



2009 Judging Sheet

Title:	Country Music's Jim Owen
Title Subtitle:	An Amazing Life
Author:	Jim Owen
Genre:	Non Fiction Autobiography
Appearance (1-5): Cover, Construction, Chapter Headings, Illustrations, Table of Contents	5
Comments:	I have not seen the cover for this book.
Plot (1-5): Character, Theme, Originality	5
Comments:	Jim Owen has led an incredible life and yet he remains a man of the people. He is what you see. He does not pretend to be something he is not.
Development (1-5): Description, Dialogue, Creativity, Organization, Point of View, Length, Realism, Fluidity, Conciseness, Coherence	5
Comments:	He tells it in simple unpretentious style
Editing, proofreading (1-5):	5
Comments:	Well done.
Relevance (1-5):	5
Comments:	Owens offers a look back in time.



Readers Favorite

Book Reviews and Award Contest

Reviewer's Overall Opinion (1-5): 5

Comments: Entertaining and touching.

Stars (1-5): 5

Review: Jim Owen is from Robards, Kentucky. It is a tiny town not far from Evansville, Indiana. He begins by sharing his childhood. There was lots of love at his grandparents home, horses to ride, a pond to swim in and fields to run through. His father was an abusive alcoholic. At home Jim felt fear. Jim's view of his father is rather amazing. He sees his father as a victim.

When Jim was nine years old he saw Hazel Sellars performing on stage. She had the audience in the palm of her hand. He knew at that moment he wanted to hold an audience in the palm of his hand. A few months later Jim's parents took him to the Grand Ole Opry where he saw Roy Acuff and Hank Williams. That was a turning point in Jim's life. When he saw Hank he was awe struck. William's death devastated Jim.

Jim wrote a one-act, one-man play about Hank Williams and starred in it. Owen is a prolific song writer. I admit I wasn't sure who Jim Owen was until I saw the titles of all the songs he has written. Song writer, actor, singer, comedienne, Jim Owen is all that and more.

I could go on and on sharing things about Jim Owen but I won't. Buy a copy of his book for the rest of the story. Jim writes just like he talks. I felt as though we were sharing a cup of coffee, having a friendly conversation as he reminisced. Jim is Jim he does not try to be something he isn't. His personality shines through in his writing. He's funny. He is extremely funny and seemingly with no effort. This is the life story of unsung entertainer. Owen is still entertaining because he wants to hold an audience in the palm of his hand.