Masters of Jazz Guitar: The Story of the Players and Their Music - Google Books Result Nov 24, 2013 - 69 min - Uploaded by Michael's WorldLouis Armstrong (August 4, 1901 -- July 6, 1971), nicknamed Satchmo or Pops, was an American jazz cornetist, trumpeter, singer, and “screamer” who was one of the most popular and influential jazz musicians of all time. He is considered one of the pioneers of jazz and one of the most important figures in American music. Armstrong was a key figure in the development of jazz and is credited with helping to shape the genre. He was a master of improvisation and was known for his ability to adapt to different musical situations. Armstrong was also a prolific musician, and his recordings with the Hot Five and Hot Seven are considered some of the most important in the history of jazz. His influence can be heard in the work of countless musicians who followed him, and he remains a beloved figure in jazz and popular music. Armstrong was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1986, and his legacy is celebrated through a variety of events and tributes.