

## 1: Cyndi Lauper: Still So Unusual - Wikipedia

*"[Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir] doesn't feel like an autobiography so much as a long, loud, deep interesting chat over coffee." (Rollingstone) "Lauper's story echoes the hopes of a struggling artist portrayed in Patti Smith's Just Kids.*

Biography For the past 30 years, Cyndi Lauper has been dazzling—and surprising—her fans all over the world. Lauper is just one Academy Award Oscar away from the distinguished EGOT designation, an honor that only 13 other brilliant artists have ever achieved. This year marks another significant milestone for Lauper - a celebration of 30 years as a solo artist. And while she will make time to appreciate the past, Lauper is laser-focused on the future. A 30th Anniversary Celebration. Help arrives from the most unlikely of angels—a charismatic drag performer named Lola. Together, this improbable duo revitalizes the ailing business and helps them grow into the men their fathers dreamed they would become. And, the critics agree! Making her Broadway debut as a composer with *Kinky Boots* Try to resist if you must! you might as well just give it up to the audience-hugging charisma of her songs. Cyndi writes with moving detail about how she left her chaotic home life at 17 with no prospects and no money. While taking jobs at the racetrack, as an I-Hop waitress and gal Friday, music was her refuge. She moved from band to band, playing small gigs, and finally landed a solo deal. In film, Cyndi has appeared in such motion pictures as *Mrs. T & Mr. P.* Perhaps most notable has been her affecting, acclaimed performance opposite Christopher Walken in *The Opportunist*. Helping others has always been a guiding force for Cyndi. An unwavering advocate for equality since long before she became famous, she co-founded the True Colors Fund in to further her commitment. The organization works to bring an end to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender LGBT youth homelessness through its Forty to None Project and inspire everyone to get involved in advancing equality for all through its Give a Damn Campaign. Looking to the near future, Cyndi will once again turn back to her first love—creating new music. For more information about Cyndi, please visit her website at [www.cyndilauper.com](http://www.cyndilauper.com).

### 2: Review: Cyndi Lauper memoir portrays a survivor, time after time

*Cyndi Lauper has won a Grammy, two American Music Awards, an Emmy, three MTV Video Music Awards, and has been nominated for many more. She has sold more than thirty million albums globally and continues to tour around the world.*

But unlike many a teenage runaway, Lauper became an international pop superstar, gaining fans, friends, and even a few enemies along the way. In fact, she has imbued her memoir with a distinctly feminist perspective that offers some startlingly fresh insights. For example, in discussing the rockers that came before her, she writes: After she told Steven Spielberg that his idea for her Goonies music video was "not very creative," he decided not to direct the video at all. Indeed, Lauper often repeats the refrain: And her story goes on, not just as a recording artist, but as a theater composer for the upcoming Broadway-bound musical *Kinky Boots*, now playing in Chicago at the Bank of America Theatre. Conversely, there will be no next book for the late writer and director Arthur Laurents. But in his final memoir, *The Rest of the Story: A Life Completed*, the brutally honest Laurents admits to having adopted a different approach to the truth in his waning years. Many are directed at the press: An activist to the end, Laurents observes of George W. Much of *The Rest of the Story* is a love song written in beautiful and dynamic prose. An equally fascinating, if less celebrated, life has been lived by Broadway publicist and social activist David Rothenberg, which he recounts in his superb autobiography *Fortune in My Eyes*. Rothenberg began his career as a press agent, rising quickly in his field at a relatively young age to work on the fabled Broadway production of *Hamlet* starring Richard Burton. However, Rothenberg quickly became unsatisfied with the star-driven aspect of Broadway and looked for an opportunity to use the stage to effect change in society through the fomentation of a larger conversation. That experience led him to create *The Fortune Society*, a still-thriving not-for-profit organization that offers services to facilitate the successful reintegration of ex-convicts into the mainstream. So how did an upper-middle-class Jewish boy with a passion for the stage end up devoting part of his life to ending recidivism? As Rothenberg writes, "Curiosity about people unlike yourself makes living exciting. His political prose is occasionally acerbic, but never cynical, in articulating his fundamental belief in the basic goodness of humanity. Ultimately, though, this book is a welcome reminder that theater can be used to make the world a better place.

## 3: NPR Choice page

*Cyndi Lauper's memory speaks with a Queens accent. The crudely endearing charms of Lauper's book, a memoir of her unglamorous outer-borough upbringing and not entirely glamorous life since MTV.*

Life and career[ edit ] Her father, Fred, was of German and Swiss descent. At age 12, she began writing songs and playing an acoustic guitar given to her by her sister. Her journey took her to Canada, where she spent two weeks in the woods with her dog Sparkle, trying to find herself. One, called Doc West, covered disco songs as well as Janis Joplin. Although Lauper was performing on stage, she was not happy singing covers. She was told by doctors that she would never sing again, but regained her voice with the help of vocal coach Katie Agresta. Blue Angel[ edit ] Main article: Turi and Lauper formed a band named Blue Angel and recorded a demo tape of original music. Blue Angel was eventually signed by Polydor Records and released a self-titled album on the label in Lauper hated the album cover, saying that it made her look like Big Bird , but Rolling Stone magazine later included it as one of the best new wave album covers Despite critical acclaim, the album sold poorly "It went lead", as Lauper later joked and the band broke up. The members of Blue Angel had a falling-out with Massarsky and fired him as their manager. Her most frequent gigs were at El Sombrero. The album peaked at No. Lauper became popular with teenagers and critics, in part due to her hybrid punk image, which was crafted by stylist Patrick Lucas. Problems playing this file? Lauper was interested in writing her own songs, but the record company provided her with songs to record that were written by other writers. Lauper sometimes changed the lyrics in the material she was given by the record company; such is the case with " Girls Just Want to Have Fun ". Lauper found the original lyrics to be misogynistic, so she rewrote the song as an anthem for young women. The album made Lauper the first female to have four consecutive Billboard Hot top five hits from one album. The LP stayed in the Top charts for more than 65 weeks, and since has sold 16 million copies worldwide. She appeared twice on the cover of People , and was named a Ms. The song reached number 10 on the Billboard Hot chart. She increased her involvement in production and songwriting on her second album, co-writing most of the songs with Essra Mohawk , John Turi , Billy Steinberg , and Tom Kelly. A fourth single from the album, " Boy Blue ", did not reach the top She donated the proceeds of that song to AIDS research. The song "True Colors" written by Steinberg and Kelly was licensed to Kodak for use in its commercials. She is credited as having written the lyrics with Joel and she sings a duet with him. The concert was broadcast on HBO. Lauper played a psychic in search of a city of gold in South America. To prepare for the role, Lauper took a few classes in finger waving and hair setting at the Robert Fiance School of Beauty in New York, and studied with a few Manhattan psychics. The film flopped and was poorly received by critics But would later be consider a cult classic by fans alike. The song reached No. The album had one hit, the No. Three hundred thousand people attended the concert and over five million people worldwide watched on live television. The album, which tackled such topics as homophobia , spousal abuse , racism, and abortion sold fewer than , copies in the United States and peaked at No. The Hooters dedicated their song " Private Emotion " to her. The album sold over six million copies worldwide. In , Lauper returned to acting, playing Michael J. Again without support from her label, the release failed in America, spending a single week on the Billboard album chart at No. This album also met with much critical praise, including People magazine, which declared it "90s nourishment for body and soul. Lauper sets a scene, makes us care, gives us hope. Have a Nice Life. The album contained both original material and standards, and was co-produced and mixed by William Wittman. Tour alongside Wild Orchid. Parker and the Vicious Circle and The Opportunists. The album was a return to her early punk-rock sound and featured Japanese pop superstar Ryuichi Sakamoto , and George Fullan of Train. A five-song EP of Shine was released in June , but the full-length album was released exclusively in Japan. An album of Shine remixes was eventually released through Tower Records. A CD of the songs performed was released exclusively to Sears stores from September 30 to October 31, , and was marketed as a fundraiser for breast cancer. At Last received one nomination at the Grammy Awards: The effort was also a commercial hit, selling 4. The Body Acoustic[ edit ] In , under a new contract with Sony Music, Lauper released The Body Acoustic , an album that featured

acoustic reinterpretations of tracks from her repertoire. The album also included two new tracks including "Above the Clouds". The song was released as a CD single and a 7" vinyl in Sweden. The album remained No. 1. A video was later posted on YouTube. The musical was based on the independent film *Kinky Boots*. Lauper won the award for Best Original Score. It is the 25th-longest-running Broadway musical in history. To promote her work with the National Psoriasis Foundation and Novartis and revealing she, herself has suffered from psoriasis for the past five years, Cyndi appeared on the *Today Show* in July. During the interview Cyndi revealed she is working on a project with Seymour Stein. Later it was revealed in an interview with *Rolling Stone* she is working on a country album with Tony Brown, and Seymour Stein as executive producer. *Detour* and more[ edit ] In January, Lauper announced she would release a new album on May 6. This composed of her interpretations of early country classics entitled *Detour*. This second album of the *Electronica* project is based on collaborations with artists related to electronic music *Tangerine Dream*, *Moby*, *Pet Shop Boys*, etc. The episode aired on PBS. She teamed up with Hyman because she wanted "the music to sound like the 80s". I think the items in the collection really speak to that. The episode, titled "Sudden Death", aired on October 22. Lauper stated that she became involved in gay rights advocacy because her sister Ellen is lesbian and because Lauper herself was passionate about equality. Lauper cites her sister Ellen as a role model. The bed facility offers temporary shelter and job placement help. The 50 Greatest Albums of All Time in

### 4: Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir - Jancee Dunn

*Cyndi Lauper opens up her world in "Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir". The main striking factor in "Cyndi Lauper" is the memoir's tone. As expected, Lauper is very direct and unapologetic with everything she says.*

Lauper spoke to TIME about saving the world with rock and roll, opening for The Kinks and the importance of music-industry seders. Why did you decide to write a memoir now? I had been wanting to write this for many years. What was the writing process like? She worked for Rolling Stone and she had written her own memoir, so I felt that she was perfect for me. Speaking of writing the way you talk, a lot of the stories in the book have to do with you saying everything that comes mind. What was the most unfiltered thing you ever said? It was probably to the suits. Rock and roll was going to save the world. People can save the world by the way they think and by the way they behave and what they hold to be important. The reality star has become huge, because of the oddity of it, I guess. How has the environment for female musicians changed since you started? Everything does go in a circle. How may I help you? I was 17 and told them I was That did not last. I always enjoyed the Bangles. Sometimes the road crew, to an opening act, can be real bitchy. But then I got to know Ray [Davies] and I thought what a nutty, fantastically creative artist. And after that, it started to roll. What do you mean, you were never really young in the industry? You need to check under the hood and kick the tires? That I took issue with. Are there any young artists today who have that kind of integrity? The music you hear now, you hear in the clubs and you seek them out. And I like Hunter Valentine. It was no fun. I have been to awesome seders. Did you worry at all about what the people you mention would think when they read the bookâ€”like Springsteen? Did you think I did? It just seems like it might be nerve-wracking. Not like it used to when I was a kid. Have you had any visions lately? When I sing I have a lot of visions. There are three big, huge thingsâ€”the book, writing the music for the musical of Kinky Boots, and the reality show. Sometimes I have visions about that. And do you ever bust out your Ethel Merman impression anymore? You just find yourself in a hurry all the time and you miss out on all the cuckoo stuff. Subscribe Popular Among Subscribers.

### 5: Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir | eBay

*Legendary singer, songwriter, actress, and activist Cyndi Lauper offers a personal account of the journey that led her to become an international superstar in this "moving story of an American musical original" (Kirkus Reviews).*

The grammy-award winning singer topped charts with hits like "all through the night" and "true colors. Lauper released 11 albums and sold 14 million records. Not one to rest on her laurels, lauper was in collaboration with one of the best blues artists. She teamed up with mega star lady gaga helping to raise money for aids awareness. Now in her new book she reveals the details of ups and downs of stardom and her life as a pop superstar. One of my favorite albums in the world. You know, I lived through it and every time I did, I thought to myself, well, keep going. It will make a good book, you know. Finally got the right one. When you hear young artists like nicki minaj tell you that you are such a giant inspiration to them, how does that make you feel, the influence that you have? I think is that it goes both ways. I think that what you leave behind as it gets translated to the younger artists, it inspires you, too, you know. And you know, I love music, so i listen to whatever I can all the time. I love in your book, and i totally forgot this that you played a terrific role on "mad about you. I forgot that you were nominated for an emmy for that. I won the emmy. You won the emmy for that. How much difference is it being a music star to a superstar? And his writers were fantastic. And they wrote words that sounded to me could have originated out of my head. You know, I still do stuff on "bones. In the book, you talk about backstage doing an ethel merman impersonization. You were talking about your character of paul riser? Well, married and then divorced. But her voice came through this funny backstage impersonization? And all of a sudden, she started to come to life. And as soon as I got rid of all the fear of not being good enough, you just relax into it. I think that the first time even -- yeah, the first time i was nervous about it. And the second time, I had so much fun. And that was the one I won the emmy for. But it was really them with that show, paul ricer, helen hunt. The wonderful directors that they had. Let me ask you about deckland. But you know, my husband is the strong arm of our family. So we have a peculiar kind of arrangement. That will be aired in january. Also writing for kinky booth on broadway. Reality show in october. And it comes to broadway april 4th at the hershfield.

### 6: Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir Summary & Study Guide

*Legendary singer, songwriter, actress, and activist Cyndi Lauper offers a personal account of the journey that led her to become an international superstar in this "moving story of an American musical original" (Kirkus Reviews). Icon Cyndi Lauper offers a poignant account of the journey that led.*

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