Albums Without Artwork v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script generates a listing of the Albums in your iTunes library in which 1) *some* of the tracks have artwork, and 2) *none* of the tracks have artwork, and exports it to a text file which is viewable in TextEdit. Albums in which *all* tracks have artwork are ignored.

This script is Donationware. If you use it and like it *please* consider making a donation to support my AppleScripting efforts. Click here for more info.

Installation:

If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes Scripts folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*. If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script(s) in it. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

How to use:

Right up front let me say that this script can take quite a bit of time to complete.

My testing indicates that running time may be as long as about 1 minute per 100-200 tracks (YMMV). Why so long? The script has to examine *every track in your library* to one degree of scrutiny or another, and do quite a bit of "wrangling" which is time consuming. However, since you will probably run this script only once or twice *ever*, perhaps it is worth foregoing the comforts and the wait. Afterall, consider how long it would take you and a pencil to do it :)

You should pick a time to run this script when you haven't got a lot of other things to do and then go out and get a sandwich and beverage.

Run the script. It will ask for a name for the file it will create. It will then check for artwork in all the tracks of all the qualifying albums.

• Tracks whose Album is blank will be ignored.

• Case is considered. "Waiting for Columbus" is NOT the same as "Waiting For Columbus"

• Albums which share identical names but have different artists ("Greatest Hits" albums, for example) cannot be differentiated (yet). If this is a problem I will consider working a fix, but frankly I think it may just slow the show down.

• If you grow weary of waiting for the script to finish and would prefer to establish a better time in your schedule to re-run the darned thing, you will have to Force Quit the script (press Option + Command + Escape); no text file will be created in this event.

When the script is finished, it will ask if you want to open the text file in Text Edit. If you are still out getting that sand and bev, the script will open the text file automatically within a few moments of finishing.

The list may have two parts: the first list will be of Albums in which *some* tracks have artwork, if any such exist, followed by the list of Albums in which *no tracks* contain artwork.

 I only wish I could make it go faster. Sorry. *C'mon! Giddy-up there!*

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Information and download link for this script is located at:
http://www.dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=albumswithoutartwork

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