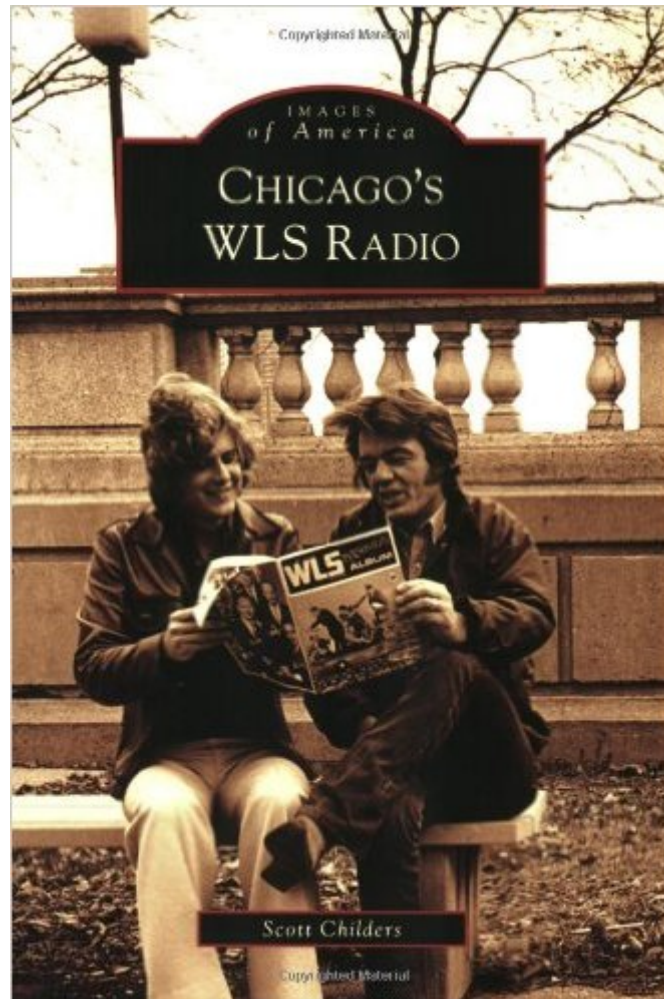


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# Chicago's WLS Radio (Images Of America: Illinois)



## Synopsis

From its early days as the farmer's companion to over a quarter century as the nation's premier rock-and-roll station, WLS has touched the lives of millions of listeners. Many well-known celebrities, like Gene Autry, owe their careers to the Big 89, through the famous Saturday night program The National Barn Dance. Local personalities such as Dick Biondi, Larry Lujack, and John Records Landecker became household names thanks to Chicago's 50,000-watt blowtorch. The images in Chicago's WLS Radio scan the entire history of the station, featuring engaging hosts, the biggest stars, and lots of fun. The book also covers WLS's move in the 1990s to become a leader in the news and talk format.

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Chicago's WLS Radio (Images of America: Illinois) I looked forward to reading this book after listening to "85 Years of WLS" on Memorial Day weekend. I grew up in the '60's and '70's and listened to the great WLS. The air personalities always seemed so real. Superjock Larry Lujack's animal stories were always funny. Reading this book was just like stepping back in time, bringing back fond memories of listening to the Big 89. This book really captured the essence of what WLS Radio has been about and how it has always had a large audience appeal.

I purchased this along with *Something in the Air* for my husband for Christmas, since he is nuts about oldies radio and oldies music. He is especially crazy for the old Chicago stations from the 60's

and 70's, since this is what we grew up with. The only drawback is, it is too short. He was through it by the end of Christmas day.

Fantastic look back in word and pictures. I wish more of them were in color. I e-mailed Scott years ago and he is truly the biggest fan of WLS. If anything, this book illustrates WLS' commitment to serving the community and entertaining over the decades. When does the audio version come out? Just kidding.

Thorough look at a great American institution.

For those of a certain age for whom "The Big 89" was the quintessential AM Top 40 radio station, it is an important book.

It was not what I anticipated. Too much technical and historical stuff. Not enough fun memories and relations to the teenagers who were its fans.

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