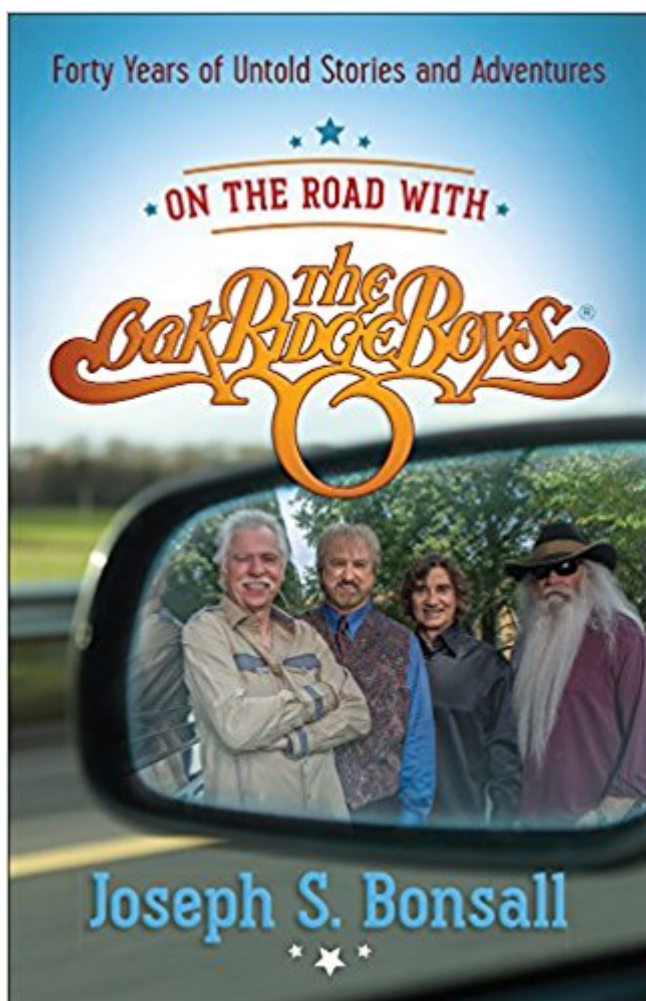


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# On The Road With The Oak Ridge Boys: Forty Years Of Untold Stories And Adventures



## Synopsis

For more than 40 years, the legendary Oak Ridge Boys (40 million records sold) have been on the road entertaining sold-out audiences with their classic hit songs like "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "Thank God for Kids," and many others. As their fans will testify, an Oak Ridge Boys concert is an unforgettable experience. These "on the road" stories, written by tenor Joseph S. Bonsall and spanning the four decades since the present group came together, will bring laughter, insight, and heartfelt appreciation to their fans young and old. You'll read about... The faith shared by all four "Oaks" the backstage goings-on of The Oak Ridge Boys what "the Boys" do on the tour bus stories about special fans they've met down through the years their surprise mega-hit, "Elvira" and how it came about "Join me as I take you on the road with The Oak Ridge Boys. We'll revisit some of our favorite concerts, reminisce about some old friends, and I'll let you in on what happens behind the scenes. Come on along!" Oak Ridge Boy Joseph S. Bonsall

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## Customer Reviews

"When a musical act becomes a household name, they're called 'stars.' When a musical act becomes intertwined with Americana, they're called The Oak Ridge Boys. In this wonderful book, Joe Bonsall takes readers on the bus with the 'boys' and introduces us to the men and their music—and their legacy that is forever woven into the fabric of America." —Peter Rosenberger, president, Standing With Hope, author of Hope for the Caregiver "I have read enough books, articles and musings of Joe Bonsall to know his style. This book surpasses all! His mastery

of words paints such vivid pictures in your mind you feel like you are there with The Oak Ridge Boys. Joe's attention to detail is immense! He gives credit where credit is due, putting himself last, and always giving God the glory. If you want to get up close and personal with the Oaks, buy this book and go On The Road With The Oak Ridge Boys!" —Sheila Vest, The Sheila Show

Joseph S. Bonsall is an avid writer, songwriter, and 40-plus year member of the legendary American music group The Oak Ridge Boys. His previous books include G. I. Joe and Lillie and several children's books. For relaxation, Joe retreats to his 350-acre farm on the Tennessee-Kentucky state line with his wife, Mary, and their seven cats. He also plays the banjo!

I have been a fan of The Oak Ridge Boys since their gospel music days. I love Joe's style of writing, his books are like sitting down to have a conversation with a life long friend. I highly recommend this book, not just to fans but to anyone that wants a little insight of life on the road. Some performers are one hit wonders, others burn bridges and rungs of the ladder to success, the Oaks know and appreciate the fans that have been along for the ride. These gentlemen are entertainers on stage, but just as importantly are true decent hard working men off stage. It doesn't matter if they are dining with presidents or signing autographs at some country fair in middle America, they treat everyone with gracious down to earth humble friendliness. One of my favorite parts in this book Joe speaks of venues that have closed over the years, he mentions the beautiful Carlton where we first saw them perform many years ago, he discusses singing the National Anthem for sporting events (some for losing teams here) I've had the privilege of meeting Mr Bonsall a few times and he always takes time to say hello. God Bless these amazing men, looking forward to their concert here in a few days.

This book is a must read for not only Oakridgeboys fans; but, for all who wonder with amazement how a group of individuals can come be a band of brothers and still touring after almost 5 decades. These guys have a Christian based solid footing foundation not ashamed at the drop of a hat to witness their love for Christ, their families, their fans, the veterans, their music industry and friends and the USA!! Joe is a master with words and sharing history, events and the harmony of his 3 non biological brothers Duane Allen, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban. I have bought several copies to give to family and friends and read mine from start to finish the day I got my first shipment. Do yourself a big favor, get this ordered now, love it!!!

Its fairly easy to write a review for this book...the book comes from the heart of the man that wrote it..nothing fancy..nothing delivered with any flair or drama..nothing written out of context to increase sales...like their new album "Rock of Ages" it is stripped down and raw..emphasizing their enormous vocal power this book emphasizes Joe Bonsall's raw emotions and memories and it utterly just flows from his soul!When musical history from this era is written these guys will have a spot at the top..one of the reasons why (besides the music) is through Joes book we see so much of the "hows and whys" their enormous career came together..the decisions made..the interaction with the people in Nashville and beyond who provided them with the music and of course how they transformed the written words of the song in "3 minutes of magic"....and these guys have a ton of "3 minutes of magic songs"I started reading the book after work one day and got to page 180 in the snap of a finger..this included reading many a paragraph over and over because what was written marked a point in time to me..not only did it bring back memories but it would make me look forward to making more with these guys.....finished the book the first time later that same night..have read it twice since thenTHE BOOK IS MAGICAL....the author is an intelligent soul..full of enthusiasm for his profession..full of enthusiasm for his friendships..and a true professional of the music business.....I count him as a friend..may not see him but 2-3 times per year but its always a blessing to get to spend time with himif you are an Oak Ridge fan or not consider this book for your library...i'd give it 10 stars if possible.....#blessings

I'm still reading this wonderful book.... And I'm LOVING IT!!!! I love to read the stories that Joe Bonsall writes. At first, I was kind of skipping around reading different parts and all I can say is, THIS is a great read! I've loved the Oak Ridge Boys since I was a young girl (that's been a while back) and I still do!! They are all great guys, and reading this book lets us see more of who they are... I mean, who wants to miss that? I highly recommend this book... I've got to get back to readin'!!!

I've enjoyed the Oak Ridge Boys for much of my life, and I've always been curious as to what goes on "behind the scenes." This book satisfied that curiosity.Joseph Bonsall is a compelling writer who brings it all out. He makes you want to keep reading, overshoot your lunch break and almost miss the bus...his writing is THAT good!Humorous stories, stories from the road, what it takes to get from their hometown to a stage...it's all here and a lot more is too. If you want a well-written book that documents the history of The Oak Ridge Boys, then this is the one for you!Full disclosure: the site says I purchased the paperback, but I purchased the Kindle Edition.

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