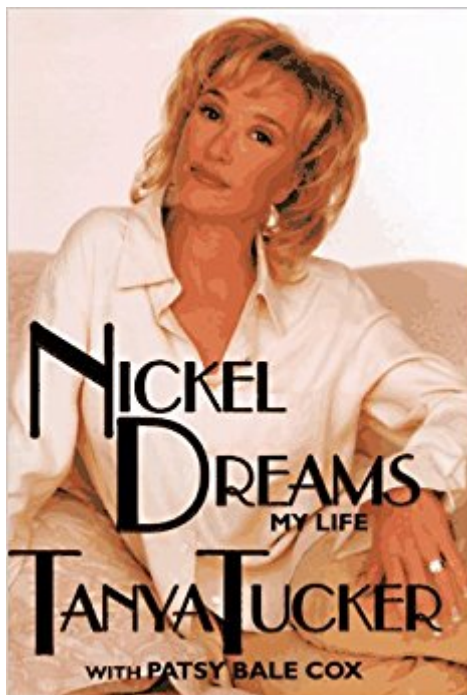


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# Nickel Dreams



## Synopsis

In a candid, no-holds-barred memoir, Tanya Tucker details her life as a country music superstar, from her reputation as a party girl to her romances with Glen Campbell and Merle Haggard to her battles with substance abuse.

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Embarking upon her singing career at the tender age of 11, Tanya Tucker grew up fast and hard and wild. She seemed destined for either the highest fame or the worst destruction--maybe even both. From the big time to rock bottom and back again, her life reads like a blueprint for one of the melancholy songs that made her a star in country music, and her revealing memoir, *Nickel Dreams: My Life*, leaves out little of the nitty-gritty. With the aid of author and friend Patsi Bale Cox, Tucker writes honestly about her many exploits that became tabloid fodder--a fiery public affair with Glen Campbell and a long battle with alcoholism among them--without glossing over them or apologizing. There are plenty of anecdotes and revelations about her music as well, plus a peek at the backrooms of the music business and the shady dealings that occur there. Close attention is paid to her childhood and the overbearing presence of a father/manager who wanted his daughter to be a grown woman and a little girl at the same time.

Tucker reveals a frank yet sensitive and vulnerable side in recalling her roller-coaster ride of a life. Her family had a hard time financially while she was growing up, but they had a core of love and

support for one another. When Tucker decided as a young child that she wanted a country-music singing career, her parents did all they could to help her achieve her goal. Ultimately, Tucker realized her dream and has won many awards and accolades. Unfortunately, a love of wild partying, alcohol, and drugs almost cost Tucker her career, but a stay at the Betty Ford Center helped reset her priorities. She takes advantage of the autobiography format to set the record straight on her rocky relationships with men, yet not all is love and war. She cherishes her family life and adores her children, and she makes many references to people in the entertainment business. Tucker looks forward to a lot more living and even hints in the last few pages that in a few years there just might be a second volume. Recommended for public library and country music collections. Kathleen Sparkman, Baylor Univ. Lib., Waco, Tex. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Interesting and fun to read.

I enjoyed learning about Tanya Tucker.

Good reading

I loved this book! I grew up listening to Tanya Tucker with my mom and when I was looking for next book and I realized she wrote a book I had to read it! No my mom, mother-in-law and grandma want to read it! It's a little rough around the edges of the cover of the book but for \$4 I am not complaining

Extremely good book !!!!!

This book is Outstanding. Tanya Tucker is as honest and open as anyone in the music industry. This book "flows" so well and from what I can determine it is factual in every aspect.

Christmas gift for family member, they will love it.

Just into the 5th. chapter...great so far. Loving it!! I can relate to Tanya, she so country.

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