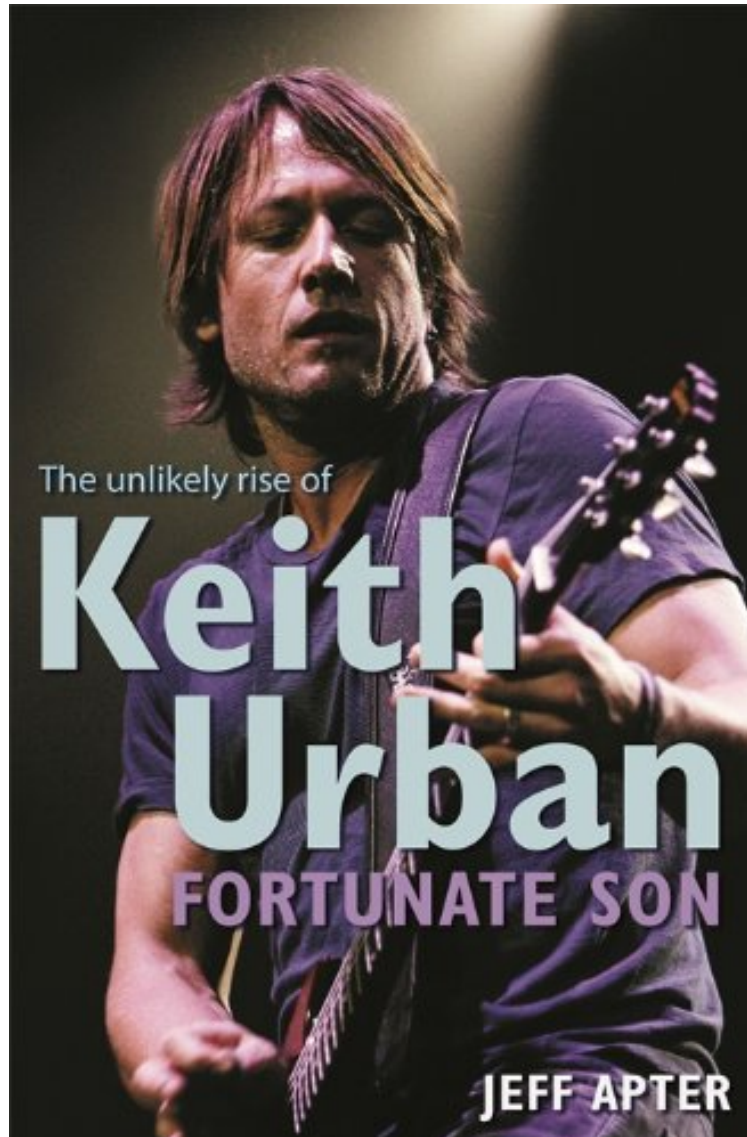


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Jeff Apter : Fortunate Son: The Unlikely Rise Of Keith Urban before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fortunate Son: The Unlikely Rise Of Keith Urban:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Disappointed - Nothing of NoteBy Jane HollisI was very disappointed in this book. Much of it is spent on Keith's childhood and very early days in Australia, and when it does move on to Keith's arrival in Nashville circa 1992, there is little new to be learned outside of small tidbits of who was a fan, etc. The author's theme of the book could be captured in "Cute, Talented, Easy to Like". Most of us who are fans of KU already know that. While the author makes an attempt to describe how hard it was for Keith to break into

Nashville - the 1 star is for some of those insights, especially the fact that Jerry Flowers knows all and speaks none of it - my respect for him grows. I was hoping for more but should have realized that an unauthorized biography was not going to do anything but rehash already released and printed information. Those who would not speak with the author were numerous and were the people who can give more insight into Keith. I felt strangely sad after reading this and thought the account of the "Kurbans" was somewhat mean-spirited. Maybe a talent as deep and natural as Keith's just can't be described or defined, and the reasons for his own drive kept close to the vest. I learned nothing new about Keith himself. I have a gently used copy for sale. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Kind of a hatchet job...By Colette Winters It's obvious the author has a bias against the artist. Although he gives him his due for talent, he never misses an opportunity to show Keith Urban in an unflattering light. It's worth reading to learn about his childhood and struggles to make it to the superstar he is, information that is pretty scarce to find, but the unrelenting negativity makes you see why this is an "unauthorized" biography. Too bad, he could have told the story, warts and all, without sounding like a gossip-monger or sensationalist (a certain bitter tone, too, perhaps). He would have written a great book then, instead of fodder for "Star" Magazine or "The National Inquirer". 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, quick read! By B. Grigg I enjoyed this book. As a Keith Urban fan I was VERY familiar with many of the stories the author told. He did not talk to Keith or his family instead he talked to MANY people who surrounded Keith from his early days until Sunday Rose's birth. It is heavy on details about KU's rise and struggle but not much on after he started to get traction in the Nashville music scene. I am assuming the people around KU now learned from the past and did not spill and information when asked so that they could keep their job. I enjoyed this book, it gives you a clear idea of just how determined KU was to make it. I was surprised to learn that he earned a great deal of critical acclaim in Nashville with the Ranch just no radio play. It is a definite must read for any good Monkeyville member but don't expect to learn anything new about Keith and his "girls".

The unauthorised biography of Australia's most successful country music star, Keith Urban. Keith Urban - suburban loner, gifted guitarist, drug addict, platinum-plated superstar - has squeezed a lot of living into his 44 years. He now ranks with Kylie Minogue, INXS, Silverchair and Savage Garden as one of the country's biggest musical exports of the past 20 years. Domestically, his star has risen off the back of the reality TV sensation The Voice and his greatest hits album, The Story So Far, debuted at #1 on the ARIA album chart. Fortunate Son: The Unlikely Rise of Keith Urban, the first biography of this movie-star-handsome country hero, tells the unlikely story of how Urban - who was born in New Zealand in 1967 but raised in Queensland - followed and eventually fulfilled his dream of selling country music back to the Americans, the people who created it in the first place. In an age when a crew of crack Nashville songwriters generate most of the hit songs recorded in Music City, Urban is an anomaly: actually writing, or at least co-writing, most of his material. Many feel he's watered down his rootsy take on country music to please the masses, but Urban's success is undeniable: to date he's sold millions and millions albums, has scored fourteen US Number One singles and typically sells out his stadium-sized shows in minutes. His very public relationship with 'our' Nicole Kidman, whom he married in an A-list affair in June 2006, has earned Urban a totally new audience, as gossip mags across the planet chart the 'Kurbans' every move. Frank and authoritative, and based upon extensive interviews with friends, foes and Urban insiders, Fortunate Son: The Unlikely Rise of Keith Urban reveals how Keith Urban lived out his childhood dream - and the price he's had to pay to reach the top of the music business.