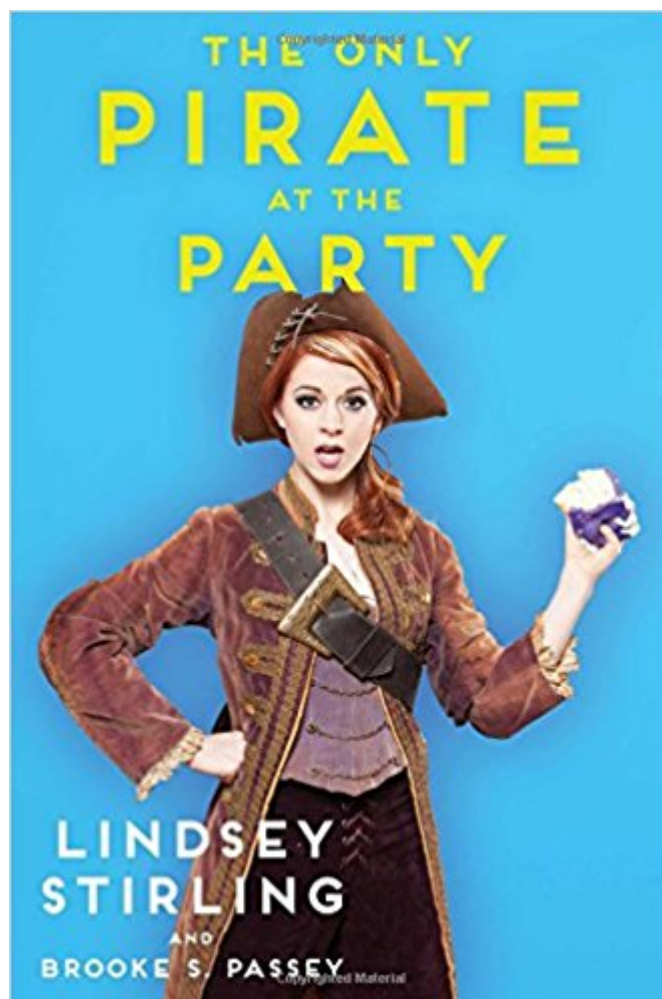


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The Only Pirate At The Party



Synopsis

Dancing electronic violinist Lindsey Stirling shares her unconventional journey in an inspiring memoir filled with the energy, persistence, and humor that have helped her successfully pursue a passion outside the box. A classically trained musician gone rogue, Lindsey Stirling is the epitome of independent, millennial-defined success: after being voted off the set of America's Got Talent, she went on to amass more than ten million social media fans, record two full-length albums, release multiple hits with billions of YouTube views, and to tour sold-out venues across the world. Lindsey is not afraid to be herself. In fact, it's her confidence and individuality that have propelled her into the spotlight. But the road hasn't been easy. After being rejected by talent scouts, music reps, and eventually on national television, Lindsey forged her own path, step by step. Detailing every trial and triumph she has faced until now, Lindsey shares stories of her humble yet charmed childhood, humorous adolescence, life as a struggling musician, personal struggles with anorexia, and finally, success as a world-class entertainer. Lindsey's magnetizing story "at once remarkable and universal" is a testimony that there is no singular recipe for success, and despite what people may say, sometimes it's okay to be The Only Pirate at the Party.

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This is a real book about a real person. Many celebrity (auto)biographies are narcissistic promotional pieces, existing only to "build the brand" and re(de)fine the public persona of the subject. This one, like its subject, is a little different. Sure, nobody produces a biography about themselves to hide their inner self, in the end this book exists to bring more exposure to Ms Stirling.

But it's not the sort of self-sycophantic me-worship of so many others. There are the stories about the embarrassing moments of life and performance, the mis-steps, the self-doubt and the failure to meet the expectations of Reality TV Showbiz and orchestral professionals. But there are also the meaningful moments of triumph and friendship and family. While this is a book about Lindsey Stirling, violin super-star, it introduces you to Lindsey Stirling, the actual person with weird quirks, funny friends, awkward family, unpopular religion and strict morals and a peculiar pirate obsession. Will anyone who isn't a Stirling fan buy this book? Maybe not, because they wouldn't know why they should. Would anyone who isn't a Stirling fan get something out of this book? Yes, completely. Because at the end of the day, like many of Stirling's songs, this book is about a girl finding her true calling, being dedicated enough to pursue it through all the setbacks, eating disorders, crises of confidence, music business depravity and Piers Morgan, and overcoming them all to become a superstar. All while remaining true to herself, her family and her music. Just about anyone could learn from that. Written in a lighthearted and self-deprecating tone, in conjunction with her sister, this book is an easy and enjoyable read for anyone who likes Stirling's music and wants to know more about the girl behind the limelight, or anyone who wants to be inspired to take on their own demons. And overcome Piers Morgan.

Her music has such broad appeal, that the couple of times I've met Lindsey at her Meet & Greets I've kidded her that I am "president of the senior Stirlingites!" (Someone has to speak for her legions of older fans!) After reading her book, I'm even more convinced that she is at the cutting edge of changing how the music industry works and operates behind the scenes. She is the new model of the American Dream and has almost single-handedly fought through every barrier and obstacle to achieve success. Despite what other celebrities want you to believe, Lindsey's independence is a rare commodity in Hollywood and she's built her own brand from the ground up through guts, determination, and never taking her fans for granted. She may be the only pirate at the party and because she is "different" she has always charted her own course -- even if she is using a couch as a boat -- to the chagrin of those who underestimate her talents and resilience. Lindsey wrote the book with the help of her sister, Brooke, who is an amazingly talented writer (their father is too!) and it provides a fascinating and honest look at Lindsey's roller coaster life. It's serious, funny, and touching all at the same time. This book would appeal to all age groups and I'm glad she documented her experiences -- I can picture her grandchildren reading this someday and laughing their heads off. It provides wonderful lessons and inspirations we can all learn from, regardless of our age.

How can those evil people that judged Lindsey about her creativity and uniqueness try to censor away such amazing talent from the general population. It makes me think what other hidden talented individuals are out there lacking that motivation that pushed Lindsey over others' expectations. Remember to stay true to yourself "The only reason I am successful is because I have stayed true to myself"

My daughters are big fans of Lindsey, and one of them requested this as a delayed Christmas present. I hurried and read through it first and I really enjoyed it. Lindsey's story is interesting and well told, probably thanks to her sister and co-writer Brooke. I would have called myself a casual fan before, because I enjoyed the videos I'd seen of hers and the concert I attended with my girls, but I don't think I would have picked up this book if not for my daughter. I'm so glad I did, and I'm a real fan now. I took to YouTube after reading the book to watch some of her music videos with new appreciation for Lindsey's talent and hard work. I found Lindsey's struggles to be very relatable even though I've never faced anorexia or been rejected on a national talent show. I think we all face demons and deal with disappointment, and it was nice to read her perspective and the lessons she's learned through her trials and experiences. I found the descriptions of the showbiz world and life on tour to be quite interesting, and I enjoyed reading about her relationships with her family members and bandmates. When I got to the end of the book, not having heard about Gavi's recent passing, my heart just broke. I would be really interested to hear from Lindsey on the things she's experienced and learned in the past couple of months going through that kind of heartbreak. Anyway, bottom line - even if you're a casual Lindsey fan, I think this is worth reading.

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