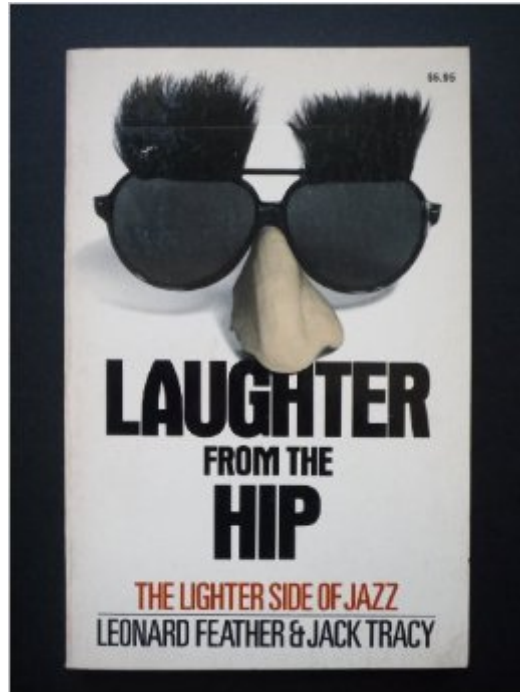


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# Laughter From The Hip: The Lighter Side Of Jazz (A Da Capo Paperback)



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