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The details [Dinu Logoz] supplies in the narrative will captivate anyone with a serious interest in the history of the British blues scene and Mayall's contribution to it"--Downbeat, January 2016 issue.

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