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## Stepin Fetchit: The Life and Times of Lincoln Perry

By Mel Watkins

Random House USA Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Stepin Fetchit: The Life and Times of Lincoln Perry, Mel Watkins, In the late 1920s and '30s Lincoln Perry, aka Stepin Fetchit, was both renowned and reviled for his surrealistic portrayals of the era's most popular comic stereotype—the lazy, shiftless Negro. Perry was hailed by critic Robert Benchley as "the best actor that the talking movies have produced," and Mel Watkins's meticulously researched and sensitive biography reveals the paradoxes of this pioneering actor's life, from Perry's tremendous popularity to his money troubles and rowdy offscreen antics. As later generations come to recognize Perry's prodigious talent and achievements, in "Stepin Fetchit," Mel Watkins brilliantly and definitively illuminates the life and times of a legendary figure in American entertainment.

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