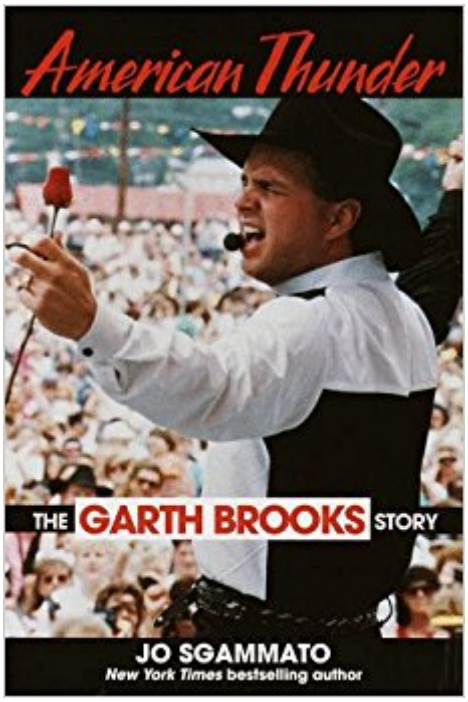
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Jo Sgammato is the New York Times bestselling author of Dream Come True: The LeAnn Rimes Story, Keepin’ It Country: The George Strait Story, Country’s Greatest Duo: The Brooks & Dunn Story, and For the Music: The Vince Gill Story. She divides her time between New York and Nashville.

Maybe it’s because I live in California, but for years I’ve been looking for a Garth Brooks book, biography, autobiography, anything and never had any luck at all. It seemed they just didn’t exist and when I found this I bought it as fast as my mouse could click ’buy now with one click’. And when it arrived, I happily read it in two sittings and am thrilled to know the life and career of one of my biggest idols better.There are a few reviews I read that took shots at the writting itself and I’m not

going to tell you that this book doesn't read like a long high school paper, written in a 'speaking voice' but I also wasn't sitting down to read 'Grapes of Wrath' when I picked it up.This book is a lot like the narrative to a Garth Brooks special you would see on the Biography channel, a program to which any one who would enjoy this book would surley tune in to watch.I gave this four stars not for the litterary fireworks but for the joy of finally reading a Garth Brooks book.

Not exactly what I thought I was getting, but still written well. Author did not trash him like many articles did during that period of time. I just thought it would be dictated by Garth Brooks, and it wasn't.

I bought this book because I am a huge Garth Brooks Fan and I wanted to know more and more about him so I Bought this book and let me tell everyone, If you want to know Garth Brooks the man, buy this book it givesd you a play by play of his life, how it was hard to get noticed in the country music buisness, his personnel life and more this is the book for fans to read and keep.

Love the book!!!!

My son was very happy with the book.

Okay, I'll admit, I am a rabid Garth Brooks fan. So, you should know I had an eye on this book and was ready for any kind of bias either way on this story about one of country music's most revolutionary members.Ms. Sgammato is a woman with connections into the industry, and her research is extensive and thorough. She pulls no punches, and puts the good in with the not so perfect to give a well-rounded picture of the man and the performer. This book goes a long way to dispel or confirm various myths about Garth Brooks. It gives a rare insight into the man who dared not only to follow a dream, but also to fight to maintain control of that dream in the face of fickle critics and those who might be jealous of his success.She speaks of the hardships GB faced as an ordinary Midwestern guy trying to find himself, and his, as well as his wife's, struggle to build a career in a tough to get into industry. Then it outlines their struggle to handle the fame notoriety that came with phenomenal success.Along with GB's story, there are various referrals to those in the history of the country music industry, as well as examples of the generosity of others, that inspire not only Garth Brooks, but many others as well.Overall, this is a great story about a good man, who started out just like anyone else and worked to make his dreams come true. Inspiring.

"American Thunder, the Garth Brooks Story," by New York Times bestselling author Jo Sgammato is an excellent music bio. It traces Garth's career from his early days before his record deals, to the release of his first album on April 12, 1989 up until today. The book is exciting as we go on tour, backstage and into the offices on Music Row in Music City, Nashville. Read the books and close your eyes as you "listen" to Garth's wonderful songs. The author is well versed on the topic having written four other country bios over the past few years. The major difference is that she was there for much of this and not only knows Garth but many of the people involved with him as well. Some years ago before this reviewer was into country music he was given two of Garth's CDs and a video. He was impressed with he video but not owning a CD player had to play them through his computer. He was hooked and still is. Garth is number one. The book is great. If you are music fan, a county music fan how can you not be a Garth fan. "American Thunder" should find a home on your music shelf along side Garth's CDs, cassettes and videos.

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