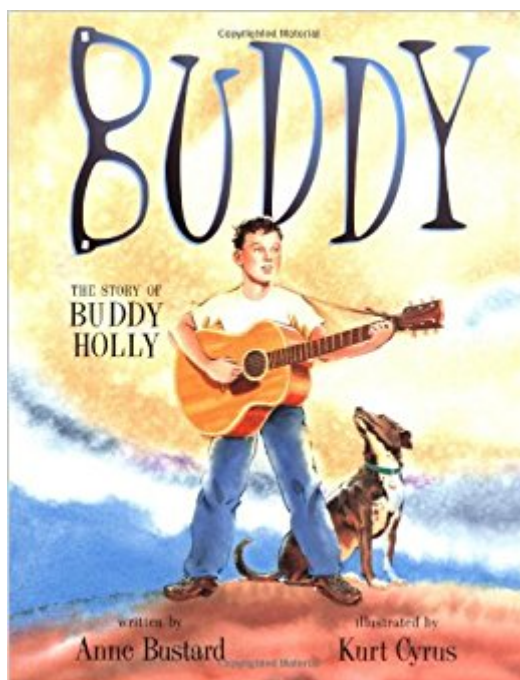


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Buddy: The Story Of Buddy Holly



Synopsis

A biography of the musician, born Charles Hardin Holley during the Depression in Texas, and who pioneered a new kind of music.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-5 - Bustard describes Holly's early life, his family's fascination with music, and his path to becoming a recording star. Information on his musical influences, his early bands, and the creation of the Crickets and their success is included. This lively work is written in a folksy vernacular, with plenty of yeehaws, whoo-de-dooos, and yeeee-doggies thrown in with colloquial expressions like "knee-high to an armadillo" and "Buddy stuck to that guitar like white on rice." While the enthusiastic text is very casual, a factual afterword presents more details about Holly's life and career. Attractive watercolors contribute to the down-home atmosphere. Well done, but of limited interest to most kids.
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K-Gr. 3. Few kids know Buddy Holly; grandparents, more than parents, may be familiar with his music. So does this biography stand up without the benefit of his music being played in the background? Well, Bustard gives it a game go in a raucous, upbeat homage, which uses the cadence and rhythms of the South to capture the feel of the music and the excitement it generated

in Holly. Raised in a family where toe-tappin' music was a regular feature, Holly "lassoed first prize" at a talent show by playing the fiddle when he was five. As a teen, he devoted his full attention to music that was "faster than greased lightning, louder than a thunderstorm, more powerful than a Texas twister." The artwork gets in the groove, as well. Handsomely realistic pictures of kids dancing or Buddy playing rock-and-roll are mixed with more surreal moments, such as 45s floating in the sky. Only one sentence in the afterword speaks to Holly's tragic death in a plane crash. Ilene Cooper
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Ha! Kinda hokey text but cute read for anyone wanting to introduce their toddler to Buddy Holly and music! Have been to Lubbock many times and visited all there is of Buddy Holly there, from his boyhood home to his grave. Anything to do with Buddy Holly, I have to check it out! This book is a cute addition!

What a wonderful way of introducing younger generations to Buddy Holly! This rock pioneer of the 1950s with his timeless classics will undoubtedly continue to delight listeners for time immemorial. I love this book! Buddy Holly, a young musician from Lubbock Texas is beautifully illustrated and presented in this book. He became a rock icon in the 1950s and his untimely death in a plane crash in 1959 sadly stilled a voice that delighted many. He along with Richie Valens and the Big Bopper perished in that accident in in Iowa cornfield on February 3, 1959. Holly has since been immortalized in Don McClean's 1971 song which I never cared for, "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie." This book is truly a gem and a masterpiece. The delightful pictures and the "personalization" of the young Buddy Holly is sure to spark young readers' interest. Bustard does a fine job of chronicling the rock legend's life and untimely death in a sensitive and serious way. Be sure to get a Buddy Holly CD as a gift to go along with this book. Bustard is an excellent author and it would come as no surprise if this book were to win awards, which it truly deserves.

Great story and shipped perfectly!

The illustration and story is beautiful. They skirt by his tragic death and focus on Buddies eternal music. Great for any small child's story time.

This picture book provides a delightful glimpse into the life of Charles Hardin Holley, better known as Buddy Holly. The author uses colorful "Texas-talk" to describe Buddy's family and early life.

Buddy was raised in a musical family so it was only natural for him to take to the guitar when he was in the sixth grade. Just past Buddy's seventeenth birthday, he and his friend Jack were asked to sing and play on a weekly local radio show. "Faster than greased lightning, louder than a thunderstorm, more powerful than a Texas twister, and plumb full of gumption. Buddy and his friends wrote and played hip-hoppin' tunes. No foolin'. That music blasted them into out-of-this-world places". The author includes an "Afterword" that gives biographical information about Buddy Holly's life and death. This is not a new book, but it is perfect for the Texas history/music niche for children ages 6 - 10. I am a Buddy Holly fan and I thoroughly enjoyed this book! The text is lively and the color illustrations are superb. This book is excellent for a unit in Texas history or music history in the elementary grades. I would share a Buddy Holly song with my listener and then read the book. I once was a substitute teacher in an elementary music classroom. The teacher had a large bin of picture books about famous musicians. Kudos to this teacher for including biography books in her lessons. This book is a perfect fit for a teacher or parent who wants to introduce students to a time when rock ruled.

--is that they don't know enough about Buddy Holly the rock star of the 1950s! Well, why should they, people who knew him personally are fading fast, and even the hit film THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY was released way back in 1978. (Although it's out on video and is readily available, as are each of Holly's recordings). Finally here's a book which could serve as a primer to educating young people about the legend who died too soon. It has colorful, attractive pictures of young people at work and play, and you can't help but recognize the familiar bespectacles countenance of our hero. Bustard is a fine writer with many Texas quirks to her writing, and while some young readers may not be able to decipher her lingo, others will go for it with gusto. I expect this child's biography to win the Newberry Award for book of the year. One proviso, of course the story ends rather sadly. Some young children are not ready to take in a whole book which winds up with the main character dying a terrible, lurid death. But most of today's kids will be able to take it, and before long they will be rocking out to RAVE ON, PEGGY SUE, and TRUE LOVE WAYS right in front of your eyes. I expect this book will be a big hit in Lubbock, Texas, center of the Buddy industry and eye of the Holly hurricane. Remember--"it's so easy to fall in love."

Mr. Cyrus does it again. He obviously carefully researched his subject before completing this thoroughly one of a kind artwork. Even though most children will not be aware of who Buddy Holly was, this story along with the beautiful illustrations will be sure to hold their interest. Bravo for Kurt

Cyrus!

Good story. My husband and son both love it. We're big fans of his music ;)

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