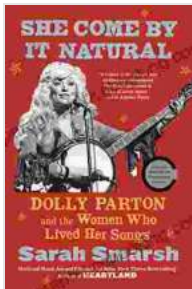


Dolly Parton: The Women Who Lived Her Songs

Dolly Parton has always been a champion of women. Her songs have celebrated their strength, resilience, and spirit. Now, in Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs, you'll meet the real-life women who inspired Parton's most iconic songs. From Jolene to 9 to 5, these women's stories are as inspiring as they are heartbreaking. They're a testament to Parton's enduring legacy as a songwriter and a feminist icon.



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Jolene

Jolene is one of Parton's most famous songs. It's a haunting ballad about a woman who is worried that her husband is being stolen away by another woman named Jolene. The song has been covered by countless artists, including The White Stripes, Olivia Newton-John, and Miley Cyrus. But few people know the real story behind the song.

In the early 1970s, Parton was working at a bank in Nashville when she met a young teller named Jolene. Jolene was beautiful, with long, flowing red hair and piercing blue eyes. Parton was immediately struck by Jolene's beauty, and she couldn't help but wonder if Jolene was interested in her husband, Carl Dean.

Parton never confronted Jolene about her suspicions. But she did write a song about her, and the rest is history.

9 to 5

9 to 5 is another one of Parton's most famous songs. It's a catchy anthem about the daily grind of working in an office. The song has been covered by countless artists, including Dolly Parton herself, Sheena Easton, and Kelly Clarkson. But few people know the real story behind the song.

In the late 1970s, Parton was working on a new album when she met a group of women who worked as secretaries in Nashville. The women complained to Parton about their long hours, low pay, and lack of respect. Parton was inspired by their stories, and she wrote 9 to 5 as a way to give them a voice.

The song was a huge hit, and it helped to raise awareness of the issues faced by working women. It also inspired a movie of the same name, which starred Parton, Jane Fonda, and Lily Tomlin.

I Will Always Love You

I Will Always Love You is one of Parton's most iconic songs. It's a beautiful ballad about a woman who is saying goodbye to her lover. The song has been covered by countless artists, including Whitney Houston, Dolly Parton

herself, and Linda Ronstadt. But few people know the real story behind the song.

In the early 1970s, Parton was in a relationship with a man named Porter Wagoner. Wagoner was a country music star, and he had helped Parton launch her career. However, the relationship was not always easy. Wagoner was often jealous of Parton's success, and he tried to control her career.

In 1973, Parton decided to leave Wagoner and go solo. She wrote *I Will Always Love You* as a way to say goodbye to him. The song is a beautiful and heartbreaking testament to their relationship.

These Old Bones

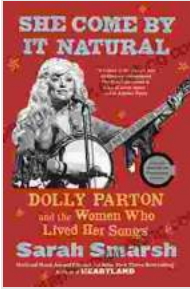
These Old Bones is one of Parton's most recent songs. It's a reflective ballad about a woman who is looking back on her life. The song is full of wisdom and humor, and it's a reminder that it's never too late to live your dreams.

Parton wrote *These Old Bones* in 2018, shortly after she turned 72. The song is a reflection on her life and career, and it's a beautiful reminder that age is just a number.

Dolly Parton is one of the most iconic songwriters of all time. Her songs have touched the lives of millions of people, and they continue to inspire and empower women around the world.

Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs is a must-read for any fan of Dolly Parton or country music. It's a fascinating and inspiring look at

the women who inspired some of Parton's most iconic songs.



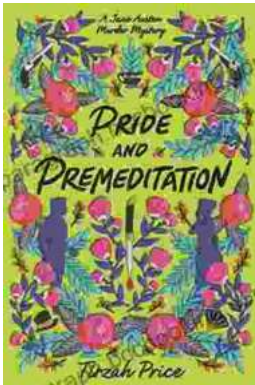
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