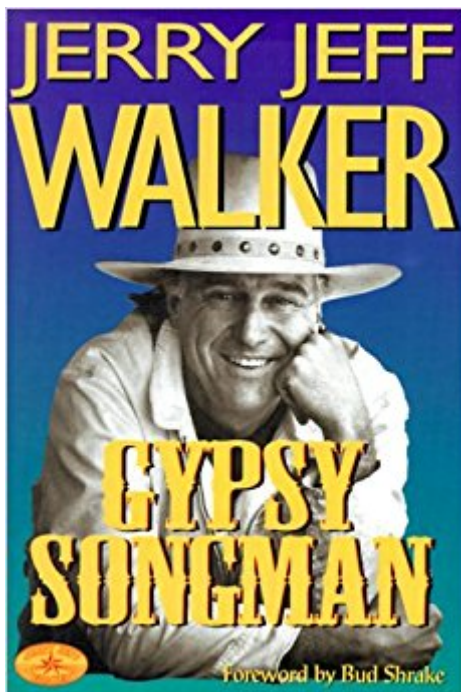


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## Customer Reviews

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Saw this on [Amazon](#) and thought, "It's about time the guy wrote a book." When I got it, I noticed the publication date was 1999, so that one's on me. The voice in this book is true to what I would expect, having heard the good and the bad on his albums. I knew some of the Jerry Jeff legend, which gets fleshed out well. And if you like this, come back and get Todd Snider's book. Two peas in a pod. I'll say this: If you haven't listened to a good portion of the man's catalog, this book will leave you in the dust. His adventures would be interesting but not enlightening. As the headline says, Listen before you read.

Jerry Jeff Walker is one of the most natural singer/songwriter and storyteller that is still around today ... this biography is like sitting with JJW, tossing back some cold Lone Star Beer (chase it down with some Wild Turkey Bourbon liquor) as he just starts telling stories from his many travels and adventures ... the only thing disappointing is that it isn't longer ... i'm pretty sure Jerry Jeff could fill half a dozen very thick volumes with his stories ... i'd love to see that some day :)

The book is great, we're big Jerry Jeff fans, what really aggravated me was the ridiculous mark up, the book was a \$22.00 book, I'll think twice before I order anything else

Perfect

one of the best books I've read in a long time!

If you are already interested in the subject matter then it's a great read. Fans of JJW will just love this I couldn't put it down.

Real fans of Jerry Jeff will love this book. I bought a copy of the book after JJW's Chicago concert last November, which he autographed, and finished reading it before I went to bed that night. Don't expect great writing here...but do expect an extremely entertaining book. Unlike most of the musicians out there, his life is very much like his songs (and like the book itself), rough but honest, dreamy yet succinct. Jerry Jeff was a true drifter, a cowboy poet who truly did his own thing.

Warning: The book made me go out and buy some of the albums I didn't already have. The most gratifying part of all comes at the end, when we learn about how he has taken control of his career and his life. My only complaint is that some work with a good editor would have filled in some of the cracks. But then, it wouldn't have been true Jerry Jeff then, would it?

Been a fan since the 'Viva Terlingua' recording first hit my turntable back in the day. Actually purchased an autographed copy for my wife on her birthday and finally got an opportunity to read it myself. It's a great read with Jerry Jeff his ownself's style evident throughout. From Ronald Clyde Crosby, Jerry Ferris, Jerry Jeff, Jacki Jack and back we are along for the ride. Don't miss the insight into the life of Hondo Crouch and Luckenbach, the funny twists surrounding getting Mr. Bojangles on the air, and how Gary P. Nunn's "London Homesick Blues" was put on the Viva Terlingua album. Finally, I think this is one fine and well deserved valentine to Susan. It's worth the read to see JJW reinforcing family priorities as he acknowledges his role as father first, entertainer second.

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