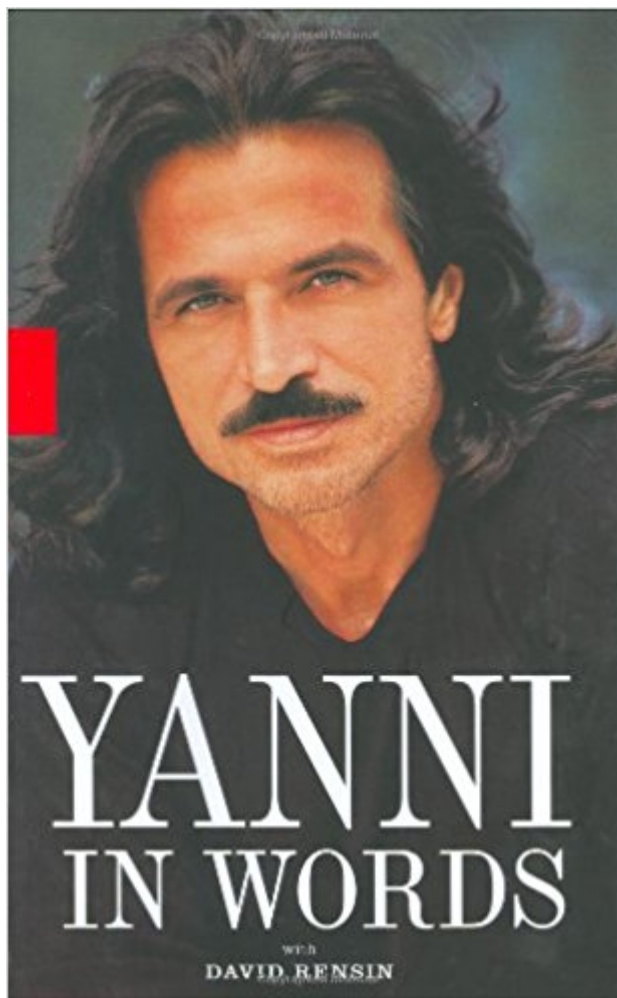




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Yanni In Words



Synopsis

Yanni is practically a force of nature. With global sales of over 20 million albums, 35 gold and platinum awards, and a fan base of untold millions in nearly every corner of the world, this self-taught musician and composer has achieved a cult-like following. The Washington Post has called Yanni's career 'a miracle, a lesson in pluck that could be taught in business school, preached from pulpits and woven into bedtime stories.' In this long-awaited memoir, Yanni offers an inside look at his fascinating journey, from his boyhood in Greece, where he taught himself to play piano at the age of six, to his current status as a musical star. His path to success was sometimes rocky. With unprecedented candor, Yanni describes his long struggle to separate himself from the 'New Age' label, his ongoing battles with a music industry bewildered by his work, and the depression that threatened to derail his career. With great affection, he also discusses his long relationship with Linda Evans and shares the lessons about love and truth that he's learned from his father along the way.

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Customer Reviews

The platinum-selling electronic-don't call him New Age-instrumentalist Yanni tends to inspire strong opinions, and this ambitious autobiography, which Yanni calls "a book about a life of challenges, lessons, dreams, and obstacles," is unlikely to change any of them. Yanni, with the help of Rensin (who similarly aided Tim Allen and Chris Rock with their memoirs), adopts a conversational, occasionally almost condescending tone, full of tics like "Mind you" and "Can you imagine?". He

recounts his "idyllic" childhood in a Greek village; his high school years as a champion swimmer; his time in rock bands (complete with groupies and cocaine); his nine-year love affair with Linda Evans; his near-breakdown; and his determination to make and market his music. Throughout, his plainspokenness is jarringly juxtaposed with show-offy references to the likes of Socrates and Schopenhauer. His claims that anyone could match his success if only he or she tried hard enough, perhaps meant to be inspirational, come off instead as preachy. In his acknowledgments, Yanni writes that "words have never been my medium"; fortunately, his fans love him for his music.

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Yanni was born in 1954, in Kalamata, Greece. He moved to the U.S. and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1976 with a major in psychology. He taught himself music, and has become one of the world's best-loved musician/composers, with global sales of over 20 million albums, and more than 35 Gold and Platinum album awards. He lives in Florida.

This book is not just another autobiography of a famous person. Well, it is, but it is so much more! Yanni shares so much of himself - where this musical persona emerged from, what early experiences shaped who he became, how he learned to 'step into the zone' that lets the extraordinary creative energy flow within him and allow the beautiful music to emerge. It is a journey from his humble beginnings to the fame that almost broke his spirit and how he finally learned to balance the everyday joys of life with an all-consuming passion for writing and performing. It is Yanni sharing his burning desire to reach every person across the globe with a common language - music. It is Yanni teaching us that a creative energy force resides within each of us if we have the patience to tap into it. I wish I had read this book 14 years ago when it was first published. If I had, I probably wouldn't be stuck in a career that has become increasingly unsatisfying while I dreamed of what I really wanted to do with my life. If you add just one more book to your 'must read' list this year, put this one at the top of the list. You will not regret the choice.

Just finished this book, took two days, hard to put down. Honesty and sincerity come across pretty strong and he is more than open about his shortcomings. It covered the period I was interested in, till about 2000, so more has been done since then but it probably followed the same pattern already spelled out in the book. I was disappointed that he didn't cover more about the music and the artists he worked with in his orchestra, I know there are several that have interesting backgrounds but the book mostly stayed on himself his philosophy, feelings and business dealings. Guess he figured

those people could write their own book but for someone with such a high musical IQ I was interested to see what he thought of their talents and or lack of.

Yanni's personal accounts of his struggles and obstacles he had to overcome to become the famous and successful musician, composer, producer and philosopher he is today. His perseverance is what got him where he is today! He never, ever gave up on his dreams, I really enjoyed the read. In my opinion, he has accomplished much, much more than any musician in history!! Thank you YANNI for your beautiful music and your wish for world peace. You will have a special place in my heart forever!!!

Even though this book was published over 10 years ago, it is still a great read! If you love Yanni's music, you will love this book too. It is Yanni's story of growing up in Greece, putting his all into swimming, becoming a Greek champion and then just giving it up. It is the story of Yanni coming to the United States, going to college and discovering that music is really everything that he is about. It is the story of Yanni devoting his life to music - rock and roll, drugs, promiscuity first - and then finding his way back to the music that he is so incredibly exceptional at composing and playing. It is the story of Yanni finding love with Linda Evans and then losing it because he put his all into having the world discover his music and then burned out from the pressure and just gave it all up. It is the story of Yanni finding his way back (through his deep depression) to his music and his destiny to share it with the world. Throughout the book Yanni says, "Faith is the engine and passion is the fuel." Fighting his way back through his depression showed him and his fans that he has faith in himself and his music and that he is incredibly passionate about both. The book is written quite candidly and with intense emotion. It gives Yanni's fans a glimpse into his private life and the love and gratitude he has for his mother and father and the way they raised him and believed in his dreams too. In the book Yanni talks about "...cashing it all in and going to live on a beach someday." Hopefully, this will not happen for a long, long time. Hopefully, Yanni will continue to share his music with the world.

Great book!! Who ever knew all the work, cost, time, & effort it took to put his first concerts together and yes, he does mention Linda Evans. Glad Yanni took the time to write this book! I wanted to read it before I went to his concert, glad I did!!

I was not aware of Yanni's Biography in a book, until I stumbled across it on . I've never read

anyone's Biography, and I most likely will not read anyone else's. I've just not been into Celebrity live's. Well, this man is an extraordinary remarkable magnificent gifted being, that his purpose for life, is truly to share his melody of one of a kind music key notes, to flow through each and everyone of us on this earth. Uplifting, soothing, magical, mesmerizing tones to take you to a higher spiritual realm. That aaaaaahaaaaaaa yessssss!!! moment. Yanni tells it like it is in Truthfulness from beginning to end. And he continues in 2012 through 2013 to touch hearts, young and old GLOBALLY.

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