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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 3:51 pm

It is good to see that the press can monitor themselves on occasions, well done Iain and LBC.  
I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.....  
..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



[pat.dunham](#)

Can I get a witness  
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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [Brenda king](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 4:10 pm

Hi Pat  
Did a new article come out?

[Brenda king](#)

Little by little  
★

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**Joined:** Mon Feb 17, 2014 7:59 pm

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 6:22 pm

Brenda, not a new article just someone saying what we all wanted to say re "The Spectator" homophobic review of THE book.  
<http://www.iaindale.com/posts/2014/08/1...bic-review>  
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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [trek007](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 6:54 pm

Yes well done Iain. Pity you published the book in the first place though.  
Last edited by [trek007](#) on Fri Aug 15, 2014 6:52 pm, edited 1 time in total.  
[Trekx. Often called Carole.](#)

[Ev'rything's coming up Dusty.](#)



[trek007](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [Brenda king](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 7:53 pm

Thanks for the info Pat. Still hard to believe the Spectator ever allowed that in print!

[Brenda king](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [dig123](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 8:16 pm

That wasn't a review. That was a piece of crap written by someone living in another century!! And I'm being kind!

[dig123](#)

I'll try anything



**Posts:** 273

**Joined:** Tue Feb 04, 2014 12:28 am

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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [Dotty86](#) » Thu Aug 14, 2014 8:47 pm

Great to see. Thanks for the link Darren 🙌  
Georgie x



[Dotty86](#)

I've got a good thing



**Posts:** 1344

**Joined:** Sat Jan 05, 2013 9:08 pm

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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [davdreamer](#) » Fri Aug 15, 2014 1:51 pm

He deserves all the flak that he gets. This is from Today's Guardian...

What do we know of the writer Roger Lewis? Four years ago the Observer said this of him: "Roger Lewis is a bad-tempered, embittered, foul-mouthed, cantankerous old fart. Nobody has hated on this scale ... for what seems an awfully long time." And it seems, he has only got worse. What to say about his review in the Spectator of *Dusty: An Intimate Portrait of a Legend*, a new book about Dusty Springfield? "Call me a crazy old physiognomist," began Lewis. "But my theory is that you can always spot a lesbian by her big thrusting chin. Celebrity Eskimo Sandi Toksvig, Ellen DeGeneres, Jodie Foster, Clare Balding, Vita Sackville-West, God love them: there's a touch of Desperate Dan in the jaw-bone area, no doubt the better to go bobbing for apples." One thing to say is take a hike. Publisher Iain Dale, responsible for the Springfield book, did just that. "I'm surprised and appalled by your decision to publish Roger Lewis's review of our book *Dusty: An Intimate Portrait of a Musical Legend*," writes Dale in a letter to the Spectator. "The reviewer clearly displays homophobic sentiments towards his subject and, indeed, a litany of other lesbian celebrities. The reasoning behind your decision is as incomprehensible to me as his overt homophobia is. We had been discussing with Mr Lewis the possibility of publishing his next book. He has just been told those discussions are at an end." It's all political correctness, laments Lewis. Didn't the Observer call it right.

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

Carole x



[davdreamer](#)

Moderator



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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [donellac](#) » Fri Aug 15, 2014 2:27 pm

These responses are good, I think.

A problem, that I see, is that the offensive words by Roger Lewis are being published and republished!

Just in case you missed it, here it is again.....!!

Donella x

*Yesterday when I was young the taste of life was sweet as rain upon my tongue!*



[donellac](#)

Where am I going?



**Posts:** 704

**Joined:** Tue Feb 26, 2013 10:58 am

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by [trek007](#) » Fri Aug 15, 2014 2:59 pm

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Lol 😂

Trekk. Often called Carole.

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[trek007](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [allherfaces](#) » Fri Aug 15, 2014 6:32 pm

Not to mention the irony of the publisher sounding like the good guy, when they published the book itself, worthy of plenty of legitimate criticism.

x

Bosseh

*There's something in my soul that will always lead me back to you.*



[allherfaces](#)

Someone who cares



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[Re: New biography](#)

by [Corinna](#) » Sat Aug 16, 2014 10:14 am

Very true, Nancy. The irony is almost unbearable...  
Cor xx

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



[Corinna](#)

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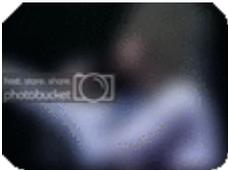
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[Re: New biography](#)

by [dusty nut](#) » Sat Aug 16, 2014 2:15 pm

I have just read the piece in The Spectator, I am disgusted and so terribly sad.  
Poor Dusty to be maligned in such a public way, the book was bad enough and  
I wonder when all this will ever end.  
Lynn x

Nothing turns the day on, when the world is yawning



[dusty nut](#)

Someone who cares



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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [Clive](#) » Sat Aug 30, 2014 9:57 am

Recent item on RTE radio (Ireland) about Dusty. Unfortunately it is largely informed by the new biography.

<http://www.rte.ie/radio/utills/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!rii=9%3A20640959%3A4502%3A29%2D08%2D2014%3A>



[Clive](#)

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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Sat Aug 30, 2014 11:31 am

Thanks Clive. 🙌

Well, The programme started off so well with Dusty's songs, but deteriorated thereafter with information on Dusty that is provided by "That book" : A young fan who loves Dusty's music wants to delve deeper into The Legend so she buys the the Biography and all the "facts" she learns from it provide her answers and opinions when she is asked questions and for her 'Expert Opinion' on Dusty Springfield. 🤔

If she does make her planned documentary, I hope she doesn't rely just on the book for her insights into Dusty. Hopefully a few fans will set her straight so it

will be more balanced. 🙏

Great to hear My Lagan Love though. 🙌  
I Couldn't Ask For More



[darren2722](#)

Someone who cares  
★★★★★★

**Posts:** 7912  
**Joined:** Sat Jun 16, 2012 6:12 pm  
**Location:** Sittingbourne Kent

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## [Re: New biography](#)

by [donellac](#) » Sat Aug 30, 2014 11:09 pm

Oh the folly of youth!

I certainly hope that Audrey will delve much deeper and try to find Dusty and not just rely on the image that has been portrayed by this book.  
Donella x

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[donellac](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Sun Aug 31, 2014 7:05 am

OK the information was taken from KB's book. But PLEASE do not say things that are totally wrong. The making of the "Roll Away" video was a little difficult because Dusty was not well. We all know that long before the 90's she was dry and clean. DO NOT TWIST information yet again. Any newcomers will get a distorted enough view if they read the book.

I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.....

..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



[pat.dunham](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [karen](#) » Sun Aug 31, 2014 8:48 am

Agree why do they always not seem to have checked re the details before they say these things, 😞 At least we heard her songs... 🎵 👍



[karen](#)

I only want to be with you



**Posts:** 18107

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [Clive](#) » Sat Sep 06, 2014 9:56 am

Agree with all about the misinformation and misinterpretation in the Irish radio item, some of it made me wince. Think the fan means well though.

One good thing, largely I think as a result of this radio show, Dusty's *Hits Collection* climbs to number 25 (up from 70) in Ireland's album chart this week.



[Clive](#)

Can I get a witness  
★★★★★★

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### [Re: New biography](#)

■ by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Sep 23, 2014 5:38 pm

*dig123 wrote:* Wow!! What century is this reviewer living in and how old is he? I'm shocked someone could write something like this today!! I agree ...I think here in the US people know Dusty for her music. Not many know about her personal side. I don't think the book will sell here and I've never come across such negative articles about her.

Yeah if it's any consolation, that much is true. DWD only sold in major spots in NYC, maybe just the Virgin Megastores...never anywhere else in my area. But it's a double-edged sword, isn't it? Americans only know Dusty as Miss I Only Want To Be With You or Son of a Preacher Man, maybe 2-3 other songs if you're lucky. And it's only getting worse with former oldies stations here declaring the "O-word" to be dirty and preferring "greatest hits of the 60s (sometimes), 70s and 80s."

Last edited by [JMFabianoRPL](#) on Tue Sep 23, 2014 5:42 pm, edited 1 time in total.

[JMFabianoRPL](#)

I'll try anything  
★★

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### [Re: New biography](#)

■ by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Sep 23, 2014 5:40 pm

*IWannaBeABluesSinger wrote:* She wasn't a drink-and-drugs rock & roll casualty. She had an undiagnosed, untreated mental illness for most of her life which led to behaviour that was mis-interpreted. Ridiculing someone in that state is disgraceful, unless that someone is a celebrity, in which case it's open season. As long as those books go unchallenged this will continue.

Maggie

Repeat: SHE WAS NOT A CASUALTY. Seems that the '60s bred more survivors than we do now, and look at Marianne Faithfull too! (For argument's sake I will not talk about her choices on who gets to be on her Facebook...)

Makes me scratch my head even more when I see the Lindsay Lohans, Miley Cyruses and etc. continuing to make jokes out of themselves when a camera's on them. At least Dusty still had class AND talent on stage even in her dark years!!!!

[JMFabianoRPL](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

■ by [davdreamer](#) » Wed Oct 29, 2014 11:01 pm

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [donellac](#) » Thu Oct 30, 2014 12:48 pm

Well I have listened to the first 3 minutes. Karen takes a quick scamper through Dusty's formative years.

Surely the years up to 1963 are the most important in Dusty's development!

I wonder what she will talk about for the next 27 mins?

[Donella](#) x

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[donellac](#)

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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [Cardiff Bluesgirl](#) » Thu Oct 30, 2014 1:52 pm

Well this woman makes my hackles rise and her matter of fact voice irritates me even more.   
I hope she has made next to nothing from this "book "

i wonder if anyone knows how many copies she actually sold 

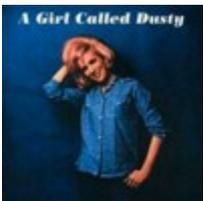
the interviewer was pathetic too,laughing about certain tales 

The best part was the end when they played YDHTSYLM. Neither of them have an ounce of her talent, i wish i hadnt listened now.   
"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

"she was the very essence of fabness"

" its nice to rest for awhile thank you "

Liz



[Cardiff Bluesgirl](#)

Someone who cares



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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Thu Oct 30, 2014 3:13 pm

Thanks Carole. ☺ Missed it completely on the LTD Facebook page. Wish the book was as well hidden. I Couldn't Ask For More



[darren2722](#)

Someone who cares



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### [Re: New biography](#)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Thu Oct 30, 2014 3:41 pm

Thanks Carole. Listened to it, I thought the interviewer was so disinterested that her script must have been written by KB. I suppose we should be lucky this radio station is not on the main airwaves. KB must be getting short of sales. I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.....  
..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



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by [Hampson](#) » Thu Oct 30, 2014 5:16 pm

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<http://radiogorgeous.com/podcasts/dusty...ous-lives/>

Thanks for that Carole.

Wend



[Hampson](#)

Wasn't born to follow



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by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Thu Nov 13, 2014 5:05 pm

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Wend

Did they do call-ins? Wish I could have, of course 75% of my comments to her would be bleeped!

[JMFabianoRPL](#)

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