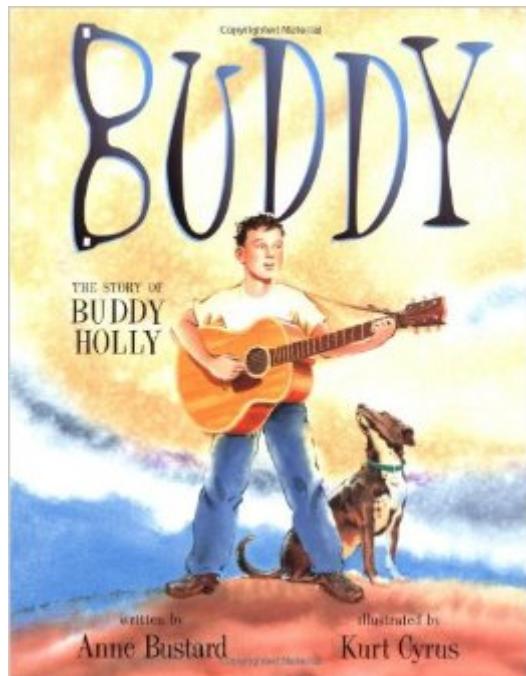


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Buddy: The Story Of Buddy Holly



Synopsis

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

Book Information

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--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."

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 lightnin', 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.

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!

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