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Merle Haggard's autobiography, "My House of Memories," is filled with references to songs, artists, and music that profoundly influenced his life and career.

Songs Mentioned

- "House of Memories" – Written and originally recorded by Merle Haggard, later covered by Buck Owens and His Buckaroos. This song is a central theme, sharing a title with the book itself.
- Other signature songs often associated with Haggard (though not all are guaranteed to be directly mentioned in the book, they are crucial to understanding his personal and musical journey):
 - "Mama Tried"
 - "If We Make It Through December"
 - "I'm a Lonesome Fugitive"
 - "Big City"
 - "Someday When Things Are Good"
 - "Misery and Gin"
 - "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down"
 - "Swinging Doors"
 - "Rainbow Stew"
 - "Kern River"
 - "Sing Me Back Home"(Fans also discuss these as highly linked to his story and personal "house of memories".)

Artists Mentioned and Influences

- Lefty Frizzell – Haggard frequently credits Lefty Frizzell as one of his greatest influences, even being praised for sounding like him by contemporaries.
- Hank Williams – Another giant of country music, often referenced in context of skill and career comparison among Haggard and his peers.
- Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys – Legendary Western swing band that shaped Haggard's musical sensibility.

- Buck Owens – Recorded Haggard’s “House of Memories” before Merle himself, highlighting their close connections in the Bakersfield country scene.
- Johnny Cash, Tommy Collins, Dottie West, Kenny Seratt & The Messengers – Artists who performed songs written by Haggard, such as “Good Ole American Guest,” “Poor, Broke, Mixed Up Mess of a Heart,” “Willie’s Winter Love” (later “Shelly’s Winter Love”), and “Running Kind”.

Additional Context

- The autobiography discusses Haggard’s love for music, with stories about playing guitar, listening to the radio, and learning from other musicians in the local country and Western scene.
- There are accounts of Haggard attending and being inspired by live performances (such as a show by Lefty Frizzell), and crucial musical moments that shaped his path.

While the book is most remembered for its poignant storytelling about Haggard’s tumultuous life, musical references, from his own songs to the iconic artists of country, run throughout as both soundtrack and inspiration for his journey.

Selected



1. American Songwriter

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5 Songs You Didn't Know Merle Haggard Wrote For Other Artists

Merle Haggard became a prominent face of the outlaw movement in the mid-'60s with songs that stemmed from his wayward childhood and time served at San Quentin.

Foraying into country music helped to turn his life around while his songs about hard times and the working class made him the voice of a generation and [...]



2. secondhandsongs.com

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House of Memories written by Merle Haggard - SecondHandSongs

The song House of Memories was written by Merle Haggard and was first recorded by Buck Owens and His Buckaroos in 1967. It was first released by Merle Haggard and The Strangers in 1967. It was covered by Sue Terry, Shane Worley, Dick Curless, Warren Storm and other artists.



3. reddit.com

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What's your favorite Merle Haggard song? : r/CountryMusicStuff

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Merle Haggard's "My House Of Memories" autobiography - YouTube

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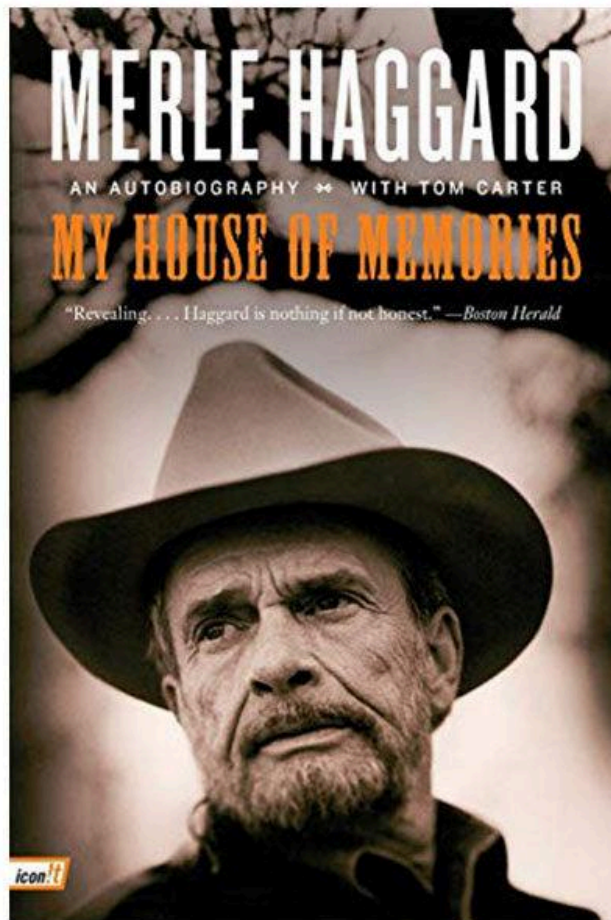


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MY HOUSE OF MEMORIES: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

In this riveting personal story, award-winning, bestselling country music recording artist Merle Haggard takes you on a tour through his house of memories, offering a fascinating look inside his turbulent yet successful life. Merle reveals the true stories about his birth and troubled upbringing in a converted railroad



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My House of Memories: For the Record - Entertainment Weekly



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Merle Haggard & The Strangers - House Of Memories - Spotify

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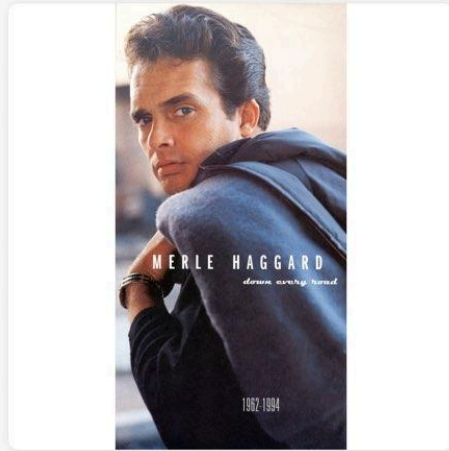


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House of Memories - Song by Merle Haggard & The Strangers

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My House of Memories by Merle Haggard, Tom Carter - PangoBooks



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My House of Memories by Merle Haggard, Paperback



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Down Every Road 1962-1994

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Released on: 1996-01-01

Producer: Ken Nelson

Producer: Charles "Fuzzy" Owen

Composer: Merle Haggard

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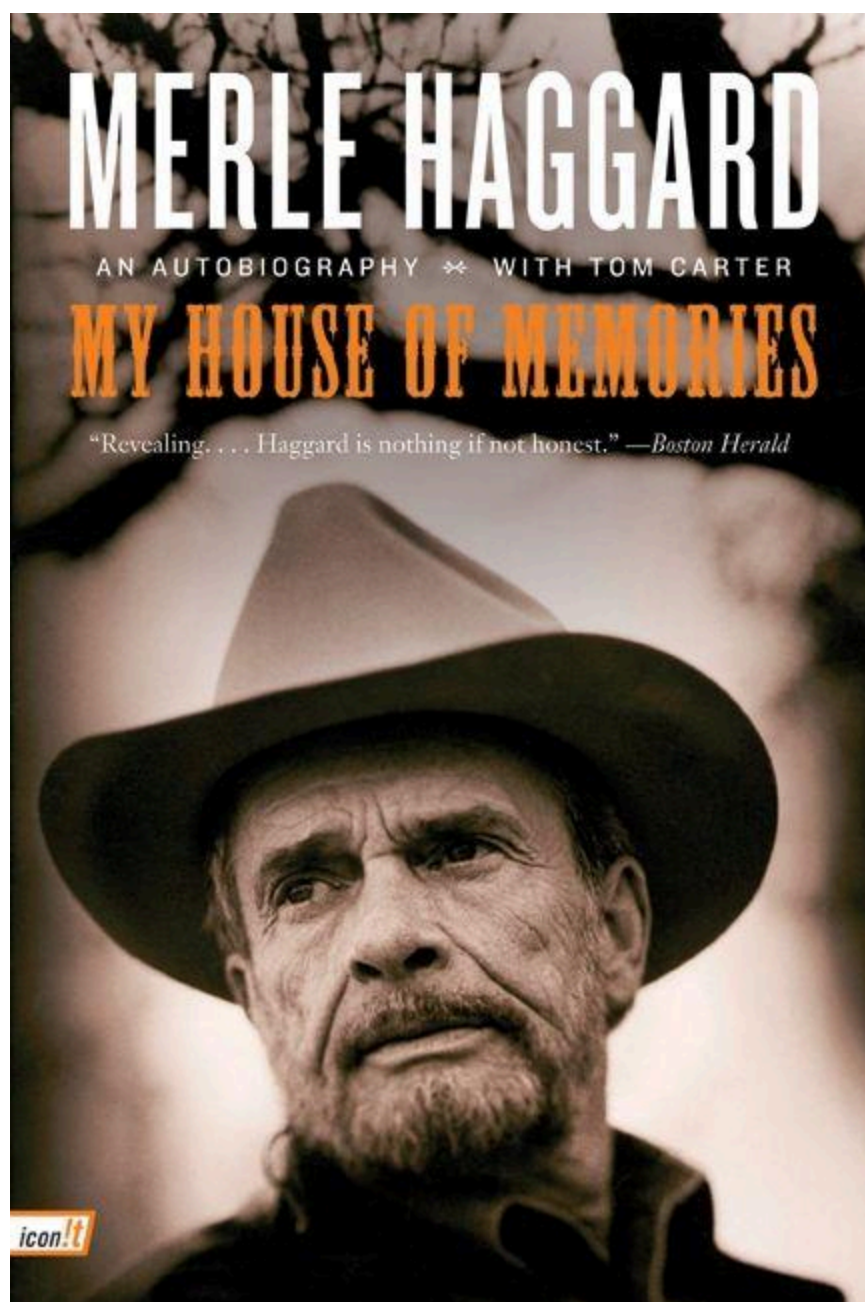


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My House of Memories - HarperCollins Publishers

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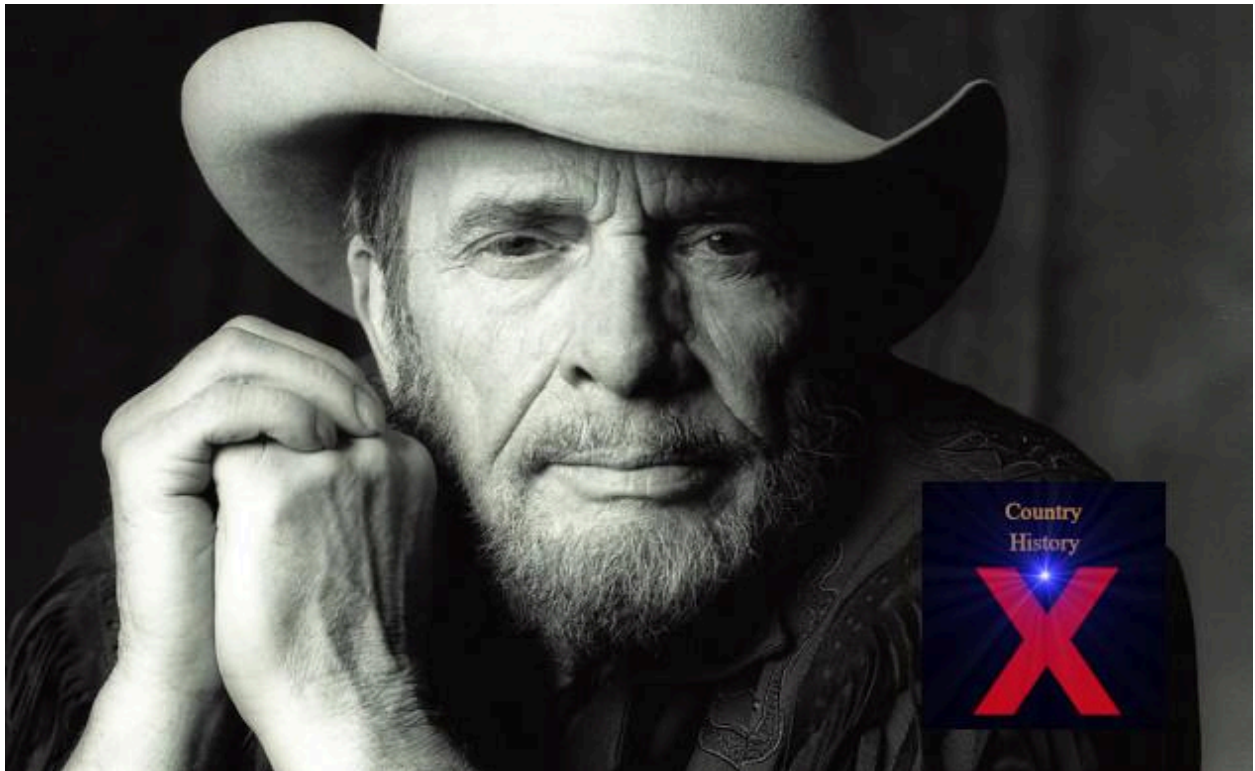


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Did Merle Haggard Really Escape From Jail 17 Times? (Country ...

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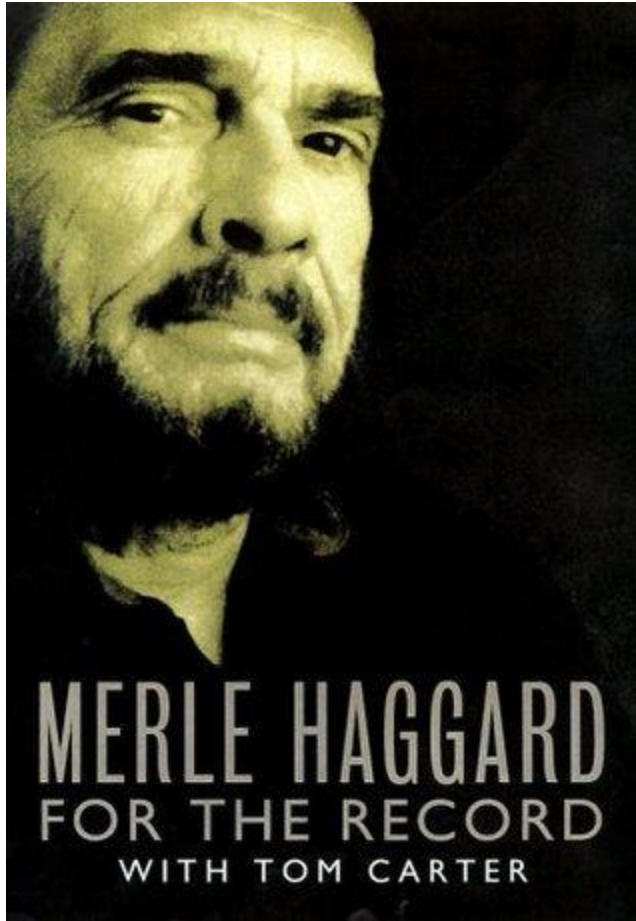


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