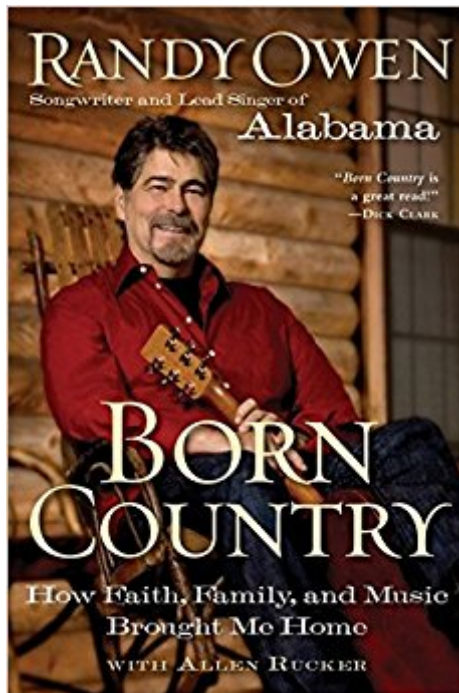


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Born Country: How Faith, Family, And Music Brought Me Home



Synopsis

œ[Randy Owen] is a true gentleman, armed with an unassuming attitude and a modest approach to life, coupled with enormous fame and success. Born Country is a great read! •â ”Dick Clark, former host of American BandstandÂ Born Country is an inspiring memoir of faith, family, and living the American dream from the lead singer/songwriter of Alabama, the biggest country music group of all time. A multiple Grammy, Peopleâ™s Choice, and Country Music Association Award-winning superstar, Randy Owen tells about growing up poor in rural Alabama, the son of devout Christian sharecroppers, his rise to the top of the charts, his personal trials and the destructive temptations he avoided through his love and unassailable faith in God. Written with Allen Rucker, Randy Owenâ™s Born Country is both a fascinating look inside the Alabama phenomenon and a moving portrait of an extraordinary life enriched by traditional Christian values

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Customer Reviews

I want to say first off I have been a big fan of Alabama ever since 1979 when I first heard 'My Home's In Alabama' so I had extremely high hopes for this book and I wasn't disappointed at all...as a matter a fact it's even better than I could have imagined.The book starts out with Randy going for his morning drive around Lookout Mountain to start his day.....His and his daughter's dogs all go on this drive through the country with Randy describing the area and how beautiful it is and how much he loves it....From that first chapter you feel like you are going along for a ride with Randy and he is talking to you telling you his story...The book is written in such an easy fun style to read...It makes it

very enjoyable...I read it in less than 2 days (for me that is pretty remarkable---never read a book of almost 300 pages that fast before)...I just couldn't put it down !You will read so many things you never knew..... Like when you hear them sing about a place in one of their songs...you find it's a REAL place that they went to and wrote it into their songs....There is a line in one of their songs called 'Vacation'...Where he talks about going swimming in the Blue Hole...Come to find out in this book....there really is such a place...but you probably wouldn't know that if you didn't live up there....Another cool one is the song 'Ole Baugh Road' on the Southern Star album.....He really did grow up on Baugh Rd !Liking Alabama as long as I have I feel like I was right there with them all these years and knew the guys (Randy, Teddy, Jeff and Mark) pretty well....but there are so many things that you don't know since they are all private people and don't want to be all over the news (that's a good thing !)...Anyway...some of the things you will remember right along with Randy and some will be brand new ! (For example---In the video 'Tar Top'....That is his son Heath riding the bicycle)...Growing up reading everything I could back then about Alabama...I didn't know that.He also mentions Dale Earnhardt in here a couple of times (Dale is a big hero of mine) and I didn't know they had known each other since 1981...I knew they were good friends..but had no idea it was for such a long time.Randy talks alot about his wife (Kelly) and his 3 kids (Alison, Heath and Randa)....His parents also play a huge role in the book.....St Jude's Childrens Hospital is also mentioned obviously since it's such an important part of his life....I just can't see how the book could be any better...He intertwined his personal life with his life with the group Alabama so perfectly.....you really get to learn about the whole person...not just the singer.Honestly I would recommend this book for anyone to read it's just a terrific book, period....but for fans of Alabama this is a must read !...All my friends are wanting copies after seeing mine and hearing me talk about it....Oh yeah I almost forgot...there are some wonderful pictures in it I had never seen before too !

Seems like I'm in the minority, but for the most part dull and boring. So much about daddy, daddy, daddy, and God and charity work. As soon as it got my interest on a particular subject , it was back to daddy, God, and his struggles and self discipline. A few times I thought here we go again skip this, and flipped the pages.

If you're interested in Randy-- and I am -- you'll be pleased to spend time with him as he talks about his life. The band Alabama earned their way to the top the old fashioned way -- work, work, work,. However, it's as though he agreed in advance not to talk much about the other members of the band or the world beyond his immediate experience. I especially admire the example he has set

through his personal philanthropy and congratulate him for making that a priority. It's interesting to hear about the "old fashioned ways" that were normal as he grew up and to learn of his children succeeding on their own terms. He's a good guy but I don't expect a sequel, he's said all he has to say.

Randy Owen is a true country gentleman who gave the world some of the best country music ever recorded. Mountain Music tells the story of a boy growing up in the country and who never forgot where he came from.

Learning about your favorite singer on a personal level is a privilege but also helps us to keep realizing that he and other celebrities are 'real' people. This was well-written, interesting, and heartfelt. I appreciate the example of Randy and his wife in being very grounded and not living an immoral, empty life of many in the Spotlight. If you are a fan, you will like this book.

A great inspirational read by someone who has been very high and very low!! always loved Alabama and especially Randy, who seems to be the most sincere one.

No words to describe this amazing book. As a huge Alabama fan, I could not put this down. My love for Alabama and for Randy Owen has never been greater. I'd give anything to see them perform again BUT This book brings to life the other side, the humanitarian side of what makes Randy Owen and Alabama special.

Randy Owen tells about his impoverished childhood, Alabama's "Overnight Sensation" that began 12 years prior, and modestly details several of the charitable causes for which he has donated his name, time, and talents. I would have preferred more details about the Glory Years of the '80s, and Owen glosses over some circumstances where he and his bandmates disagreed. No dirty laundry in this book. Bottom line: An honest story about a regular guy who made it big, remembers his roots, and cares for those in need.

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