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■ by [mnmcv1](#) » Tue Apr 06, 2010 9:50 pm

okay, I've already read *Dancing With Demons* and the Paul Howes book.

I decided to take a break because I had non-Dusty books piling up (read some great ones, too! *American Lion*, about Andrew Jackson, *Front Page* about Anna Wintour, and a few others), but now I want some more on Dusty.

I checked out Annie's book, but I think I'm gonna hold off on reading that until later- I recently finished Michael Eric Dyson's book on Marvin Gaye, which has a similar academic tone to it. I'm in the mood for a straight bio. 😊

sooooo...I start looking online, and I found the following:

Dusty, by Lucy O'Brien

Dusty Springfield: A Life in Music, by Edward Leeson

A Girl Called Dusty, by Sharon Davis

In the Middle of Nowhere, by Laurence Cole

I'm leaning to the Lucy O'Brien book, as that seems to be the one I hear mentioned most often, but I have some questions- Is there an updated version of the O'Brien book? (I saw the original publish date was 1989)? Has anyone read that *In the Middle of Nowhere* book yet? And why is that Edward Leeson book so expensive!?! 🙄

-markus

Everyday of my life, is fresh as morning dew...



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■ by [daydreamer](#) » Tue Apr 06, 2010 10:55 pm

DUSTY by Lucy O'Brien was updated in 2000 Markus. It's worth reading and so is A Girl Called Dusty. They're straight bio's written by music journalists, they may fill in a few gaps. I also enjoyed Scissors and Paste which is not a bio and is a bit different, but that's not easy to get hold of these days. I have no idea why the Leason book is expensive, maybe not many were printed or something. I didn't think it was difficult to get hold of copies but then I haven't been looking!

There's a part of you, that's a part of me...

Carole x



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■ by [neonouille](#) » Wed Apr 07, 2010 12:49 am

daydreamer wrote: DUSTY by Lucy O'Brien was updated in 2000 Samuel.

Hey! Why my name is in the post? 😬

Samuel (Sam or Hawkeye) 😊



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Can I get a witness



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by [jeffery](#) » Wed Apr 07, 2010 1:19 am

Take her tip Samuel. I think you'll like Sharon Davis "A girl called Dusty ". If that Leason book is to expensive, it may be hard bound. Go for a cheaper paper back. 
" The man with the child in his eyes ".... Jeffery



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by [Corinna](#) » Wed Apr 07, 2010 7:29 am

Slight name confusion there. 

Markus - Leeson's book relies solely on second hand sources. If you've watched Dusty DVDs and stuff available on YouTube and the internet, you could write that book, too. Besides, he doesn't even seem to like Dusty a lot. Then why write a book? 

As Carole says, Lucy O'Brien has updated her biog and it's a highly enjoyable read.
Cor xx

*Dusty Springfield, that's a pretty name
Pretty as a pearl
What a pretty girl!*



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by [daydreamer](#) » Wed Apr 07, 2010 9:14 am

neonouille wrote:

*daydreamer wrote:*DUSTY by Lucy O'Brien was updated in 2000 Samuel.

Hey! Why my name is in the post? 😬

That was me mixing up my boys names 😊😬

I'm not sure that the Leeson one ever made it to paperback, I never saw it if it did. Unless you're looking for it to complete a full collection of Dusty books, I wouldn't bother searching too hard.

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Carole x



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by [jeffery](#) » Wed Apr 07, 2010 9:53 pm



Cor I'm interested in your comments regarding the E. Leeson book (a life in music), and any LTD member's angle on it for that matter. I read similar comments in Amazon's customer reviews. I liked reading it, but question the authenticity of it's content. In particular he states that near the end of her life she reconciled with her religion. I have never read another biography that makes such a statement, nor have I heard anyone say that in interview.

He appears to have good writing credentials, but do you suppose he's padding the story to soften the reader's opinion ? I've wondered about this since reading it last year. 🤔🙄

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■ by [mnmcv1](#) » Fri Apr 09, 2010 5:03 pm

thanks for the help y'all! 😊👍 I ordered the Lucy O'Brien bio. After that I'll probably dive into Annie's book. 📖

That Laurence Cole book looks intriguing- I'd never heard of it...
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■ by [Corinna](#) » Fri Apr 09, 2010 9:29 pm

Jeffery - I have a feeling Leeson's book was a rush job. Or maybe he's a coward. Everything he writes can be found on DVDs, so it seems he never spoke to anyone near Dusty, let alone to Dusty herself, in person. He doesn't give his own opinion on his material, just compiles the facts. Bit boring, isn't it?

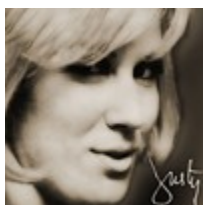
And where did he get the religion bit from? Personally, I think Dusty found her own belief, but I doubt it had any strict resemblance with that of the Irish-Catholic church...

Cor xx

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■ by [jeffery](#) » Mon Apr 12, 2010 10:23 pm



Thanks Cor. You know I questioned Leeson's accuracy as soon as I read that statement regarding religion. My life was changed for me at nine years old when for some unexplained reason my parents decided to convert to Catholicism. I work for a Catholic organization, and must walk a mighty fine line between what I believe, and what I'm told to believe. (that means keep your big mouth shut jeffery,..it could mean your job!) 😊
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