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The Ultimate Guide to Country Music in Australia

The ABC Book of Australian Country Music **Jim Haynes**

The ABC Book of Australian Country Music is much more than a listing of musicians and festivals. It is a fascinating look at the artists, groups, festivals and awards, and provides a detailed insight into the Australian country music industry.

This comprehensive guide includes all the legends, favourites and rising stars of the country music scene. It also covers everything from the international success of Keith Urban and iconic Aussie status of John Williamson to the spectacular rise of Kasey Chambers, and lists all the Golden guitar winners since the beginning of the Country Music Awards of Australia.

The ABC Book of Australian Country Music is the perfect companion to the hugely successful ABC Radio program, *Saturday Night Country*.

About the Author

Before becoming a professional entertainer Jim Haynes taught literature, history and drama in schools and universities in Australia and the UK. He has two master's degrees in literature and is the author of eleven best-selling compilations of Australian stories and verse.

Jim has made many albums as a signed artist with various different labels and written over 100 published and recorded songs including the novelty hits *Don't Call Wagga Wagga Wagga* and *Since Cheryl went Feral*. He is the four-time winner of 'Comedy Song of Year' at Tamworth. Jim has also served on the Board of the Country Music Association of Australia (CMAA) for over twelve years and is the Australian expert on Sydney's top rating weekend radio show.

**Jim Haynes is available for interview in August —
Book your interview now!**

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