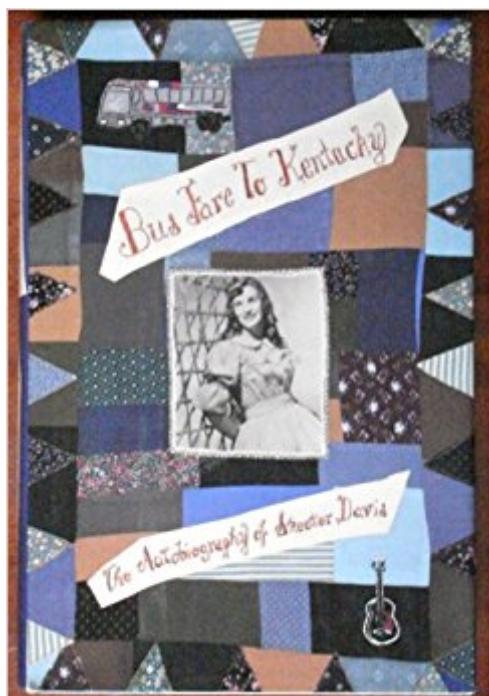


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Bus Fare To Kentucky: The Autobiography Of Skeeter Davis



Synopsis

The country music star tells her own intriguing story, from her Depression-era childhood in Kentucky to international fame and stardom, detailing two ill-fated marriages and several dramatic twists of fate. 40,000 first printing. \$40,000 ad/promo.

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Like the life it describes, Mary Frances Penick's story of her rise to prominence as country-and-rockabilly star ``Skeeter Davis'' (best known for her crossover hit ``The End of the World'') has its share of excitement and of tedium. Davis, offspring of poor Appalachian farmers, endured a family history of alcoholism, incest, and murder: Many of the most gripping moments here come early on, as we learn of the murder of the author's grandfather by an uncle, and of her mother's attempted suicide. Davis writes with clarity and understanding about her parents' struggle with alcohol, her early career with singing partner B.J. Davis, and her virtual imprisonment by her mother in the wake of a friend's accidental death. Perhaps because she's so sympathetic, the author proved a magnet for some highly disturbed men: Few will watch former husband Ralph Emery's TV talk show with the same eyes after reading of Davis's marriage to him. There's also insight here about country's evolution--including evolution of the twin-necked pedal steel guitar, built to imitate Davis's unique harmonic style (a style that influenced the Everly Brothers and, by extension, many others), and of Chet Atkins's recording innovations. But despite Davis's good will, later chapters--with their domestic scenes and descriptions of travel and interactions with admirers, including a patronizing account of an evangelical tour of Africa--will appeal only to hard-core Davis

fans; nor do consecutive accounts of the deaths of Davis's mother, father, and youngest sister lighten the load. Despite the reservations: an absorbing memoir by an appealing woman. (Photographs) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

Skeeter Davis began her career very young, and despite a terrible car wreck, went on to become a superb singer in popular music. Her focus was country music, but she crossed over into the pop field as well. She has shared her personal stories of a life dogged by struggle and tragedy. It is one of the best personal accounts of anyone in the music business I've ever read. I've read many, and her tales are amazing and humbling. Skeeter deserves to be remembered not just for her music, but the way she lived her life and overcame so many obstacles to reach her dreams. You will be inspired and uplifted by this book. I was lucky to get a copy, buy one, and read it.

I'm not even half way finished reading it. So far it's interesting. I grew up listening to the music of Skeeter Davis and this book takes you behind the scenes and tells a story of a young singer struggling for success and recognition. If you are a country music fan or Skeeter Davis fan, I recommend this book.

I have read this book and loved every page I read. I love Skeeter Davis and wish she were still here so I could send her an email and tell her how much I loved the book. She had a hard life but walked thru her problems depending on the Lord to walk with her.

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