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JMFRPL

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Let me just say I've said PLENTY about my problems about "that book." Basically I still do get mad and resentful whenever it's mentioned, not at Dusty, but at the "authors" for not caring. Not about Dusty, not about her ENTIRE past, and not about the fans' feelings. (Correct me if I'm wrong, but they never acknowledged us or her POSITIVELY since) I still feel if I read it, I'd be supporting people who are not real friends. And yeah, I'd worry about what if I look at Dusty as something to feel negative about? I also get upset when people act like they hate someone I care about.

I'd rather remember her for her music and what SHE wanted us to know about her as a person.

She is the greatest of the '60s Britgirls, the lady who could literally sing ANYTHING, the woman who insisted that we didn't have to say we love her (but many of us do anyway, GLADLY) and that she only wanted to be with us (feeling is mutual!). The singer who helped make preacher's sons remember that they can indeed reach and teach. The one today's singers can only "wish and hope" they could be.

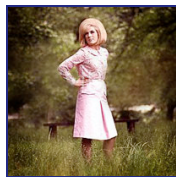
She's got the Look of Love...she's the one, the only, DUSTY SPRINGFIELD. And don't you ever forget her!

Edited by - JMFRPL on 15/02/2009 00:42:12



insomniacafe

I'll try anything



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Posted - 20/02/2009 : 18:02:03

The more I read of this thread, the more I'm glad I never did read DWD.

Michael

Let's pretend we're cats instead of people
and go roll around and scratch an old latch hook rug together.



Baby Blue

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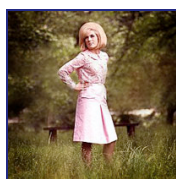
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I personally think Dusty fans should read DWD, just make sure a box of tissues is next to you while reading it. True, the book is not 100 percent accurate and IMHO was written to cash in on Dusty's death, perhaps thinking now or never. It was the first book I read on Dusty and it still is my favorite. Reading the book only made me love Dusty more, if that is possible! Nothing I read was new to me, as I basically read all the "dirt" on various websites on the Internet. I wish the book had more positive stories of Dusty in it. Just a suggestion, you might consider buying the book on ebay if you are considering reading and do have some strong feelings against it. That way you would not be supporting you know who (the author).

Marty

Will

Wasn't born to follow

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Posted - 20/02/2009 : 20:21:35



I'm with you on that, Marty - I, too, and glad I read the book. It was the first bio of Dusty I read and, putting aside the arguments about *how* and *why* it was written - it revealed a warm and deep and emotional human being. All of us have flaws because all of us are human. But our flaws are part of who and what we are, and they are part of the experience that shapes us as people.

In reading the book, I felt a warmth toward Dusty which I didn't feel before. I'm glad I read it.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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**Sue**

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Posted - 27/04/2009 : 16:42:13



You're right about the balance of DWD not being quite right, Memphis. It seems to have an undertone to the whole thing that makes you wonder if these people ever actually liked Dusty? I found that hard to stomach coming from two people who had known her well since the sixties. If they were hoping to put people off Dusty, they didn't succeed because, like a lot of others have said, it only made me love her all the more. It's interesting in a way, that nearly all the funny stories are related by someone else, other than VW or PV, overall, the book, for me, lacked affection. With regards to her brother Tom, it does make you wonder that perhaps he's grown to distrust would be biographers as a result, if only someone could persuade him, , but i get the feeling he was really quite fond of his sister, after all, he made that final, heartbreaking journey to Ireland to scatter her ashes, as was her last wish.

Sue.

Oh Leigh. Hello! 😊 It's nice to see you back and I enjoyed reading what you have to say and of course I agree with you. Apart from the bit about VW and PV! I don't think they had a clue about how being bi-polar (or something close to that) may have affected Dusty. There is one fleeting reference to 'manic-depression', as far as I remember, and no attempt at an explanation of that for the reader. The book looks at Dusty but doesn't attempt to try to answer the 'why?' questions. It was written by a pretty good pop journalist and Dusty's manager - good sources for material but not great book length writers. The lack of understanding and empathy and the sensationist slant is reflected in the title.

But I need to read the book again. There was a lot in the book that made me smile but what I remember most are the vivid images of Dusty physically hurt or in various kinds of distress. The balance of the book just wasn't right. There is a complicated journey to, and through, DWD that has yet to be written. When (and if) it is written I hope it focuses on Dusty's work and artistry - her bedrock. I'm almost sure each album represents (or can be treated as) a milestone in Dusty's life. Tom is extremely important and always will be. I do, however, note that he said nothing about DWD. I've always wondered why.

I hope you don't get too tired to come back soon. What kind of properties are you looking at - that's what I want to know!

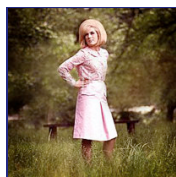
Memphis
Ever since we met...

[/quote]



Will

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Posted - 27/04/2009 : 17:47:14



After twenty odd years in Psychiatry, I've never been convinced that Dusty ever had bipolar disorder. It's a very specific illness and diagnosis and she doesn't meet the criteria in many respects. Alas, the words 'manic depression' are often used to describe an individuals' behaviour when that isn't the reality at all.

Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Baby Blue

Where am I going?



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Posted - 27/04/2009 : 19:15:27



Obviously I never knew Dusty personally and may I add unfortunately, but I have to agree with you on this Will.

Marty

quote:

Originally posted by Will

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Will

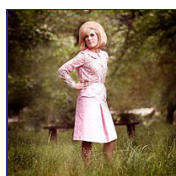
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Will

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Posted - 27/04/2009 : 23:11:43



And we're probably not the only ones, Marty.

Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Sara

I'll try anything



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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 00:00:52



I agree with this too.. Mental illness is often labelled too much, it annoys me. There are different types of bipolar disorder though, but who knows.

Sara x



Will

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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 07:49:01



>>There are different types of bipolar disorder though<<

There are different degrees. She had none of them.

Will



"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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strepalicious

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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 09:31:55

I didn't like the book at all. And I liked Vicki Wickham a hell of a lot less after I read it too.

You do have to wonder what it was going on through out all those years though... I can see there is already quite a discussion on all this buisness of Dusty's...a very complicated woman and personality to say the least!



Australia
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Alice xxxxx

daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 28/04/2009 : 09:41:30

Do you have any thoughts on Dusty's "illness" Will? I'm not convinced by the bi-polar diagnosis either but I'm no expert.

Carole x

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



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Will

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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 17:27:50

To be honest, Carole, I would have to say that at times, Dusty appeared to suffer from a clinical depressive illness, most likely of the reactive type, and some of her comments regarding her move to the States would seem to confirm that, as would descriptions of some of the things she ultimately did. However, perhaps the most notable incidents are those which I suspect led to the 'diagnosis' of bipolar disorder - but I also suspect that these were more to do with the substances she was taking at that time, and the combinations of substances, all on top of the affective disturbance around that time. I would also add that all of this was taking place in conjunction with aspects of her personality which were apparent even when she was much younger, although as time went on, the scale grew.

Bipolar affective disorder is a condition which is always 'present' in an individual but which will become apparent at particular times. And it doesn't suddenly disappear. If she was 'bipolar' while in the States, then she would still have been bipolar much later, after her return home. The illness involves changes in the level of mood which are marked by their intensity and by the frequency of the fluctuation, and the cause is biochemical, as is the treatment for the illness. I have read nothing about Dusty in the latter part of her life to suggest this was the case with her and I maintain that the labelling of her as being 'bipolar' was and is erroneous. And on reading Dusty's life in various sources, I cannot say I have ever been reminded of any of the many people I have nursed who did have a bipolar disorder.

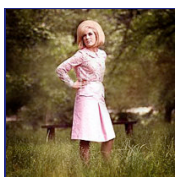
Having said all that, it is on the basis of my experience and I am in no position to 'diagnose', so I simply offer the above as thoughts.

Perhaps the simplest explanation is that at times in her life, Dusty felt herself to be distressed and perhaps out of control of her environment and so many factors in her life contributed to behaviour which was damaging to her.

More positively, things did improve for her and some of the pieces I have read suggest that in the latter part of her life, particularly following her diagnosis (the second time), she had a sense of peace which remained with her. And for that, I am truly glad.

Will

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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 22:46:06

Thanks for the explanation Will, the sentence from you that I think hits the nail on the head is this....



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Carole x

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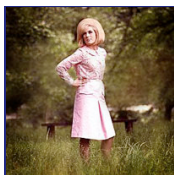
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Will
Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 28/04/2009 : 23:11:36

I, too, think that is probably the bottom line, Carole. The simplest explanations are often the correct ones.



Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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