



## Give Em Soul, Richard!: Race, Radio, and Rhythm and Blues in Chicago

By Richard E. Stamz, Patrick A. Roberts

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