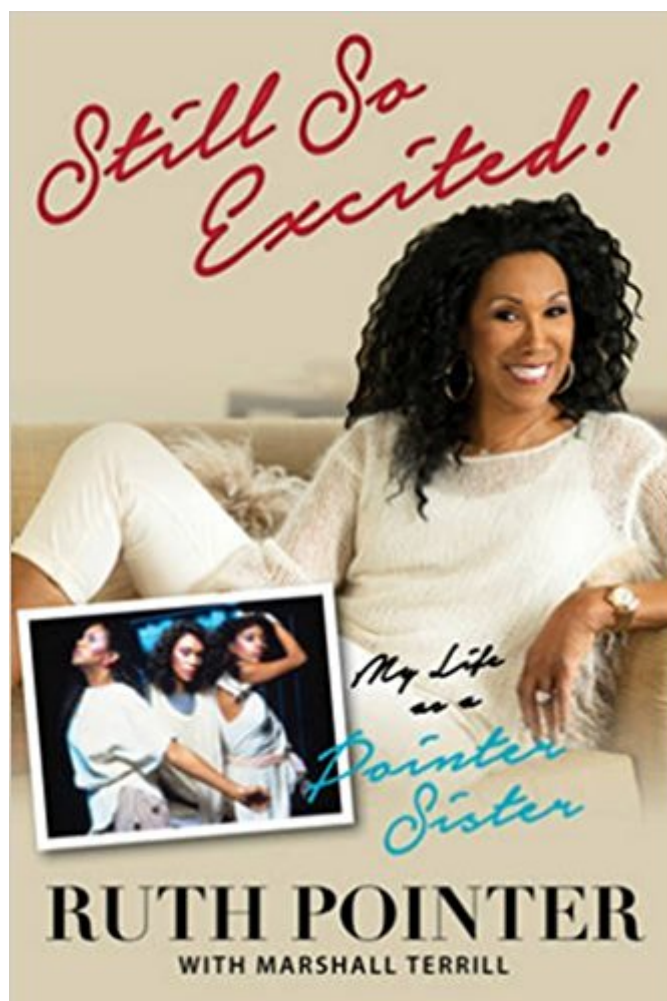


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Still So Excited!: My Life As A Pointer Sister



Synopsis

Still So Excited!: My Life as a Pointer Sister is an engaging, funny, heartbreaking, and poignant look at Ruth Pointer's roller-coaster life in and out of the Pointer Sisters. When overnight success came to the Pointer Sisters in 1973, they all thought it was the answer to their long-held prayers. While it may have served as an introduction to the good life, it also was an introduction to the high life of limos, champagne, white glove treatment, and mountains of cocaine that were the norm in the high-flying '70s and '80s. Pointer's devastating addictions took her to the brink of death in 1984. Pointer has bounced back to live a drug- and alcohol-free life for the past 30 years and she shares how in her first autobiography, detailing the Pointer Sisters' humble beginning, musical apprenticeship, stratospheric success, miraculous comeback, and the melodic sound that captured the hearts of millions of music fans.

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Customer Reviews

Ruth Pointer began her formal vocal training as director of the junior choir in her father's church, then pursued a singing career with her sisters, Bonnie, June, and Anita. She occasionally stepped out as a solo artist, contributing to movie soundtracks and lending background vocals. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts. Marshall Terrill is a veteran music, film, and sports writer and the author of 20 books, including bestselling biographies of Elvis Presley and Steve McQueen. Three of his books are in development to be made into movies. He lives in Tempe, Arizona.

First of all, I am a die-hard and long-time Pointer Sisters fan. That said, Ruth Pointer's auto-biography is completely different than most celebrity biographies. If you are looking for a book that is full of name-dropping, bad-mouthing celebrity gossip, this is NOT it. Ruth bares all in this painfully honest story of her life from childhood to present day. She writes in detail about her hard-charging life of drugs and alcohol and, happily, how she tackled those demons with decades of sobriety. Ruth is open about struggles with parenting and love while living the life of a music star. Readers will find interesting how Ruth and her sisters managed their relationships during their 40 years in the music business. Ruth has led a very complex and amazing life and her struggles and triumphs are well worth the read. Just look at that smile of hers on the cover and tell me how you don't want to know what it behind it.

What a story! I never would have imagined what Ruth wrote. Of course as a fan since their first release in 1973 and a steady student of their vocals (I learned so much from them) I knew there was more to their tight knit sisterhood than was visible. But the strength, struggles, triumphs and continued legacy are even more profound to me. Indeed "Still So Excited" (as "Only Sisters Can Do That honey") is a glorious testament to sisterly love with no boundaries and relentless dedication to each other. The unified vocals and distinct personalities bonded like a slice of heaven for the world to enjoy. It makes me sad to know some of the backstory and the lack of promotion they received from inept recording companies in their latter years. There were so many missed opportunities for major hits. Still, the group made history unmatched because there is nor was there a group like The Pointer Sisters that dared to record and sing in SO many different musical styles. Just try and name another female vocal trio or quartet that accomplished that. No ya cant but YES they can and DID!

I have been a fan of the Pointer Sisters for nearly 43 years, and I have been waiting to read a book such as this one almost as long. I am glad that one of the sisters finally got around to writing a history of the group. I initially wished that it had been Anita, because Ruth has a reputation among a significant number of fans of being "not so nice". But giving the "devil" her due, I will say that I enjoyed the book very much and I had a new appreciation for Ruth after I read it.

Growing up a fan of all music, the Sisters were and still are a class act! They know how to put on a fun and entertaining show! I own every album and have been a fan nearly all their career. Not every music group is perfect as they all go through their highs and lows. The Pointer Sisters are no exception to this rule and Ruth nicely puts it out there to share with everyone in a no-holds-barred

way. Honestly written with many telling memories, she shares what it is like to be in the business and how the road was bumpy both personally and professionally. She writes of motherhood and how her failures led to surmounting issues as their popularity continued to rise and soar. She's honest about what she liked and was disappointed with when it came to their music releases. She's honest about the dysfunction within her family both personally and professionally. Being a long-time fan, I thought I knew more about The Pointer Sisters than I actually did and I appreciate Ruth's openness about the history of one of my favorite groups. Clean and sober for 30 years, too! I am very to have had the opportunity to read, "Still So Excited!" A very enjoyable read!

I read this book fairly fast I'm a 80's child and just love the Pointer Sisters I love the all equally but there is always that one "Diana Ross" member who does a little extra, us gay guys really go for that so of course that was Miss June for me. I didn't know about her horribly life but this is a good read and takes you down memory lane. Happy reading y'all

This book manages to be shockingly honest, without sharing unnecessary details. Ruth Pointer is obviously a woman of class despite the troubles she has seen in life, and her book is a truly enjoyable read.

A fairly interesting read, but with lots of name dropping and an overblown sense of entitlement. Typical sex, drugs and rock & roll. Save your money and wait for the paperback version to come out.

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