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Waking Up In Nashville



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The ideal travel guide for tourist and music fans alike.

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It is unfortunate that I received the digital version when I thought I ordered paperback. Money wasted unfortunately. Would have loved the paperback.

Sure the book talks about Nashville's rich history and some of its landmarks, but the book is more about 'waking up' in a sense of opening your eyes to the business that is country music. The author talks about labels being swallowed up by other labels, the 'plastic cowboys' of the 1990s and how many new acts fail (versus becoming successful artists) in the little big town that is Nashville. I found it very interesting because I am a marketing major and there are a lot of facts and figures about what it actually costs to make and promote a record. The author talked with Jill King when she was doing sets for basically no money at Tootsie's and dreaming of a record deal. Now she has released "Jillbilly" - it would be interesting to have an epilogue with her. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a behind-the-scenes look at the music industry, but not so much if you want a tourist guide to Nashville.

This book tells a very enjoyable story about Nashville's birth and culture as Music City. This is a unique travelogue that gives the visitor a real feel for Nashville and its interesting character and

characters. The book is a fun read as we learn more about Music City, the music business and the author, Stephen Foehr. By the way, I've met Mr. Foehr, and the title's double entendre is not by accident. I bought this book used on for \$4.00 (including shipping); it was a steal.

5 Starts!

No question the author, Stephen Foehr, knows his stuff about Nashville. He obviously spent a lot of time interviewing well-known (and not so well-known) country artists, as well as people behind the scenes - producers, writers, etc. The weakness in the book, from my perspective, is that it is too wordy. There are too many details and too much repetition. I found myself skipping ahead to more interesting parts of the book. If you are interested in reading a very detailed "fact-book" about the state of the country music industry in Nashville, then this is your book. However, if you're looking for a fun, engaging read, you might want to look elsewhere.

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