Waylon: An Autobiography by Waylon Jennings

The Grammy Award-winning country music singer traces his life and career, from his poor childhood to his battles with drugs and bankruptcy, his abortive early marriages, his relationships with other country music figures, and his budding television career. Tour.

Personal Review: Waylon: An Autobiography by Waylon Jennings

A "must read" for any Waylon Jennings fan who wants to hear 'the way it was', straight from the ol' Hoss's mouth! Goes into the background scenes of how he made his music his way and the forces that conspired against him that nearly caused him to forsake the music business. A no holds barred reflection of an honest man who may just not have been as "rowdy" as you might think. Waylon spends considerable energy focusing on his youth, bashfulness, friendships, relationship to his family, and the extreme loyalty and loss he experienced through the years as a result of losing friends and being abused by them (take that Merle Haggard!). All in all, Waylon seemed to have made peace with the past and laid out some very important lessons for those that will follow in his wake. Shooter, if you're listening, you just keep at it and make your Daddy proud... we'll be watchin'! This look at Waylon's life has something for everyone, regardless of your tastes or preferences. If there were to be only one message that I could recommend from this book it would be something along the lines of this; A great love can't be experienced without being willing to expose yourself to great pain. In spite of the pain Waylon experienced, it was only a temporary situation that allowed him to experience that which we all seek, a great love. Waylon's love for Jesse is firmly established in this autobiography. He was a fortunate man who willingly took his share of bumps in order to live life on his terms; he loved Jesse, he loved his family, and he loved his music. Be it known that even with all the glitz and stardom he experienced in his life, he remained that humble, just a little backward, West Texas kid whose personna was the only thing that became bigger than life. Waylon seems to go out of his way to avoid mentioning the charitable things he did for folks... sick kids, folks down on their luck and
such. Only very minimal references in this book. A true, humble approach by an overall humble, honest, and loving man.