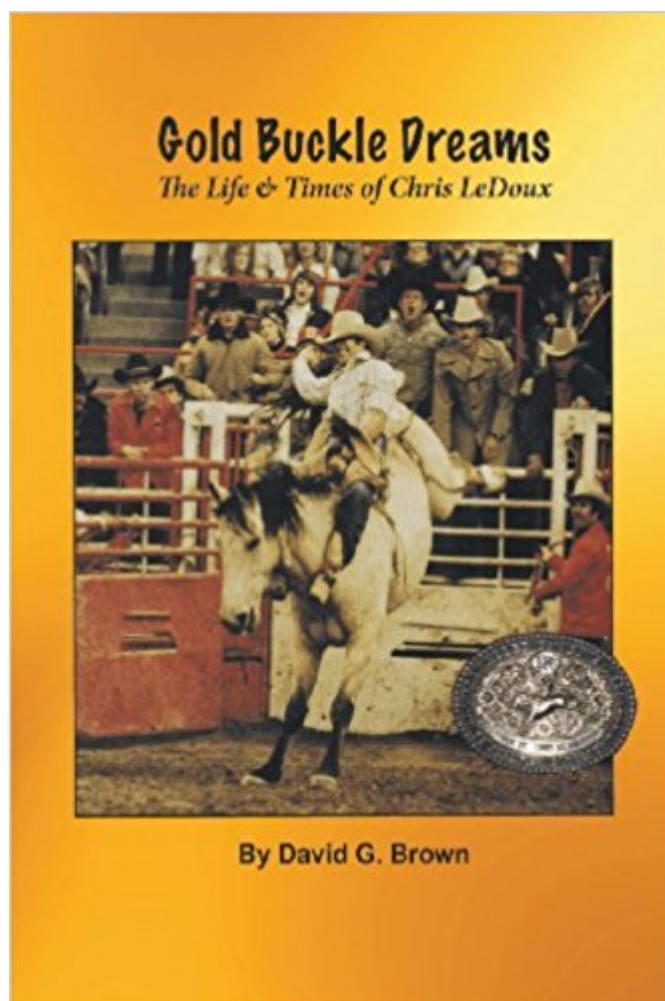


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Gold Buckle Dreams: The Life & Times Of Chris LeDoux



Synopsis

Chris LeDoux was a rodeo icon, known for his ability to ride bareback horses and a world championship. But Chris also had a talent with a guitar and an ability to put the life and thoughts of a rodeo cowboy into song. With the help of his family Chris started selling audio-cassettes out of his rigging bag at rodeos, just as a way to help pay his way down the road. Little did he or anyone else know that after he hung up his bareback rigging and stowed the rigging bag, that he would become a country music sensation, "Gold Buckle Dreams: The Life and Times of Chris LeDoux" tells not only of Chris's life growing up and on into rodeo, but is has been expanded to include his life after rodeo. Although Chris LeDoux and his music had a big following in rodeo, it was not until Garth Brooks mentioned LeDoux in a song, that the rest of the world discovered the man. When his career ended in rodeo, LeDoux found a second round of fame in the music world, where he gained an international following. Unfortunately his life ended prematurely, the legend and music of Chris LeDoux live on.

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Customer Reviews

This is by far the finest rodeo related true story I've ever read. The writing is clear, concise, and to the point. Equally important, Chris LeDoux and the author pull no punches when it comes to saying it like it is. Triumph? Sure, but they included a few embarrassing parts, too, the times when Chris realized his ignorance was costing him during his "learning curve" early years in the sport. Example: Spend the time and money to fly all the way to California from a rodeo in Florida, only to find out the hard way that the bronc he'd drawn in the Golden State was a runaway waste of an entry fee? No

problem; the reader gets to learn about that, including the part about the veteran cowboy who laughed at Chris's foolishness before he even got on the plane. Such things are important for a biography to contain real red meat...and there is plenty of red meat between the covers of this book.. Those who have never paid the high price required to chase the gold buckle are sometimes stunned to realize just what it does take to become a World Champion in any rough stock rodeo event. During my contesting years (which predate Chris), it was not uncommon for the elite "wolves" of the sport to compete in more than 200 rodeos and cover more than 200,000 miles (in the air and over the highways) in a single calendar year. Gold Buckle Dreams does not identify the effort in those specific terms, but it's clear to any reader that only those who survive the crucible become the best in the business. As Chris makes clear, it's also about rodeoing "...smarter, not harder". Add to that the fact that bareback bronc riding is the most "jolting" event of all, and it's not something many of us are built to handle, either physically or psychologically. Throw in the love of his life, the endless struggle to make a living both during and after his active rodeo years until the first Garth Brooks single mentioned "...an old tape by Chris Ledoux" and made all country music lovers aware of the musician we in rodeo already appreciated. Mix well with Chris's later health struggles, stir in plenty of humor and grace, and...yeah. This book definitely deserves a five star rating. I'd give it ten stars if they were available. Most of all, if you're a reader who knows absolutely nothing about rodeo but would like to learn a bit, Gold Buckle Dreams is the one to read. You'll learn plenty...and if your heart is not touched by the end of the tale, you're not human.

A well written book about an amazing man. Easy reading, not complicated to follow or keep up with. I really enjoyed it.

I got this book because I love his music and I'll just that I loved this book! It's so good! I love learning about his rodeo days.

I have been a fan of Chris LeDoux's music for a long time, and enjoyed the book very much. David Brown is a fellow rodeo cowboy, and gives a good perspective of Chris's riding career. The personal stories of his life give new meaning to old favorite songs.

The story is very positive. A man of his word and commitment. Anyone, a good example of goals and trying.

a fun book to read about a great American cowboy

Bought this book when it first came out and was thrilled to find it for my kindle. Now not only do I have his music to listen to, but also the story of his life....could it get any better? I don't think so.

this is a great book about an amazing rodeo cowboy I think anyone should read this book and see how the old rodeo days were and how humble and amazing cowboys really can be

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