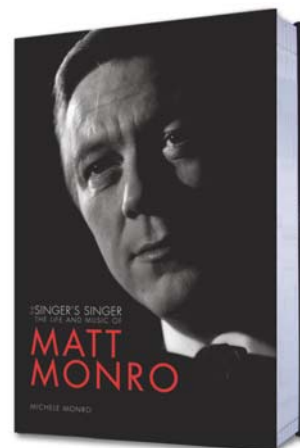


Matt Monro: The Singer's Singer *The Life and Music of Matt Monro*

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Matt Monro: The Singer's Singer is the never-before-told biography of one of Britain's most popular and endearing singers, whose songs including *Born Free*, *Walk Away*, *From Russia With Love*, *Softly As I Leave Her* and *Portrait of My Love* have been ingrained in the public consciousness, and whose talent was revered by friends and contemporaries including Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Bing Crosby, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson and Sir George Martin.

“If I had to choose three of the finest male vocalists in the singing business, Matt would be one of them.” – **Frank Sinatra**

Now, in truthful detail, Matt Monro's daughter Michele traces the life of her father: from an impoverished East End upbringing as Terry Parsons to a job as a London bus driver to his eventual superstardom as singer Matt Monro. Here then, is the man behind the image, a man who rubbed shoulders with some of the most famous names in show business; a man who recorded the very first James Bond song, represented his country in the Eurovision Song Contest and made a string of global hits that are still sung and loved around the world. Revealing the highs and lows that shaped his life and career, this candid biography also delves into Monro's long battle with alcoholism, and his struggle to come to terms with his past.

“Matt Monro was the finest singer of ballads that I have ever had the good fortune to produce.” – **Sir George Martin**

“Apart from being a wonderful singer and marvellous entrepreneur of lyrics, he was also the ultimate professional” – **Dame Shirley Bassey**

Drawing on more than two hundred interviews with industry names, friends, family and fans who knew the singer both in and out of the spotlight, this in-depth portrayal is replete with personal anecdotes, rare photographs and private letters written by the star on the road. This piercing portrait covers Monro's considerable achievements in a lifetime dedicated to music, and exposes the man whose peers dubbed him 'The Singer's Singer'.

“Matt was a great talent and lovely man, and while they keep playing his songs how can we possibly forget him. The Matt Monro magic goes on and on.” – **Sir Roger Moore**

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