

Delve Deeper into "Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music"

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This multi-media resource list provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music" that premieres on August 5, 2008 at 10 PM (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

In this classic 1969 documentary, the *Man in Black* is captured at his peak, the first of many in a looming roller-coaster career. Fresh on the heels of his Folsom Prison album, Cash reveals the dark intensity and raw talent that made him a country music star and cultural icon. Director Robert Elfstrom got closer than any other filmmaker to Cash, who is seen performing with his new bride June Carter Cash, in a rare duet with Bob Dylan, and behind the scenes with friends, family and aspiring young musicians. "Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music" paints an unforgettable portrait that endures beyond the singer's 2003 death.

ADULT NONFICTION

Cash, John Carter. *Anchored in Love: An Intimate Portrait of June Carter Cash*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007. Written by the only son of Johnny and June Cash, this book chronicles the heartbreak and the triumph that June Carter Cash claimed; in what is ultimately, a story of faith, family, and the soulful music that sprang like a river from it all.

Cash, Johnny. *Cash: The Autobiography*. New York: HarperCollins, 1990. Johnny Cash tells the truth about the highs and lows, the struggles and hard-won triumphs, and the people who shaped him.

Cash, Johnny. *Man in Black: His Own Story in His Own Words*. Zondervan, 1975. A simple, straightforward autobiography of Johnny Cash, which served as the basis for the 2005 movie, *Walk the Line*.

Cash, Vivian. *I Walked the Line: My Life with Johnny*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2007. A memoir of first love, long-kept secrets, betrayal, forgiveness and the truth - told by Johnny Cash's first wife, the mother of his four daughters. It is a book that had the full support of Johnny Cash, who insisted it was time for their story to be told, despite any painful revelations that might come to light as a result.

Doggett, Peter. *Are You Ready For the Country: Elvis, Dylan, Parsons, and the Roots of Country Rock*. Viking: Penguin Books, 2001. Traces rock and country music's tumultuous history and introduces us to all the main personalities - from pioneers like Hank Williams and Elvis Presley, through icons such as Gram Parsons and Johnny Cash, to superstars like Neil Young and Willie Nelson, and today's artists such as Beck and Wilco.

Grant, Marshall and Chris Zar. *I Was There When it Happened: My Life with Johnny Cash*. Cumberland House Publishing, 2006. A testimony to friendship and the unique qualities behind one of the most respected and beloved entertainers of all time.

Huss, John and David Werther (Editors). *Johnny Cash and Philosophy*. Peru: Carus, 2008. 21 philosophers uncover the distinctive relevance of Johnny Cash for moral responsibility, social justice, patriotism, romantic love, artistic creativity, class oppression and individual identity.

Miller, Stephen. *Johnny Cash: The Life of an American Icon*. Omnibus Press, 2003. A vivid account of the life and times of a journeyman who started out with Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins, and who would later collaborate with musical friends such as Bob Dylan, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson.

Neimark, Anne E. *Up Close: Johnny Cash*. New York: Penguin Group, 2007. A richly detailed biography tracing his boyhood in Arkansas to his addiction to drugs as an adult and finally to redemption and success as one of the most legendary musicians of our time.

Streissguth, Michael. *Johnny Cash: The Biography*. Philadelphia: Da Capo Press, 2006. A biography of Johnny Cash based on new interviews with his family and friends, revealing fresh insights into his music and poignant details of his final days.

Streissguth, Michael. *Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison: The Making of a Masterpiece*. Philadelphia: Da Capo Press, 2004. An account of Johnny Cash's performance at Folsom Prison.

Urbanski, Dave. *The Man Comes Around: The Spiritual Journey of Johnny Cash*. Lake Mary: Relevant Books, 2003. Shows the impact Johnny Cash has made not only in American music, but in eternity.

Wren, Christopher S. *Winners Got Scars Too: The Life of Johnny Cash*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1973. Explores the life of Johnny Cash, who began life on an Arkansas cotton farm and overcame a self-destructive lifestyle.



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Zwonitzer, Mark and Charles Hirschberg. *Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone?: The Carter Family & Their Legacy in American Music*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2004. The first major biography of the Carter Family, musical pioneers who almost single-handedly created the sounds and traditions that grew into modern folk, country and bluegrass music.

ADULT FICTION

Cash, Johnny. *Man in White*. Harper Collins, 1987. Cash's intriguing account of the apostle Paul and the heavenly vision that blinded him was sparked by Johnny's own supernatural encounter with his deceased father.

NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

Neimark, Anne E. *Up Close: Johnny Cash*. Puffin, 2008. This biography details Cash's achievements, while talking about his lows, such as his stints in prison, his temper and his drug and alcohol abuse. (Grade 8 and up).

Reid, Rob. *Something Musical Happened at the Library*. American Library Association, 2007. A comprehensive guide on making music an integral and engaging part of children's story hour. Draws on thousands of hours of listening and programming.

Riggs, Kate. *Folk Music. Mankato: Creative Education, 2008*. Easy-to-follow text and colorful images combine to explain folk music and help introduce musicians who helped make it famous.

Woog, Adam. *The History of American Folk Music*. Lucent Books, 2006. A well-illustrated book that details the history of American folk music as a rich vein of the nation's cultural resources.

FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES

The Johnny Cash Show: The Best of Johnny Cash 1969-1971. Sony Columbia Legacy/Reverse Angle Productions, 2007. DVD. (230 Minutes). The best of Johnny Cash's variety series, which exposed America to a wide variety of musical talent, while establishing Cash as both an artist and a humanitarian. www.amazon.com

Johnny Cash: Music in Review. Classic Rock Legends, 2007. DVD. (65 Minutes). The British series, "Music in Review", highlights the different phases of Johnny Cash's musical career. www.amazon.com

Johnny Cash The Line, Walking with a Legend. Well Go USA, 2008. DVD. (55 Minutes). This DVD contains 22 rare performances from Johnny Cash, while revealing details about his life on the road with rare pictures and film. www.amazon.com

Walk the Line. 20th Century Fox, 2006. DVD. (135 Minutes). Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon star in this popular biopic detailing the earlier years of Johnny Cash's life and career, as well as his relationship with June Carter. www.amazon.com

SONGBOOKS

Cash, Johnny. *The Very Best of Johnny Cash*. Hal Leonard Corporation, 2002. Features the original guitar chords, lyrics, stum patterns, and melodies for 17 Johnny Cash songs.

Leonard, Hal. *Hal Leonard Johnny Cash Guitar Chord Songbook*. This book includes the chords necessary for learning 58 Johnny Cash classics, including many favorites from "Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music".

Pankake, Marcia and Jon Pankake. *A Prarie Home Companion Folk Song Book: More Than 300 Fresh, Funny, and Irreverent American Folk Songs*. Viking Adult, 1988. Garrison Keillor, on his renowned radio show, asked listeners to send in their favorite folk songs; over 400 songs made their way into this compilation.

MUSIC

Carter Family. *Gospel Gold*. Audio CD. Eclipse Music, 2004.

Carter, June and Johnny Cash. *Carryin' On with Johnny Cash & June Carter*. Audio CD. Sony 2002.

Cash, Johnny. *American Recordings*. Audio CD. Sony, 1994.

Cash, Johnny. *At Folsom Prison*. Audio CD. Sony, 1968.

Cash, Johnny. *The Essential Johnny Cash*. Audio CD. Sony, 2002.

Cash, Johnny. *The Johnny Cash Children's Album*. Audio CD. Sony, 2006.

Cash, Johnny. *Just as I Am*. Audio CD. Vanguard, 1999.

Cash, June Carter. *Keep on the Sunny Sider: Her Life in Music*. Audio CD. Sony, 2005.

Cash, Johnny. *The Legend of Johnny Cash*. Audio CD. Hip-O Records, 2005.

Cash, Johnny. *Love, God, Murder*. Audio CD. Sony, 2000.

Cash, Johnny. *Personal File*. Audio CD. Sony, 2006.

Cash, Johnny. *At San Quentin*. Audio CD. Sony, 2000.



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Cash, Johnny. *Unearthed*.
Audio CD. Lost Highway,
2003.

Cash, Johnny. *Cash:
Ultimate Gospel*. Audio CD.
Sony 2007.

Cash, June Carter. *Early
June*. Audio CD. Country
Stars, 2006.

Cash, June Carter. *It's All in
the Family*. Audio CD. Bear
Family, 1999.

Cash, June Carter.
Wildwood Flower. Audio CD.
Dualtone Music Group,
2003.

