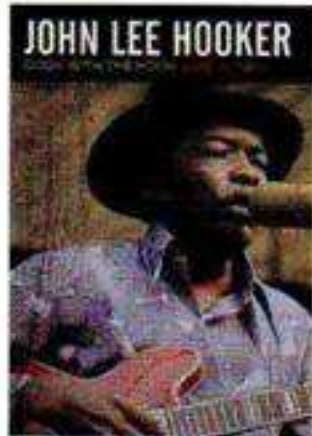


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## JOHN LEE HOOKER

### Cook With The Hook: Live In 1974

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John Lee Hooker was one of the most prolific of bluesmen, but video footage of him is far rarer than his audio recordings and since his death in 2001, it has become even more valuable.

This DVD has its defects — three cameras recorded this festival appearance for local television, with shots jerky in one or two places, and sometimes superimposed over each other; the black and white footage also has two distracting horizontal lines across it, and the whole thing lasts only forty-five minutes.

However, that was the entire show — Hooker had another gig later that day, and the other faults can be offset against the quality of the music. John Lee is in fine fettle, singing well on a six-song set of standards, and Chicago blues guitarist Luther Tucker takes some fine solos, whilst the rest of the band basically keep the groove. That is all John Lee ever needed, and although this is not the DVD with which to make Hooker's acquaintance, old friends and admirers will enjoy it.

*Norman Darwen*