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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

Scotty McCreery burst onto the national music scene in 2011 at age 17, quickly establishing himself as one of country music's hottest new stars. By age 21, the talented singer/songwriter has sold nearly 2.5 million albums and received both Platinum and Gold album certifications, debuted three consecutive albums at No. 1 on a Billboard chart, achieved three Platinum-certified singles and two Top Ten hits, toured with Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, and Rascal Flatts, headlined his

own tours, earned industry and fan accolades, amassed more than three million followers on Facebook and Twitter, received more than 150 million YouTube views, and he's just getting started! Travis Thrasher is a bestselling author of more than 40 fiction and nonfiction books. He has written inspirational stories in a variety of genres, from love stories to supernatural thrillers, and collaborated with filmmakers, musicians, celebrities, and pastors on a variety of projects, including memoirs and novelizations. Before becoming a full-time author, Travis worked with New York Times bestselling authors for many years as the author relations manager at Tyndale House Publishers. Travis and his wife, Sharon, live in a suburb of Chicago and have three daughters.

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!

Such a delightful read! Scotty is adorable and more importantly a man after God's heart and not afraid to share it. He never compromises his values as a teenager in a cutthroat competition. His story was well written, entertaining and inspirational! I bought it for my 12 year old grandson and wanted to read it to see if it would be appropriate for him. I enjoyed it so much and loved the behind the scenes story of how the Idol competition unfolded. Scotty's own personal story was amazing,

too. This book should be in every school library. It will encourage youth to pursue their dreams and help them gain the confidence to stay true to who they are and not to always follow the crowd. Can't wait to pass it on to my 92 year old dad, too.

I too am a Scotty fan and I voted for him all through American Idol. But reading this book really opened my eyes to the real Scotty. He is genuine, his writings show his love for God, his family, his hometown, his close friends, the team of folk it takes to keep everything going and his fans. His love for people and bringing them special joy is so impressive. I recommend this for anyone 16 or older to instill being able to reach your goals if you have determination to keep on keeping on, surround yourself with the right people, and follow God's for your life. We can't all be Scotty but we can all make a positive contribution to others. Would make a great high school or college graduate gift.

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!

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.

The book is disorganized. I was hoping to get some insight on his feelings about winning Idol and what his life is like now, but it is so randomly organized it's hard to follow along. So, he went to college? But did he finish? How did he do that along with touring? He has a boat and two houses, but yet lives in an apartment at college? Confusing! There are some good moments in the book but

not enough for me to recommend it.

Scotty's book is an amazing read. It inspires, makes you laugh, and most of all gives hope that dreams come true.

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