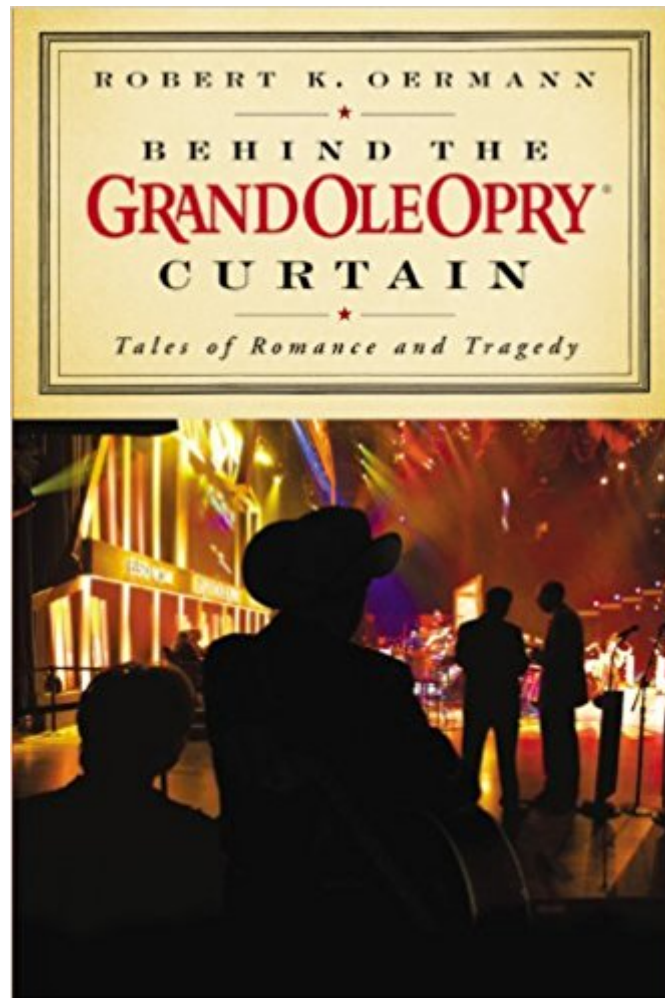




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Behind The Grand Ole Opry Curtain: Tales Of Romance And Tragedy



Synopsis

The Grand Ole Opry has been home to the greatest legends of country music for over eighty years, and in that time it has seen some of country music's most dramatic stories unfold. We'll hear of the great love stories ranging from Johnny Cash and June Carter in the 1960s to Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, who married in 2005. We'll get the truth of the tragedies that led to the loss of three stars all in the same month, starting the rumor of the "Opry Curse." We'll learn how after being stabbed, shot, and maimed, Trace Adkins calls his early honky-tonk years "combat country," and we'll find inspiration from DeFord Bailey, an African American harmonica player in 1927 crippled by childhood polio who rose to fame as one of the first Opry stars. Our hearts will break for Willie Nelson, who lost his only son on Christmas Day, and soar for Amy Grant and Vince Gill, who found true love. Based on over 150 firsthand interviews with the stars of The Grand Ole Opry, these are stories that tell the heart of country--the lives that are lived and inspire the songs we love.

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Customer Reviews

Dubbed "the dean of Nashville's entertainment journalists," Robert K. Oermann writes two weekly columns for Music Row magazine and has been published in more than 100 other national periodicals. His seven books to date include the award-winning *Finding Her Voice* and *A Century of Country*. He has penned liner notes for more than 100 albums and boxed-set productions, and has scripted and/or directed television specials and documentaries for CMT, CBS, PBS, the BBC, TBS, TNN and others. He is the chairman of the country committee for the Grammy Awards in Los

Angeles and serves on the Hall of Fame and awards committees for the Country Music Association (CMA).

So far, so good. I've enjoyed learning a bit about these stars. It's encouraged me to read more about several folks I didn't think would be fascinating, such as Eddy Arnold, who must have been one incredible person! I read someone's review criticizing this book for containing only brief bios but I feel that the author did a great job researching interesting facts about these various artists. This book packs it in! I particularly love the Barbara Mandrell and Ken Dudley chapter. Their humor and love can be felt through the pages!

If you like the back stories of stars in country music, read this. It's a terrific account by the Nashville music writer, Robert Oermann, He covers the careers of many greats now gone. I loved it, and he takes you on a journey covering both the joy and sorrow often found in the business. Most country stars have portions of their lives the public never sees. This book opens the door on those hidden tales. Great job and anything written by the author is a gem.

Very Interesting read on my favorite country singers. Not many real country singers left. It's country pop and country rock. Thank God for Pandora, Sirius, and Willie's Roadhouse. SAD C

Okay, I have to confess, I ordered this book as a Birthday present for my friend. But it looked so interesting that I also ordered one for myself. I was going to wait and read this in the winter, when you don't want to go out. But I picked it up and couldn't stop. This is such a Great Book on so many ways. I am in my 50's and my friend is in her 70's. The few singers that I did not know, she did. So We Are BOTH Very Happy.

I very much enjoyed the stories in this book. For many years, I followed many of the persons about whom these stories were written. I learned things that I either didn't know about or had forgotten about! As my likes in music has changed in recent years, I was not familiar with some of the "younger" stars mentioned, but as a whole, I really enjoyed the book. Would recommend this read for anyone who is into Country Music and wants to know more!

It was a wonderful insight to their lives that I immensely enjoyed. I grew up 'on country music' so reading about my country singers from the 'old days' is great. The book is well-written and makes

you feel right 'in the book' with them. .

some good Stories in there

Found this semi interesting. Most of what was written here, has already been published in other "Country" books. I have read most everything to do with the Grand Ole Opry and most biographies, memoirs etc of every entertainer that I can find down through the years. It was informative for those fans that are new. I finished it in a couple of hours and was wishing I had my money back.

HOWEVER, if you are looking for info and have never really read much about these entertainers, it is a good "beginners" book on the subject...

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