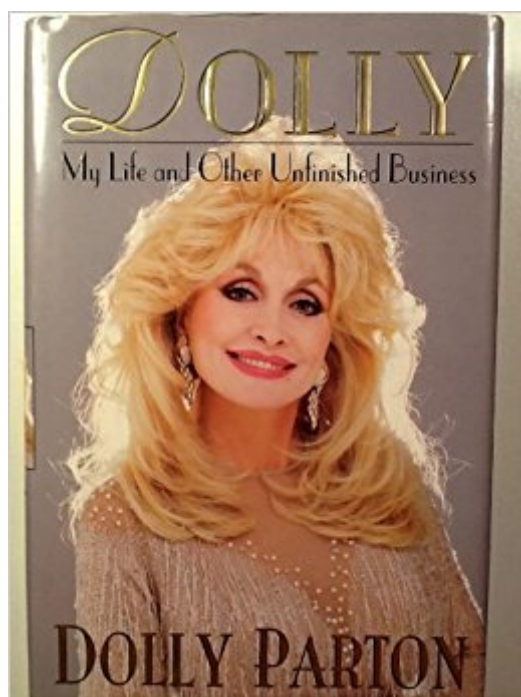


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Dolly: My Life And Other Unfinished Business



Synopsis

The successful country singer reveals her life since leaving home at the age of eighteen to pursue a singing career, while discussing her personal philosophies, her marriage, her friendships, and achievements. 1,000,000 first printing. \$600,000 ad/promo. Tour.

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Customer Reviews

I moved here to Pigeon Forge, TN about five years ago. I live five minutes from Dollywood, and Dolly is everywhere here. Her book gave me a chance to find out just why this woman is so beloved in this area. She grew up with no money, in a cash poor rural area, and has never lost sight of her roots. She talks about being a teenager, never being able to get her hair big enough or "yaller" enough, and about dreaming of stardom. I've had the pleasure of attending a live concert, held in her surprisingly intimate Celebrity Theatre at Dollywood, and the woman speaking so candidly in her book, is the same girl giggling and having fun onstage. When I finished it, I just wanted to hug her and tell her that she's done good. She's done amazing things in her hometown, and they appreciate her. Interesting sidenote, there's a statue of Dolly in the yard outside the courthouse here in Sevier County. Not glamorous, or fancy, it portrays a pretty country girl, in her jeans and man's shirt, playing a guitar and singing. Best picture of Miss Dolly I ever saw:)

Ms. Parton writes a story as well as a song. You'd think it was your best friend sitting right next to you telling you her life; with plenty of kindness and humor thrown in. Even if you're not a country music fan, this book is a wonderfully entertaining and funny account of a woman's rise from a cabin

with "2 rooms and a path" to wealth, while maintaining the values and beliefs she was raised with. Her storytelling kept me laughing out loud!

This book is really wonderful, I love all the parts about Dolly's childhood. This book is like a friend to you. Once you begin to read it, you can't put it down until you've finished at least three chapters. Dolly puts plenty of love, emotion and humor into this, and I have found it a terrific read.

Five minutes of fame has now become enough to justify penning one's self-serving autobiography. Fortunately, Dolly Parton's 30+ year career is suitable for book-length, and she avoids the standard celebrity tell-all fare in favor of interesting vignettes. Her life is a Cinderella-story that would put any fairy-godmother to shame. Her interesting existence commenced with a delivery paid via a pig since her farming parents were short on cash. From such humble beginnings she went to become one of the richest women in the world. Tantalizing tidbits about her fellow country singers and some Hollywood hotshots pepper the pages, as do tales that illumine life amidst a large Appalachian family. She has often described her brood as "only financially poor" and that positive attitude not only permeates the book, she portrays such a blessed childhood that the allegation rings completely true. Thankfully avoiding the gory details of typical star bios (think Cybil Shepherd Whoopi Goldberg, etc.), Dolly realizes there are some facts that fans need not know. Her boasted Christianity is practiced with a few question marks, and some facets of her life do appear curious. Still she succeeds in presenting just enough (but never too much) of the private side of her ultra-public persona. Readers see how she has lived out many of the lyrics of her enumerable self-penned country songs. Upon completion of this autobiography many will return it to their bookshelves softly singing "In My Tennessee Mountain Home."

Put simply, I LOVE this book! I've just finished reading it for the second time and it's even better than it was the first time. I read it when it first came out in 1994 and was so jazzed to find it a few weeks ago in a used bookstore. I had a few other things to read before I picked up Dolly, but now that I have, I don't want it to end! I can't say enough good and great and amazing things about this biography. She wrote it herself and it's honest, down to earth and funny as all get out. Because of it, I even added some more Dolly Parton CD's to my music collection and it was a very much needed trip down memory lane. Thanks, Dolly, for such an amazing, revealing look at what makes you tick. Now, what I want to know is: when is your next book coming out. :)

It's a very good book and she's an amazing, very bright woman who grew up very poor, but rich with her family/music and dreams. An amazing child who knew what she wanted and believed she could get it. A lot of that came from her Mother, but the work ethic also from her Father. She writes well and tells it all as she would talk. Glad I bought and read.

Dolly Parton has graced us with more talent than any other performer to walk the planet! Dolly has always showed that down home attitude while fighting Hollywood sharks and much of that is displayed in this book. Dolly's husband is revealed more openly than ever before as is her emotional side. You learn about many people that have been inspirational to her. NO GOSSIP though. That has good and bad points. This book is outstanding, it's only flaw is that Dolly didn't want to leave any friends out so she mentions all of them. BRIEFLY!!!

I enjoyed this book so much, and I am glad to get the chance to know Dolly better. I have always loved her as a person and an entertainer. This is a touching, funny book about her roots and childhood in the Smokies to the days of Porter Wagoner, her marriage to Carl, the movies she made and the ups and downs of her life. Funny, crazy situations she has gotten herself in to. She is very candid, honest and humble. She gives some very good advice, and I have taken most of it. She is a smart lady. She is a caring, loving, spiritual person, and I am happy I got the chance to read her book. In a way, it has changed my life.

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