezes the picture off the wall. She would pause dramatically, build anticipation, and then let out a thunderous sneeze that sent the picture flying. The audience's laughter would erupt as the picture soared through the air.

Brown's comedic timing was impeccable. She knew exactly when to deliver the punchline, ensuring maximum impact. Her ability to connect with audiences and make them laugh was a testament to her exceptional talent.

## **Cultural Impact of The Big Sneeze**

"The Big Sneeze" became a cultural phenomenon, cementing Brown's status as a comedy icon. The song was featured in numerous films and television shows, including "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Brown's performance also influenced generations of comedians and singers. Her ability to blend humor, music, and performance inspired countless artists, including Whoopi Goldberg, Bette Midler, and Amy Schumer.

## Legacy of Ruth Brown

Ruth Brown's contribution to music and comedy is immeasurable. Her powerful vocals, infectious energy, and comedic genius left an enduring mark on American culture. "The Big Sneeze" remains one of her most iconic performances, showcasing her exceptional talent and the power of laughter.

Today, Ruth Brown's music and legacy continue to inspire and entertain audiences. Her recordings are still played on radio stations and streaming services, and her performances are fondly remembered by fans around the world. "The Big Sneeze" remains a timeless classic, a testament to the enduring power of comedy and the unforgettable talent of Ruth Brown.



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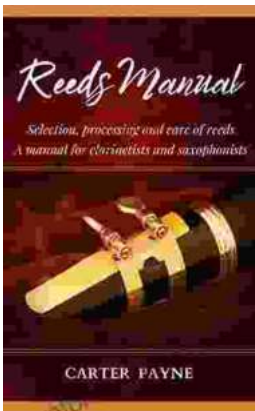
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