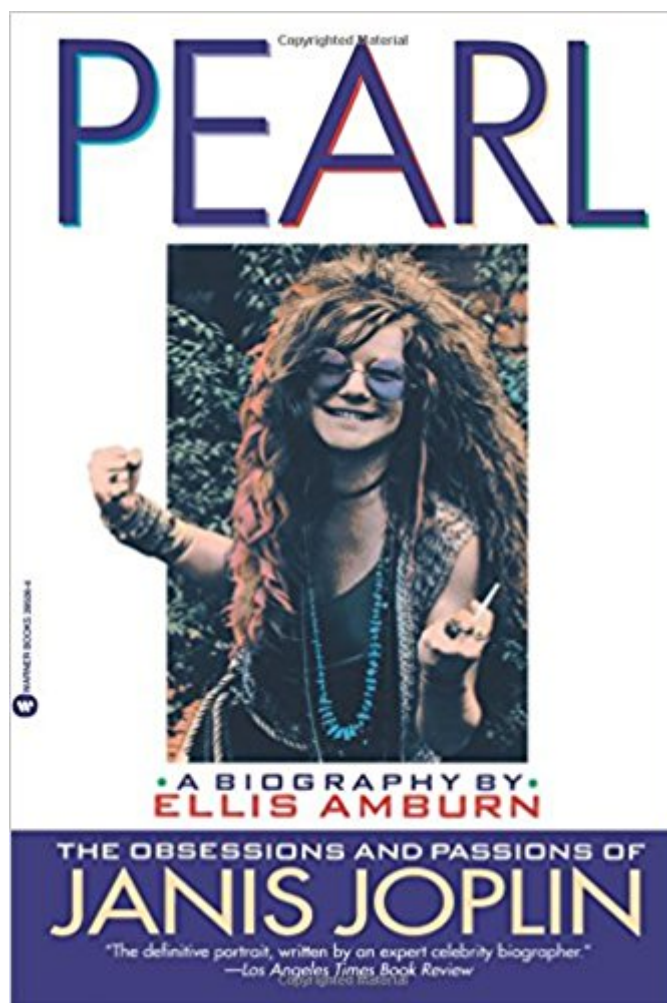


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# Pearl: The Obsessions And Passions Of Janis Joplin



## Synopsis

Out of the Texas-Louisiana swamps she wailed the blues like no one, black or white, has ever dared. She was Janis Joplin--the first rock star of the 1960s counterculture, a fashion trendsetter in San Francisco's back-to-the-roots movement that overtook the world, a prisoner of an ultimately doomed search for happiness in sex and drugs, money and fame.

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The author really put a lot of effort into writing this book. Extensive interviews with the band members from Big Brother and the Holding Company. Janis was never really happy after leaving that band and Gurley and Sam Davis confirmed this. Parts of the book were very depressing, especially Janis's attempts to get off Heroin. Her manager Albert Grossman even got her to see a Specialist (Rothschild) who had her go on Methadone for months on end. Janis put herself into Rehab centers as well, she did try, but the addiction and pressures of the music industry were overwhelming. When Janis went to a doctor in 1969, besides telling her that she had a swollen liver from all the alcohol, he also said to her "How can such a talented and intelligent young person do so much damage to her body". He said he had never seen so much abuse of a young woman's body before in his career. Janis vowed never to see that doctor again. Linda Gravenites moved out of Janis's home. She was tired of having to revive Janis and her friends (Sam Andrew) every time they overdosed with Heroin. Janis said "Nothing will ever happen to me because I come from good pioneer stock". Janis's loneliness after Linda left made the drugs and drinking even worse. Richie

Havens in his book said that on the Train Tour they did together in Canada, he said the reason that Janis did so much drugs and alcohol was because she was intensely lonely and that most of her loneliness was due to her not being back with her "family" namely Big Brother and the Holding Company. She loved the guys in Big Brother like family and they looked after her when she was with them even though the drugs were the order of the day. AN absolutely fascinating book. Imagine the kind of music we would have heard from Janis if she's still been around today.

I have read most of the books written on Janis (with the exception of "Love, Janis"). "Pearl" is the book that I have liked the most. Author interviewed an impressive number of persons from both Port Arthur and Frisco. Interviewees included former High School friends, members of Big Brother and Kris Kristofferson. Discovered some facts about JJ that I was not aware of. I hope these facts are true. I do not want to disclose any of unknown (to me) facts so I don't spoil other readers enjoyment. I LOVED this book.

What's Not to Love about the story of Janis Joplin this has the dark moments as well as her Loves in LIFE

Everything Janis is great

Great read. Would recommend to any classic rock fan

This was a wonderfully detailed book, describing the ups and downs, good and bad, happiness and sadness of a great artist. It was very well rounded. I debated whether to buy this biography or the one written by her sister. I'm so glad I chose this one. It was wonderfully researched and a great read.

A great read!

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