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Anchored In Love: An Intimate Portrait Of June Carter Cash



Synopsis

June Carter was born in the rugged mountains of Maces Springs, Virginia, to Ezra and Maybelle Carter, pioneers of country music. On stage from a very young age, June found her niche in the spotlight with her vivacious personality and down-home sense of humor. Her confidence and spirit were what attracted Johnny Cash to her in the late 1950s. On the road together, they quickly bonded. June was his helpmate and closest companion. They were married for forty years, through addiction and success, tragedy and triumph. *Anchored in Love* is an inside look into the life of June Carter Cash, through the eyes of her only child with Johnny Cash—John Carter Cash. With skillful prose, he reveals new information about the legendary woman through his tender memories and heartwarming stories.

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I enjoyed learning more about Maybelle, Ezra and the whole extended Carter family. The love John Carter Cash has for his mother, June, is evident throughout the book. It is also obvious he had a lot of issues with his parents. I'm sure it was very cathartic for him to write this. But I take issue with John's claim that his mother abused drugs later in life. This accusation casts such a dark shadow on June's memory. Who is left to argue with him? At the time he found his mother in her dressing room (lying on the floor, fully dressed with her eyes closed "meditating") she was in her late 60's. A middle-aged woman, getting ready to perform in spite of chronic back pain, arthritis and painful legs. And he was surprised to find her lying down and using pain medication? She was probably tired and her back hurt! Maybe the reason Johnny Cash never confronted June; or that she refused to "admit"

she was addicted, was because it just wasn't true! Sometimes prescription pain medication is actually used for the purpose it was intended...for pain. Her not being as mentally sharp as when she was younger, doesn't prove she had a drug problem. She "never got angry, fell down, or picked a fight with her loved ones when she was under the influence of narcotics." But "she simply stopped speaking in full sentences and went off into her own world." John was 27 years old, recently out of drug rehab and frustrated by his mother's "emotional abandonment" of him at the time. It is quite possible, John's own chronic drug use, distorted his perception of what really happened. I see June as an aging, emotionally exhausted wife, mother and entertainer, coping as best she could. And since she's not here to defend herself, I'm giving her the benefit of the doubt.

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