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by **dig123**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 3:24 am**

Another lovely, snowy night in New England. I should have a good book to read but I don't. I've been reading some of the archives and it seems there are a number of books out there on Dusty. Not everyone agrees on what was printed. Which would you recommend? I'm really interested in Dusty's later years when she became sick. I don't know how much of that info is out there. It might be too personal.

Re: Dusty books

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 11:36 am**

The years of her illness are not the focus of any book or article that I'm aware of, only covered as a matter of course in the "biographies" that have been published.

As for the books Dusty: Queen Of The Mods is great, as is In The Middle Of Nowhere and A Life In Music by Edward Leeson. Scissors And Paste, a compilation of her interviews, is good as well.

Maggie

Re: Dusty books

by **donellac**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 12:38 pm**

I Have to say that I am not at all sure what there would be to say about the years of Dusty's illness.

Re: Dusty books

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 2:41 pm**

books mentioned by Maggie are good to read as is the "Bible " from Paul Howes .
we have mentioned the books many times on different threads on here so you will be able to decide when you read the comments.
as for her ill health and last few years well its about the only time the poor girl had any privacy and so lets hope it stays that way.

Re: Dusty books

by **cMdM333**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 8:56 pm**

hello,
can someone post the author of In the Middle of Nowhere...having trouble finding it by the title alone..
thank you,
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Re: Dusty books

by **Hampson**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 9:37 pm**

Found this

DUSTY SPRINGFIELD: IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
BY LAURENCE COLE

Notebooks at the ready, don't bother with the music
Published as an academic text but with an eye on a broader readership, Cole's study of arguably Britain's greatest female singer has a tendency to fall between two stools. While patently an ardent fan, the author tries too hard to position Dusty as an important cultural figure and ends up spouting reams of hollow

worthiness.

Any writer who ends his introduction with a phrase as laboured as “understanding her performance strategies” has clearly lost the plot when it comes to appreciating the emotional and feral joy of Dusty’s music. Cole addresses the singer’s status as a gay icon, but his defiant justifying and scholastic chin-rubbing fails to engage the reader.

Part of the problem is the second/third-hand nature of the research; I never got to meet Dusty, but Cole quotes me in his text, from a review I wrote of a book by another writer who never met the singer, which is indicative of the ham-fisted game of Chinese whispers played throughout. The issue of Springfield’s perceived musical “blackness” is another strand that’s announced regularly but with little insight or conclusion, typical of a book that’s too wrapped up in the contemplative notions of celebrity to recognise the art that prompted the celebrity in the first place.

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Re: Dusty books

by **dig123**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 9:53 pm**

Thank you for the book titles. I will look into them. Interested in Dusty’s later years because I went through same with a family member in the 90’s. It’s something that has stayed with me for more than one reason.

Re: Dusty books

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 11:47 pm**

yes, I am drawn to dustys later years, I was from day one funnily enough, her illness was something she dealt with, she had no choice, I often think about those days, and wonder what it was like for her, but they aren't things I dwell on, dusty is the whole package and her illness is just part of that, it shouldn't be ignored, but it doesn't need to be a defining moment of who she was and what she achieved 😊

Neil 😊