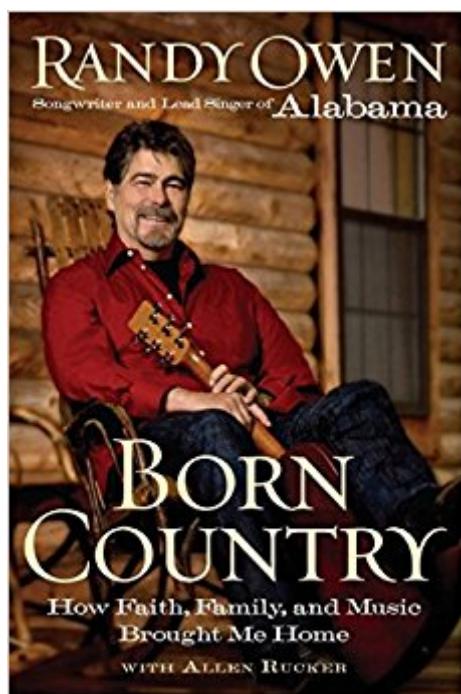


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Synopsis

From the front man, and lead singer/songwriter of Alabama---the biggest country music group of all time---comes an inspiring memoir of faith, family, and living the American dream.

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Customer Reviews

“There’s probably not one artist in all of country music that has emerged in the last twenty years that wouldn’t count Randy Owen as a musical hero or an artistic influence, including me. Producing his first solo album was a career milestone for me.” (John Rich, founding member, Big & Rich) “Randy Owen’s story is a fascinating one. He is a true gentleman, armed with an unassuming attitude and a modest approach to life, coupled with enormous fame and success. Born Country is a great read!” (Dick Clark) “A great read from a monster talent. Born Country magic carpet ride from an ordinary man who achieved unparalleled success. Well done my friend.” (Bob McKay, legendary radio programmer at WXTU Radio, Philadelphia) “How Randy Owen went from Fort Payne, Alabama to the top of the world is a beautiful story—one that can only happen in America. He is my hero.” (Dale Morris, personal manager) “Many volunteers have chosen to support St. Jude because of Randy Owen. He charged the country music industry to support the St. Jude kids. Because of his generosity and determination, Country Cares for St. Jude Kids has been able to continue its life-saving work.” (John P. Moses, chief executive office of ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital) “Randy Owen was the lead singer of country music’s first

supergroup, Alabama, playing an integral role in shaping the genre during the 1980s. Owen's had an interesting life so far, and this could only be the beginning chapter. (Country Standard Time) "[An] inspiring rags-to-riches memoir." (American Country) "[Born Country] shows [Owen] has a good heart, a good family and an incredible career that includes more than 73 million albums sold, 42 No. 1 country songs and a Country Music Hall of Fame induction." (Atlanta Journal-Constitution)

Randy Owen is the face of Alabama, the biggest country music group of all time. For legions of country music fans, Randy Owen is a household name. Alabama has had 42 #1 hit singles and has sold more than 73 million records worldwide. In 1999 they were named the 'Country Group of the Century' by the Recording Industry Association of America and inducted into The Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005. Alabama is one of the 20 best-selling music acts of all time-in the U.S. alone, they have sold more albums than Eric Clapton or Bob Dylan. Randy will be touring all of 2008 with his new 10 piece band to support his debut solo album releasing May 20th, 2008. Randy's music comes from his heart and his small town roots. He was raised in rural Alabama and grew up working on a small share-cropper farm and today lives on this same land that his family worked for generations. BORN COUNTRY--which is also the title of one of the group's first #1 hits, a country music classic--will weave in the Alabama story, Randy's own experiences with temptation in the face of superstar status, and how he held on to his traditional, Christian values over time. An inspirational story about how a poor country boy became a country music hero to millions of fans, the book will reveal never before shared material about Randy's close relationship with his father, his troubled teen years, and how his down-home country roots kept him grounded. Each chapter begins with Randy's lyrics to an Alabama song that sets up the stories of his life, instantly connecting readers with their favorite songs and the man behind the music.

Learning about your favorite singer on a personal level is a privilege but also helps us to keep realizing that he and other celebrities are 'real' people. This was well-written, interesting, and heartfelt. I appreciate the example of Randy and his wife in being very grounded and not living an immoral, empty life of many in the Spotlight. If you are a fan, you will like this book.

Very interesting story of the life and times of Alabama lead singer Randy Owen. Nice to read about an entertainer who has gone from poverty to riches without losing the Christian values he was taught as a child. No drugs or alcohol or women and partying, just the stress of trying to make a

living and provide for a family doing what he loves.

If you're interested in Randy-- and I am -- you'll be pleased to spend time with him as he talks about his life. The band Alabama earned their way to the top the old fashioned way -- work, work, work,. However, it's as though he agreed in advance not to talk much about the other members of the band or the world beyond his immediate experience. I especially admire the example he has set through his personal philanthropy and congratulate him for making that a priority. It's interesting to hear about the "old fashioned ways" that were normal as he grew up and to learn of his children succeeding on their own terms. He's a good guy but I don't expect a sequel, he's said all he has to say.

I enjoyed this book, especially the chapters about Randy growing up and his relationship with his parents--very endearing. I would have liked more information about his songwriting process and definitely more info about his band mates. Randy said up front that the book wasn't about Alabama, but there was so little mention of his band mates that I got the impression he didn't have much of a relationship with them. I would have liked to have heard more about their rapport.

Thanks for sharing your life story. It was very interesting to how you came from humble upbringing, and made a success. I admire you for not giving in to alcohol and a wilder form of life. That makes me like you even more. God bless you.

I so enjoyed this book I got to see them twice in Dayton , ohio at UD arena it was great I really enjoyed this book. Thanks

Enjoyed reading about the life journey of a great musician and what seems like an even better man!

Randy Owen tells about his impoverished childhood, Alabama's "Overnight Sensation" that began 12 years prior, and modestly details several of the charitable causes for which he has donated his name, time, and talents. I would have preferred more details about the Glory Years of the '80s, and Owen glosses over some circumstances where he and his bandmates disagreed. No dirty laundry in this book. Bottom line: An honest story about a regular guy who made it big, remembers his roots, and cares for those in need.

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