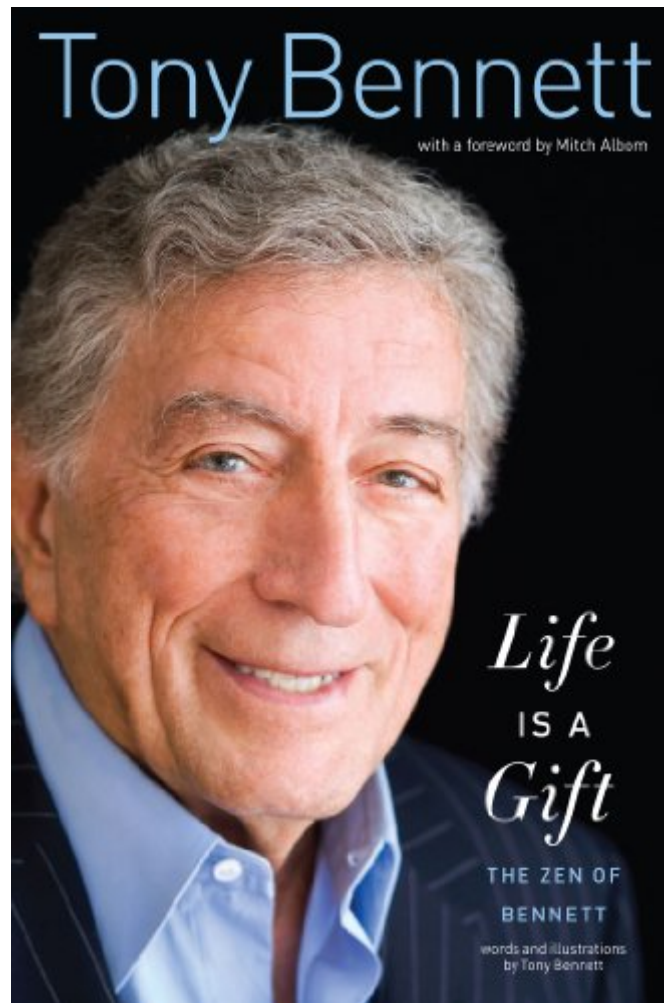




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One of the most well-known and beloved vocalists of our time, Tony Bennett is an American icon. Now, in this rich and beautiful memoir, the legendary Grammy and Emmy Award-winning singer takes us behind the scenes of his multi-platinum career. Revealing, insightful, and always moving, *Life Is a Gift* tells the stories of Bennett's experiences in the music industry, what he learned, and who he met along the way, including Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, and Duke Ellington, as well as Amy Winehouse, John Mayer, and Lady Gaga. A "master class in life," this revealing retrospective offers an intimate look at Tony Bennett's journey, from growing up during the Great Depression to carving a career in popular music that has spanned more than six decades as his popularity among all generations continues to grow.

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Customer Reviews

I love Tony. He's the coolest. For anyone interested in Tony Bennett's life, I strongly recommend they read his memoir, *The Good Life*, before this book. *The Good Life* was 5-star fantastic IMO. This

book repeats a lot of what's in that book in abbreviated form. It is full of brief essays on single themes. I'd have skipped the summaries at the chapter ends if I were the editor. Completely superfluous. I only recommend this book if you've read *The Good Life* first and just can't get enough Tony. *Life Is Gift* is fine and has good stories, but after reading *The Good Life*, it's repetitive with fluff and filler. I think performers might dig this more than the layman (again after reading *The Good Life*.) Recommended only after reading *The Good Life* and if you can't get enough Tony.

Tony is an inspiration to happiness in life!! I loved his story and I am so inspired to live my life to the fullest knowing to enjoy every moment, being that life is truly a gift!! How wonderful it is to know what a full life he is leading to this day at 91 years old!! Wow! Wow! Wow!

This look-back by Tony Bennett is comprised of brief chapters for which an outline is offered summarizing the author's main points. Like a catechism followed by the outline of a power-point presentation. Bennett knew all the big names, and so will you, Reader. He bows in gratitude to each and every one of them. I was interested to know that his duets (recording industry's latest resurrection of oldies merged with family members or others) are recorded with two live singers, not just tracks. He seemed so much more at ease in a 1990s, I think, A&E live TV concert. This is too shaped to a formula...is it his or his memor-X?

Great

This man epitomizes how humans can align themselves with their unfettered inner self in creative endeavors. Though his is the musical voice, his alignment with the spirit of his own soul is striking, beautiful. It is a rare gift to share such human richness. David

I have enjoyed TONY BENNETT music since 1950. He is and always will be my favorite singer. I have all his records and now books! Tony even gave me a signed watercolor of the Bay Bridge several years ago. To say that I am thrilled with *Life is a Gift: The Zen of Tony Bennett* as well as David Evanier's book: *All The Things You Are; The life of Tony Bennett* would be an understatement! The more I see, hear and read about TONY BENNETT the better I like it! There is only one Tony Bennett and thank God for Tony. He is as great of a man as he is a singer and painter! *Life Is a Gift: The Zen of Tony Bennett* is simply stated, well written and very informative. I purchased this book from Amazon and it was very simple to do.

I have seen Mr. Bennett 4 times. His book, his interpretation of song, his generosity and his amazing life are documented in a compact book, yet says volumes of what we should aspire to be. It's every day-Due unto others. In his duets 2 album, he thought that since he was asking others to sing with him, he should offer them the courtesy of going to them. He traveled around the world to record with people of every music genre. No, I'll come to you. Gentleman. Through and through. I read this book every night, till I fell asleep. You'll enjoy it Not one to brag, however, I have secured front row seats at an upcoming Southwest Florida Concert in February. Can't wait.

Bought this as a gift for grandma. She loved it, and really enjoyed the stories Tony tells during his career.

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