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#### **About the Author**

Eric Reiss acquired his first talking machine, a Brunswick console model, at the age of four and has been actively searching for old machines since his early 'teens.

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