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Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

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Posted: **Mon Jun 17, 2013 11:37 am**

Have you read this book, Scissors and Paste by David Evans? 🤔

I very much enjoyed reading the book. 🤔 I would like to get a discussion going about it. What are your thoughts?

One thing I note from the book is that David says he spent a day talking to Pat Rhodes. Does this mean, I wonder, that Dusty gave the book her blessing. Did Pat read the book? I wonder what her thoughts were. I am also very curious to know if Dusty actually read the book and if she did what she thought about it.

David Evans is a man who obviously has great (and long lasting) love and regard for Dusty, and that informs the book from cover to cover. However, he is not afraid to question Dusty's judgment on a number of topics. Not the least of these is in regard to paparazzi questions about her marital status. Shouldn't she have had an answer ready for these inevitable questions?

There is much more to say about the book and I hope that some of you will join in with your thoughts. On one aspect of the book I am very puzzled. There seems to have been a complete breakdown when it came to proof reading! On the Copyright page the word Personal is spelt with two 'N's. One chapter ends, not only in the middle of a sentence, but in the middle of a word! Some sentences seem to be missing several words. There are many other instances of corrections that should have been made before publication. I should put together a list!

A glaring error, to my mind, is the attribution of the '*swayed by a girl as by a boy*' quote to Penny Valentine rather than Ray Connolly, as I have always believed to be the case! And there are more errors of this kind.

This carelessness IMHO detracts from what is, essentially, a really interesting book with some great insights into Dusty and her life.

Please

So over to you. What do you think? 🤔

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **pat.dunham**

Posted: **Mon Jun 17, 2013 12:48 pm**

Can't believe the price on Amazon £155.00. OK secondhand, although prices vary somewhat. Why has it never been considered a recognised "bio" of Dusty?

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Mon Jun 17, 2013 4:00 pm**

Possibly because the author never claimed it was a bio, more a collection of stories and quotes put together in his own, often humorous and witty style. It was a book I enjoyed but it's been so long since I read it, I can't really talk about it in any depth, except to say that I did enjoy it. I also was in contact with David Evans for a while and he seemed like a genuinely nice man and a definite Dusty fan. A few years ago now, I saw a pile of Scissor's and Paste's in a remaindered book shop going for 99p each! I bought a couple of spares which I put in the DD raffle. Seeing the price it goes for these days, I should have bought the lot!

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Mon Jun 17, 2013 6:13 pm**

I had never read Scissors and Paste until Wend gave me a copy. I loved it, its my type of Dusty book. Its one that you can read over and over, you are immediately taken right back to those wonderful days of the 60's.

Heres someone else who enjoyed reading it too!

 Image

Casx

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Mon Jun 17, 2013 7:24 pm**

Well it is easy to see that Miss P is a woman of taste! 🤔

I agree it is not meant as a bio. But David Evans did have a few points to make regarding decisions Dusty made in her life.

Any thoughts on all the errors, proofing and otherwise, in the book? 🙌

By the way, I have a spare copy. If anyone would like to have a read, I will send it on to you! 🙄

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 1:17 am**

🤔 I can't find a copy stateside.

There's one at BG Univ. about 50 miles from home, but it doesn't circulate, so I have to go there to read it. 🙄

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 8:35 am**

Jeffrey, PM me your address and I will send you my spare copy!

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **nevertoolate**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 8:42 pm**

Where did you see £155 on Amazon Pat? Have just looked it up and found copies for a few quid. Hope I'm looking at the right thing... Am going to order a copy. Thanks for putting us on to this Donella

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **pat.dunham**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 9:08 pm**

Well Jackie, all the interest that Donella has raised has now put Amazon , for a New copy, price up £190. I know there are cheaper second hand copies available through Amazon Market Place. Donella maybe you should get a commission!

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

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No, in truth it would seem that the new copy on sale for £155.00 has gone (who would have bought it at that price?), thus leaving the only new copy at £190.99p. 🤔 You can, however, still buy a second copy for .76p.

 If it was me I would go for that! 

So Jackie, I am glad to see you posting again. I hope all is well with your family now. 

Yes I recommend this book. In spite of all the proofing errors it is well worth a read and a good catch up for us latter day fans!  It was written in 1994, so well before Dusty left us. I would love to know if she ever had a look at it!  

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **nevertoolate**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 10:06 pm**

Thanks Donella, and what a crazy difference in price! Who would buy the new copy at that price?! Am I missing something here? 

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Britpop**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 10:39 pm**

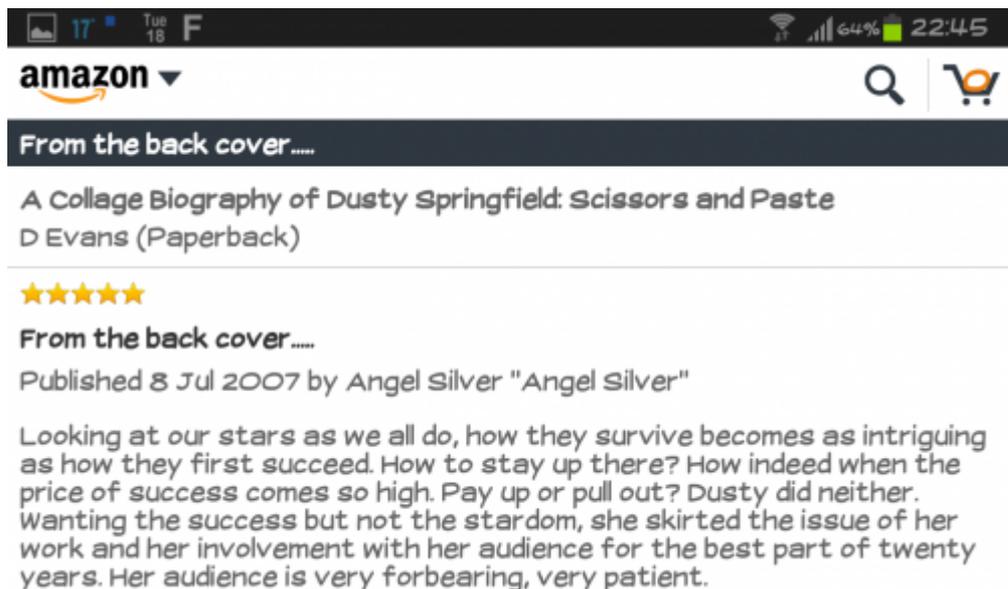
Thanks for the information Donella. I just ordered a copy on Amazon Market Place for \$8.00. I look forward to reading it.
S.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **nevertoolate**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 10:54 pm**

Yes I've just ordered a copy too, and will try and ignore the errors (which will be v difficult as a librarian). Interesting review on Amazon - rather ambivalent I feel? Is this really from the back cover?



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amazon

From the back cover

A Collage Biography of Dusty Springfield: Scissors and Paste
D Evans (Paperback)

★★★★★

From the back cover.....
Published 8 Jul 2007 by Angel Silver "Angel Silver"

Looking at our stars as we all do, how they survive becomes as intriguing as how they first succeed. How to stay up there? How indeed when the price of success comes so high. Pay up or pull out? Dusty did neither. Wanting the success but not the stardom, she skirted the issue of her work and her involvement with her audience for the best part of twenty years. Her audience is very forbearing, very patient.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 11:00 pm**

Yes it is. It was written by the author!

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Dotty86**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 11:01 pm**

Thanks for the info Donella. Sounds like a good read. Going to order one too 

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Tue Jun 18, 2013 11:52 pm**

Good!

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **paula**

Posted: **Wed Jun 19, 2013 2:35 am**

Being one of, if not the last name picked at a Dusty Day raffle a few years back, I was ecstatic to find "scissors & paste" still on the table. It completed my Dusty library . 😊

It was probably your donation, Carole . 🙌

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Wed Jun 19, 2013 3:22 am**

donellac wrote:

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Did you look on Ebay, Jeffery? I bought it for \$16.00. They had a couple for under \$10.00 but it said OK

condition and I never know what that means 😬 I check on Ebay before I buy anything...some real bargains on there 😊 I've sold a lot of things on Ebay too and never had a problem.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Wed Jun 19, 2013 8:54 am**

Hi Jeffrey, I know you are in the States. It can't cost so much to send a smallish book to you though, can it?

Another option for you is to go onto the Amazon UK website. There are currently a couple of very cheap copies starting at 00.76p. Add the postage to the States to that and it will still cost less than any of the options you have listed! (Have checked the cost of posting the book to the States, it is coming in at £9.90!)

Scissors and Paste is well worth the read! 🙌😬🙌

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When I get my copy Donella, I shall read it immediately and report back to you 😊 It was sent media mail which can be slow but you can bet I will read it in one sitting! I just finished "Queen of the Postmods" and I liked it but it was a bit technical for me since I am not a musician. I should have read it while listening to the songs but that's not so easy in my household. The minute I put on my headphones or open a book it seems all hell breaks loose 😬

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Britlin**

Posted: **Wed Jun 19, 2013 5:26 pm**

I ordered a used copy from the US Amazon. It was \$4.07 plus \$3.99 postage.

Linda

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

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Linda

Hey Linda that is great! So you see it is available at a reasonable price in the US. 😊

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Ok I will allow you a bit more time! 😊👍

Fobakawa (is that your name really?) What I have found with [Queen of the Postmods](#) is that I have had to read it quite a few times. It is only on the second or third run through that you get to the stage of listening to the songs and reading the analysis of them at the same time! For a very small book it is dense with information and there are many many references. I think it took Annie Randall a long time to write the book and so I think we should take a long time to read it! 🍷

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No Donella, my name is Evelyn 😊 Fobakawa is my original screen name from 1997 when I got my first computer. I have had several people that I've "met" online that think I'm oriental which I'm not. It is, of course, related to a cat we had at the time. Dusty and I have that in common. It's always about our cats 🐱 I agree that the Annie Randall book will take a few reads to fully appreciate it. I can't wait to get Scissors and Paste.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **jeffery**

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Linda

 Good tips everyone !

I'm too clumsy to bid on Ebay.

I should search harder for a used copy on Amazon. I'd like to see Donella's generous offer go to one of LTD's new members.

LOL  Someone thought Evelyn (Fobakawa) was oriental.

I often mused over that screen name, and thought it was a sort of vulgar pig Latin. 

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Hampson**

Posted: **Tue Jul 02, 2013 2:54 pm**

I loved Scissors and Paste - mainly because it was a nice easy comfortable read. The author was obviously a fan, so that helped. Perhaps it was a glossed over version of Dusty's life and times, but that was what I wanted to read I guess. I've never been interested in all the dirt people dish up on Dusty, because if you dig deep enough you can dig something up on almost anyone. We are none of us perfect.

I can't remember how much it cost but it wasn't very much.

Evelyn I often buy those second hand deals for peanuts and when they come they are new and have obviously never been read and are even wrapped in the original wrapper. I get the impression this is how book shops get rid of books that have been hanging around for a long time.

Donella re the errors, do you think some of these books have been printed and found to have errors say after the first print, and rather than ditch them, they sell them off cheap on ebay or somewhere like that. Just a thought. Only I used to work in a printers (in another life), and it can happen that errors are found after being proof read. I remember getting a rollicking myself for a typing error in the author's name which was then printed.

Wend

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

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Wend

Hi Wend, you know what you say is possible. Both copies of the book that I have were bought as used. Both have the same errors. I find it truly incredible that such a glaring error as a chapter ending in the middle of a sentence wasn't picked up. But, hey ho! However, the book does not just contain the odd typing error!

By the way, is it a while since you read the book? I found it quite interesting that, although David Evans doesn't delve too deeply into Dusty's life, sometimes he does make deeply personal comments. It is an intriguing mish mash.

I would love to know what you other guys (who have recently bought the book) think about it. 

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **dusty nut**

Posted: **Tue Jul 02, 2013 8:25 pm**

I was interested in the buzz about this book so I hotfooted it to Amazon. The price of the actual book isn't too bad but the post and packaging is £20 or so! I will wait and see if another seller

can do it for less. 😬😬

Lynn x

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Tue Jul 02, 2013 11:29 pm**

Lynn, I have a spare copy of the book. Let me know if you would like me to send it to you. 📬

By the way, I have just checked on Amazon - you can buy the book for .55p with postage of £2.80p. I am not sure where you saw the postage of £20.00.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **fobakawa**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 6:06 am**

I just got my copy of "Scissors and Paste" a couple of days ago and plan to read it as soon as I can. It does look brand new to me Wend even though it said used and it does not look like it's been read. I always try Ebay before I look on Amazon because I can usually get free shipping on Ebay and no tax 🙏 Anyway, I'm excited to read it.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **dusty nut**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 6:50 am**

Thanks for your kind offer Donella 📬. I found there are 2 Amazon sites! Went on Amazon.uk and have ordered book for £3.39 free p+p! Hurrah 😄 😊

Lynn x

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **donellac**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 8:30 am**

Lynn, that is great! 😊

I hope you get the book soon and you enjoy it very much! 📖

Once you have read it, please let us know what you think! 🙏

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **dusty nut**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 10:17 am**

I most certainly will Donella. 📬 🙏

Lynn x

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **pat.dunham**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 11:16 am**

This book has an alternative title : "A Collage biography of Dusty Springfield". I think Scissors and Paste is the name of a series of books on various people by different authors.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Hampson**

Posted: **Wed Jul 03, 2013 4:52 pm**

I think immediately you start to read Scissors and Paste it is blatantly obvious that David Evans is one of us.

I only came to read it because Carole G mentioned it, and I didn't know it existed at that time. I think it was about 5 years ago Donella. So I immediately sent for it and loved it.

Wend

Re: Scissors and Paste

by donellac

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Hampson wrote:

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Wend

Well Wend I am glad you loved it. I did too, well most of it!

Reading some back issues of the DS Bulletin it seems that, at that time, some commentators were not too keen on it. But it has to be a personal response, I think.

I totally agree David Evans is a very long time fan of Dusty's!. 

Re: Scissors and Paste

by donellac

Posted: **Fri Nov 01, 2013 12:20 pm**

Well folks, it's been almost four months now. 

All of you who acquired a copy of Scissors and Paste by David Evans (back in July) promised faithfully to report back and let us know what you think about the book. 

What has happened? Not a cheep!  

When will I hear you again? When will our hearts Oh well never mind!  

C'mon, you must have some thoughts. Will you share them?  

Re: Scissors and Paste

by darren2722

Posted: **Fri Nov 01, 2013 11:32 pm**

I will try to read it over the next few days Donella.  

Re: Scissors and Paste

by fobakawa

Posted: **Sat Nov 02, 2013 6:38 am**

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I did get the book and I did read it but to be honest I had forgotten about it. My sister has been very ill and I have been tied up with doctor visits, etc. with her. Reading is my escape but unfortunately I have not been able to concentrate lately. I will read it again soon and comment, I promise 🙏

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **darren2722**

Posted: **Sat Nov 02, 2013 10:05 am**

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Best Wishes to your sister Evelyn. Hope she is well again soon. 🌹🌹

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Sun Nov 03, 2013 12:19 pm**

yes hope she gets better soon.

I really enjoyed this book, hope people try to get it if they haven't read it. it appears on ebay from time to time.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Sun Nov 03, 2013 12:31 pm**

I too am so sorry to hear your sister has been ill Evelyn, I hope shes feeling much better now. Hope you get a chance to read it soon.

Casx

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **pat.dunham**

Posted: **Sun Nov 03, 2013 10:59 pm**

I have just had a scanned second read. Enjoyed Dusty's own words from interviews etc. It was pleasant not to have the sad side brought up, after all as we know there was a lot more to Dusty.

I found this book on the Hospiscare in Devon web site for £1.25 which besides being cheap it seemed appropriate. It arrived by mail and was in perfect condition, not that it mattered as I wanted the book and the money went to a good cause.

Re: Scissors and Paste

by **darren2722**

Posted: **Mon Nov 18, 2013 12:57 pm**

Just finished reading it. 🙄 Early doors I was thinking maybe it would have been better if David Evans had just let Dusty's words speak for themselves, But decided against that, And I quite like the way he comments on a Dusty quote or interview. 🙄 Like everyone has mentioned he clearly loves his subject, and he is not afraid to state how he thinks Dusty made mistakes and in hindsight what she could/should have done to correct them. 🙄 It's probably (at least for me) the easiest Dusty book of them all to read, he takes the reader in with a nice natural writing style. 🙄

Does David Evans at one point (PAGE 91) Suggest Dusty should have got married (like Rock Hudson did) to stop the Gay rumours? 🙄 not quite sure what he was getting at there. 🙄

Like Donella says, the book would have benefited from more judicious editing and proof reading before it was released, but all in all A very good piece of work from a man who knows his subject well. 🤖