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# Go Big Or Go Home: The Journey Toward The Dream



## Synopsis

It was just a simple singing competition that would be fun to audition for. Who knew what kind of doors it might open for a sixteen-year-old from Garner, North Carolina. *Go Big or Go Home* is the story of a kid with country songs in his soul. The special thing with Scotty McCreery, however, is that he has this God-given ability to sing those tunes the exact way they should be sung. Daring to enter the limelight at such a young age, Scotty finds himself embraced by the nation, and even overseas, as he competes on "American Idol". This is his journey from his North Carolina roots to winning America's most popular singing competition and launching a musical career he had always dreamt about. *Go Big or Go Home* narrates Scotty's journey from a kid imitating Elvis on the school bus to 30 million across America tuning in to see him win Season 10 of "American Idol". Now as he completes his ground-breaking fourth album, Scotty shares a glimpse of where he came from and the impact his faith, family and friends have had on a humbled guy who keeps asking "why me?"

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## Customer Reviews

In a very conversational, storytelling style, Scotty McCreery invites readers of his book *Go Big or Go Home* into his story growing up and staying grounded. When I first heard about Scotty writing a book, I was a little surprised just because it hasn't been that long since he won *American Idol* (which my whole family voted for him) or since I got to see him in concert and meet him backstage. What was cool about that experience as well as reading this book are the stories. That's why Scotty was

able to write a book about life, only a few years after winning American Idol. If you watched Scotty on American Idol, you should know he is a family guy. It was obvious backstage where Scotty's mom, Judy, and dad, Mike, were meeting fans and being part of Scotty's journey. The book is an at home, down to earth, conversation with Scotty. As I read the book I felt myself sitting there listening to him talk about his journeys and experiences. What was nice about this book is that it wasn't all about American Idol. There are so many times when someone wins a reality TV show and then writes a book about their life and 90% of the book is about the reality show. That isn't the case with this book and I appreciate that. Sure, he talks about American Idol, it was a huge part of his life, but he shares so much more about his life, his family, and his music business. Scotty could have written multiple books on the experiences of his life, but this book was enough to give readers a look into who Scotty is, the guy who knows who he is and what he is meant to do. The biggest point I took away from Go Big or Go Home is knowing who you are and that is someone Scotty knows very well. \*I received a free copy of this product to facilitate this post, however you, my readers, come first and all opinions are my own.

I have been a fan of American Idol, and in particular Scotty McCreery, since his Idol audition in Milwaukee in 2011. This book has been five years in the making and the stories Scotty and his co-author, Travis Thrasher, have to tell do not disappoint. An excellent book for all ages - especially young people finding their way and having a dream. There are plenty of behind-the-scenes tidbits about Idol, the audition process, grueling Hollywood week, the 24/7 schedule, the hometown visit back to Garner, NC. Scotty includes wonderful stories about his family, his early musical influences, life on the road with his band, Dry County, the ups and downs of the music business and what he has learned about himself along the way. The book reads like a conversation with an old friend and is hard to put down. Scotty's personality shines across every page. I didn't think it was possible to like and admire this young man any more than I already did but after reading GBOGH I certainly do! (If you have any "reluctant" readers in your family, get them the audio version! Scotty's rich, smooth voice is a pleasure to listen to whether singing a song or reading his book to you!)

I absolutely loved Go Big Or Go Home!!! It is such a fascinating glimpse into Scotty's life---and into his thoughts, feelings, and dreams! It is like hanging out with him for a couple of days just listening to him talk. This book is informative, touching, funny, inspirational --- a wonderful book from a wonderful young man---singer, songwriter, and star!

I was captivated from the very first page. I have been a fan of Scotty's since his incredible win on American Idol and have followed his amazing journey in country music for the last five years. I have attended several of his concerts and have had the pleasure of meeting him in Meet & Greets. As I read the words on these pages, I visualize his experiences in a way I never really thought of before. As a "McCreerian" I know a lot about Scotty and his family and friends, but reading "Go Big Or Go Home" has opened my eyes to a whole new side of this amazing young man. I am so very proud of his strength, his courage, and his commitment to his faith. This book is a wonderful graduation gift to inspire our young men and women to dream big and work hard and those dreams can absolutely come true.

I've been a fan of Scotty's from the first Idol promo I seen with him on it! I heard his voice and knew he would be a favorite. Sure enough when the season started and I seen his audition I deemed him my favorite, my future husband and the winner! This book shows how much work Scotty puts into everything he does. He deserves the #1's, the awards, and the hype. Scotty doesn't forget where he comes from and he is very vocal about that in the book and I love that about him! I will forever be a fan of his and am definitely rooting for him!

Scotty's story is full of gratitude, fun, and amazing Providential experiences. He's very aware of the incredible gift he was given by his Idol experience, and is full of appreciation for his fans. This book gives you a real taste of Scotty's optimistic, humble, fun loving personality.

Wonderful book about dreaming and following through with the dream. This young man has a remarkable story to tell and, having read the book, I am an even bigger fan than I was before! I highly recommend this book!!

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