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### Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **jeffery**

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Posted: **Mon Jan 11, 2010 4:44 pm**

🙄 I don't care for author Warren Zanes' "33'1/3 - Dusty in Memphis". 🗨️ I didn't read anything kind ❤️ or compelling, about Dusty. It seemed to be wrought with his personal fascination for Jerry Wexler, and I just couldn't get with his style. In the DVD "Dusty RAH(79)" concert there is an interview with Pat Rhodes. She mentions "a certain book". By her tone we can guess she doesn't approve of that book. 😞 Do any of you know just what book she is referring to? And, why?

Jeffery 🙄

### Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **karen**

Posted: **Mon Jan 11, 2010 4:59 pm**

I think we could all give you the answer to this one. Dancing with demons. Vicki Wickham & Penny Valentine. will say no more.

Karen.

### Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Mon Jan 11, 2010 5:00 pm**

this would have been "Dancing with Demons" by V. Wickham, Dustys manager and "friend" who most people, 🗨️ including her many fans thought had betrayed the many private and personal events in Dustys life. Dusty knew this would probably happen and had warned Pat that certain people would "tell all" and disclose things Dusty would have preferred to have kept private.

most fans think it was a betrayal and from a "friend" she has never lived it down. it was also a very rushed and poorly written book and certainly didnt do justice to someone who deserved so much more from someone who had known her for many years.

as the saying goes " with friends like these who needs enemies" 🗨️

### Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Mon Jan 11, 2010 5:23 pm**

Thanks Bluesgirl, I had a hunch it was DWD. The only bio that has escaped me is "Scissors and Paste". If I had read just one I felt I would be believeing in rumors, so I read them all, and just try to sort the wheat from the chaff. On the other hand it was DWD that kindled my fire for Dusty, and revield to me the things we have in common, and this vast network of family, and fans. Reading suggestions? Lay them on me!

### Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Mon Jan 18, 2010 9:24 pm**

I bought Dancing With Demons a while back, but just got around to reading it about three months ago. MOUTH AGAPE. Uncomfortable to read. I have no doubt Dusty had her flaws (as we all do) and was a troubled person, but she became this maniacal monster in the book. Around the same time I caught that Dusty documentary with French & Saunders, the part with on the set footage from the "In Private" (or was it "Reputation"?) video. Tough to reconcile the woman Dusty is so chummy with in this clip with the one who would savage her in print only a decade later (and barely a year or so after Dusty's passing).

### Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Mon Jan 18, 2010 10:37 pm**

Have you all read Annie Randall's book?

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **Rob**

Posted: **Mon Jan 18, 2010 10:38 pm**

Now that's a good 'un!

R 😊 B

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 9:02 am**

Annie Randall's book is great. Easy to read, and yet it offers profound knowledge of Dusty's musical path, and explores new trains of thought (for me, anyway) re her musical background and legacy.

DWD happened to be the first book I read about Dusty, it was on sale and I knew virtually nothing of Dusty as a person. I was mesmerised by that VOICE, and was actually reluctant to let any personal information taint that pure musical experience (especially something with 'demons' in the title). But of course I couldn't resist, and was repelled. An 'authorised' biog, so poorly written, with no little scandal or flaw too small to be exploited? I found it horrible, quite honestly. And still, I couldn't put it down, and through all the slander and back-stabbing, I sympathised with Dusty, and how wonderful & hard & exposed her life as a female pop artist was. But when I had finished, I was exhausted. Don't know if I want to pick it up again, really.

Lucy O'Brien gives a good (and emotionally much less exhausting) account of Dusty's life and career. I really enjoyed reading it. Can be a bit hard to get hold of, but well worth buying.

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **karen**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 10:08 am**

Have read all these , and like everyone found DWD traumatic, someone we have loved for all the pleasure and happy memories with all her fantastic songs, to be treated like this by so called friends, was so difficult to accept, however, all the feelings that we have for her do overcome what is put into print by money grabbers. unfortunately she was not around to defend herself, but we are. Agree Annie Randalls book a good read, not like above. more information, than deformation. Karen.

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **mssdusty**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 6:15 pm**

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR LUCY'S BOOK... 🙏 "

🎵 MARY 🎵

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **karen**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 6:23 pm**

Available on amazon just under 8 dollars Mary.

Karen.

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 6:49 pm**

Yes Annie Randall did a swell job especially her chapter detailing Dusty's theatrical hand gestures. I was happy to see her write the liner notes for "Once upon a time." I'd also recommend Lucy O'Brien's book. The thing about DWD is that they are really taking Dusty down when they lead everyone to believe that she actually "liked" being in an mental institution, and that it was like being in a hotel!

I know first hand what it's like to take the one you love the most to that place, and to visit them there inside the belly of that beast. I assure all of you that no one can "like" that experiance ! Dusty surely had demons,

and I'm telling you those demons talk in tongues. Unless you've seen it for yourself it's hard to comprehend. She was strong, she fought, and she survived. I think that is a most important part of her legacy. Jeffery

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **humboldt**

Posted: **Tue Jan 19, 2010 11:10 pm**

Am I the only person that actually liked DWD? After reading it I felt that I finally knew the real Dusty and loved her even more. It explained so much as to why she behaved in certain ways. It was disturbing but essential reading.

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Wed Jan 20, 2010 12:30 am**

Yes humboldt I like the book too if just for the simple reason that it was the first to introduce me to Dusty. I can't agree with everything in it, and you shouldn't let it define her. Keep reading - - - there are other books. I figure it this way. Somebody was going to write a book! It might as well be them to be the first. With trust comes betrayal, so we try to find it in our humanity to forgive our betrayers. Sometimes thats a tough task. Don't just read about her, but study her, and she will reveal herself. Jeffery

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **Baby Blue**

Posted: **Wed Jan 20, 2010 8:34 am**

I agree with you John, I prefer DWD to Lucy's book. Maybe because it was the first one I read about Dusty. I agree that it was not especially well written the facts aren't 100 percent accurate and a bit of portrayal in friendship, but I still liked it better than Lucy's book. I first learned about Dusty's "demons" not through DWD but the Internet shortly after Dusty passing. Well I knew many of them, but did not know how involved she was with drugs. After reading DWD, I only loved Dusty more. My mother, who is no longer with us, read the book and felt the exact way I do.

I never read 33 1/3, was told not to bother as not very much of Dusty was in that book.

Marty

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **humboldt**

Posted: **Wed Jan 20, 2010 9:53 pm**

I read two other biographies prior to DWD and neither told me much more than I already knew from the media of the day. So DWD, flaws and all, really was essential reading.

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Wed Jan 20, 2010 10:05 pm**

I haven't been able to pin down a copy of "Scissors and Paste". One is available at a college library 50 miles from my home. It doesn't circulate so I'll have to go there, and spend an afternoon speed reading it for anything new. It's on my to do list. Glad you liked Ms.Dusty Cat. I was hoping she'd give everyone a lift. Later, jeffery

### **Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."**

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 12:44 am**

Thanks for the kind comments on my book! It was a labor of love, as you all know.

Has anyone read the Coles book? I thought it was full of good information and great pictures. He and I seem to have brought up many of the same points although the 2 books are organized very differently and the author's "voice" is certainly different too. Coles is a longtime UK fan and his book reflects that intimate knowledge of Dusty culture.

Has there ever been a thread on Coles's book here? Or an author interview?

Annie

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 4:05 am**

Thats a new one on me Annie. Sounds like a must read. You'd better give up some details so won't have trouble finding it. Got an ISBN number? By the way... Thanks for writing that book! Jeffery

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 10:04 am**

ISBN 978-1-904750-41-3

I know you like Coles book Annie and I tried to like it because of that 😊 , but it just never grabbed me. Maybe because I had already read yours and as you say, Middle of Nowhere was similar in a lot of ways. I think I got off to a bad start with it as I didn't agree with his take on Dusty's funeral, but I persevered and got into it in parts and I did find the "notes" to be informative. As for 33 1/3, I bought it to complete my collection but didn't get very far into it before boredom set in!

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **karen**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 10:11 am**

Yes information and the pictures were great, and agree the book does reflect an intimate knowledge of Dusty culture, just the opening chapter of this book when he describes his own feelings of listening to her, quote "I had until that moment in December 1962, been doing my best to ignore." please carry me with you" well yes, indeed. I would and for the next 45 years. But though I think I knew then and there, aged 18, that I had fallen instantly, and irretrievably in love, I was as bewildered as I was smitten.

Karen.

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 4:57 pm**

Thanks, Carole, for posting the ISBN for the Laurence Coles book. The bit you mention, about the funeral, is a good example of how Coles's book differs from mine: His is a much more personal account of D's life than mine and he asserts this right at the beginning of the book. Coles talks a lot about the biographical aspects, esp as seen from the UK, and is sociological in many ways.

Just a word about the Warren Zanes book: This 33 1/2 format, devoted to one major album, invites the "personal meditation on greatness" approach and lends itself to flights of fancy. I think of it affectionately as a "fan on crack" book and is written from a very personal, American point of view.

It's interesting to think about all these books on Dusty (Davis, mine, Lynes, DWD, Lucy O, Zanes, Scissors, Coles); they're all over the map in terms of approach. Says something about D and her many facets maybe?

Annie (ps how do I restore my avatar?)

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Thu Jan 21, 2010 4:59 pm**

One more thing: In listing those books, how could I leave out the Bible!!! The Complete Dusty Springfield by Paul Howes! Yet another approach to put on the list.

Annie

## Re: Pat Rhodes,"a certain book."

by **memphisinlondon**

Posted: **Tue Mar 09, 2010 10:54 pm**

I read Annie's book first and Laurence Cole's next. I had been waiting for decent books on Dusty for years and like London buses two came along at the same time. I thoroughly enjoyed both of them as a fab Dusty double bill written from different valuable perspectives with some great insights and lots of fascinating points and 'Oh I agree' and 'Oh I don't agree' moments. And many golden nuggets of information. I was enthralled by both books. Annie's is the best book I read that year -2008.

## Re: Pat Rhodes, "a certain book."

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Fri Mar 12, 2010 3:54 am**

Hey Melanie,

Thanks! See you at DDay festivities!

Annie

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