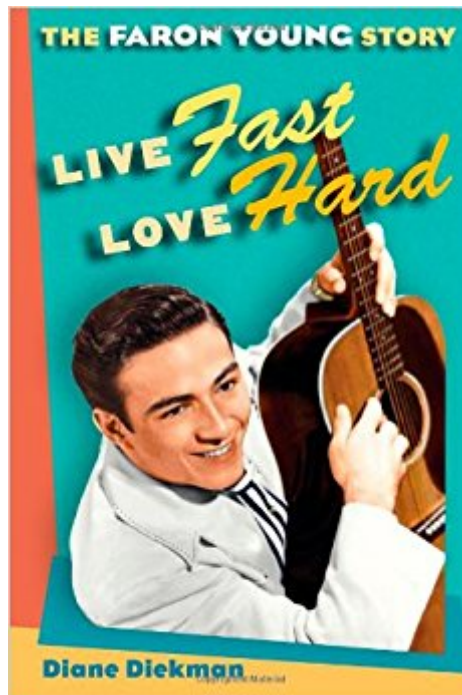




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Synopsis

One of the best-known honky-tonkers since Hank Williams, Faron Young was a popular presence on Nashville's music scene for more than four decades. The Singing Sheriff produced a string of Top Ten hits, placed more than eighty songs on the country music charts, founded the long-running country music periodical Music City News in 1963, and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2000. Flamboyant, impulsive, and generous, he helped and encouraged a new generation of talented songwriter-performers that included Willie Nelson and Bill Anderson. Presenting the first detailed portrayal of this mercurial country music star, Diane Diekman masterfully draws on extensive interviews with Young's family, band members, and colleagues. Echoing Young's characteristic ability to entertain and surprise fans, Diekman combines an account of his public career with a revealing, intimate portrait of his personal life.

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"His is a rich story, spanning the golden age of honky-tonk, women, liquor, ruin and glory, and no small entrepreneurial spirit. . . . Diekman is scrupulous and

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Â "Diane Diekman . . . takes us on a journey from his early life, through the recording successes, the failed marriage, the career downturn, the depression and, finally, to that fateful night . . . when he put the pistol to his head."--Country Music People

"Live Fast, Love Hard, " a sobering account of the Singing Sheriff's roller-coaster life that ended with his 1996 suicide, tells the tale of two Youngs: one, a talented, flamboyant performer and charitable man who helped the community and struggling songwriters like Willie Nelson and Bill Anderson, and who helped country music by founding the long-running periodical Music City News; the other, a raging alcoholic and jealous husband with an explosive temper, whose addiction and poor self image . . . led him to abuse and cheat on his wife, and verbally abuse his children, band members, and friends when he was drinking. . . . Diane Diekman . . . provides readers a rare glimpse inside the tumultuous life of this talented and troubled musician."--Dirty Linen

A guts and glory biography of honky-tonk great Faron Young

Fine biography of The Singing Sheriff by Diane Diekman. The author has crafted a very good read. Well researched and well referenced. I learned much about Faron Young, his mostly unhappy private life, his exuberant successes in the 'golden age' of country/honky tonk music, and his sad departure. To those who have said there was not enough about his music in this book, I respectfully disagree. There is plenty about his music, including all the various sidemen who comprised The Deputies, his back up band, over the years. I recommend..

I grew up on country music and love to read about some of the stars I use to listen too. There were two sides of Faron, the generous side and the hot temper side. I'm amazed at the lifestyle of some of our big stars. George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Conway Twitty etc. Being a big music star is a tough road to travel, it's a hard life. This book on Faron gives you a side of him I never knew about. I'm glad I bought the ebook but what I didn't know was that the book has a DRM lock on it. If I would have known that I would not have bought the Kindle version of it. I won't buy another Kindle book with a DRM lock on it again. The book was good though.

I am so glad the author wrote this book about Faron Young. I thought he'd been forgotten. His music meant so much to me, but I thought I was the only one who cared. This is a very comprehensive

story about Faron's life and his ascent and descent in the world of country music. Weaved throughout this story is Faron's alcohol addiction. It resonated with me, because my dad was an alcoholic, and some of the tales hit too close to home. Yet, it was consoling, in a way. It brought back memories that I'd buried about my own father, and allowed me to relive some painful times that I thought I'd long forgotten. Regardless, I was so glad that someone thought enough about Faron and his life and career to put this in book form. He was a major force in country music for many years, and it's time he got his due. Thanks again to the author. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and it will be a valuable addition to my collection of country music biographies.

Good summer read. I was lucky enough to have been at one of his shows where he signed my shirt. I was a young teen and have been in love with that voice ever since. The book opened new insights into the life he led. Many things I never would have known about this man with the most beautiful voice.

Hands down the best bio on Faron Young, the nearly-forgotten classic country singer and songwriter. Diane Diekman paints the whole picture of Young's life, both the good and bad. If you want an entertaining and enlightening look into the 50s and 60s country music lifestyle, definitely give this book a chance.

I great book on the life of Faron Young, He seemed to live like many of the songs he sang. I was a person that had the opportunity to see Faron several times and have fond memories of all his shows but one, that one he was obviously under the influence and the show showed it. The book shows his life in detail and I would recommend it for any Faron Young fan.

Really enjoyed this book, Sadly I was a few years too late to meet him by the time I visited Nashville in 1998, I could'nt get any information about him at that time, Apart from purchasing his CDs, So I was very pleased when I found this book on your web site. What a great singer, But what a sad ending, A man sadly missed.

I enjoyed this biography about Faron Young. As my favorite male country artist I truly believe he is soooooo underated. For me the book revealed facts and details of Faron's life that contributed to his negative/less popular image than some of the other stars in his time. Learning about Faron's personal life, business ventures, and music career across his life span was interesting and

emotionally stirring at times. I would recommend this book for anyone who is a TRUE Faron Young fan.

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