

# The Boston Jazz Chronicles

## Faces, Places, and Nightlife 1937–1962

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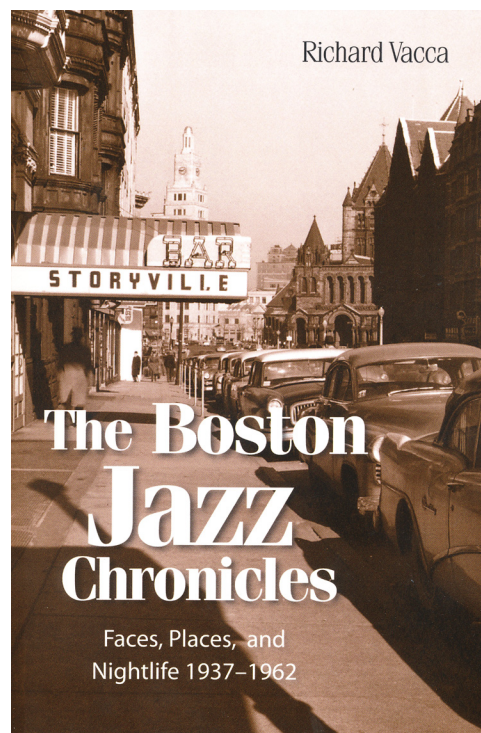
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