Global Superstar Dolly Parton Announces Deal with Chronicle Books

*Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics* is a celebration in her own words of the iconic singer’s life in music.

**San Francisco, CA** (June 16, 2020) – Revealing the book’s cover, Dolly Parton today announced the forthcoming publication of *Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics*, a landmark celebration of the American icon to be published by Chronicle Books this November. The $50.00 deluxe volume will explore her remarkable life and career through 175 of her best-loved songs.

For over six decades, fans around the world have looked to Dolly’s songs for entertainment, inspiration, and comfort. Now, in *Dolly Parton, Songteller*, they can discover the personal stories behind the lyrics—in her own words—along with never-before-seen photographs and memorabilia, bringing Dolly’s fans closer to her work than ever before.

“I’m so thrilled to be collaborating with Chronicle Books on *Songteller*,” said the pop culture legend and songwriting icon. “A songteller is what I am, and this is my first-ever book of lyrics. So, I’ve revisited my memories and opened up my archives to share the stories and treasures behind them in a way I never have before. It’s going to be a beautiful book!”

Both a visual memoir and annotated songbook, *Dolly Parton, Songteller* is a candid, intimate look at Dolly’s enduring career as a songwriter, musician, and country legend—a career further contextualized by the “unofficial historian of Nashville’s musical heritage,” Robert K. Oermann.

“Nobody can write a song or tell a story like Dolly Parton,” said Christine Carswell, Publisher of Chronicle Books. “And few can bring joy and speak to so many the way she can. How proud and delighted we are to celebrate the wonderful gifts she has given us with the publication of *Dolly Parton, Songteller.*”

Universally beloved, the recipient of numerous awards, accolades, and honors, and a book-loving philanthropist, Dolly Parton has captivated a whole new generation with a resurgence in mainstream media, from WNYC’s nine-part podcast series *Dolly Parton’s America* to the Netflix anthology *Heartstrings* to the “viral Dolly Parton Challenge,” which swept social media earlier this year, and has amassed over 17 million online followers.
About the Book

_Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics_

By Dolly Parton, with Robert K. Oermann

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A limited, collector’s edition of _Dolly Parton, Songteller_ is also planned in honor of the pop culture icon’s 75th birthday.

ABOUT DOLLY PARTON

Dolly Parton is the most honored and revered female country singer-songwriter of all time. Achieving 25 RIAA-certified gold, platinum, and multi-platinum awards, she has had 26 songs reach #1 on the Billboard country charts—a record for a female artist. Parton recently became the first country artist honored as the Grammy MusiCares Person of the Year given out by NARAS. She has 41 career Top 10 country albums, a record for any artist, and 110 career-charted singles over the past 40 years. In 2014 the RIAA recognized her impact on recorded music with a plaque commemorating more than 100 million units sold worldwide. Her 2016 #1 album, _Pure & Simple_, which topped the Billboard Top Country Albums and Americana/Folk Albums charts and debuted at No. 1 in the US, Canada, UK and Australia, added to that massive tally. She has garnered ten Grammy Awards and 49 nominations, including the Lifetime Achievement Award and a 2020 win with KING & COUNTRY for their collaboration on "God Only Knows"; 10 Country Music Association Awards, including Entertainer of the Year; five Academy of Country Music Awards, also including a nod for Entertainer of the Year; four People’s Choice Awards; and three American Music Awards. In 1999, Parton was inducted as a member of the coveted Country Music Hall of Fame. Parton has donated over 130 million books to children around the world with her Imagination Library. Her children's book, _Coat of Many Colors_, was dedicated to the Library of Congress to honor the 100 millionth book donation to the Imagination Library. With her “Coat of Many Colors” while working “9-to-5,” no dream is too big and no mountain too high for the country girl who turned the world into her stage.

ABOUT ROBERT K. OERMANNN

Robert K. Oermann is a Nashville-based music journalist who is considered the “unofficial historian of Nashville's musical heritage.” He has written several books on country music,
including *Finding Her Voice: The Saga of Women in Country Music*, which won the ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for music book excellence. He lives with his wife in Nashville, Tennessee.

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