

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO DIANA TRASK

A Memoir by Diana Trask

This is the story of a beautiful young girl from Melbourne with an outstanding voice who is invited to tour Australia as a support act for Frank Sinatra in 1959. She accepts his advice to try her luck in the USA, and at the age of eighteen flies alone to New York to make her debut at the famous Blue Angel Night Club. Diana succeeds in popular music and then re-invents herself to carve out a new career as a successful country singer, touring the world and performing for fans in the USA, UK, Europe, Australia and Japan. But, it was not all smooth sailing.

Diana was one of the first popular Australian singers to be successful in the USA and many others followed: Helen Reddy, Olivia Newton-John and in recent times Keith Urban. American audiences have fond memories of Diana's appearances on the television series *Sing Along with Mitch* then her hit songs on the Country Billboard charts and her Australian fans will remember *The Diana Trask Show*.

In the book, Diana talks about her friendships and collaboration with superstars such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Bob Hope, Glenn Campbell and many others, and reveals her struggles to find success in music and love.

Interesting facts about Diana Trask

- Diana toured extensively in the USA and throughout the world
- She was given the title Miss Country Soul
- Diana was featured in articles for Life and Time magazines.
- Sang at the Grand Ole Opry regularly.
- Diana's songs charted in the Billboard Country top ten charts.
- Awarded the status of Tennessee Ambassador.
- Was the subject of the Australian television show This Is your Life in 1979.
- First artist to take pop music to Nashville
- Headlined in many Las Vegas and country shows throughout the world
- Guest artist on many television shows including Sing Along with Mitch, Hee Haw, Love American Style, The Johnny Cash Show, Des O'Connor and Val Doonican
- Was nominated for a Grammy Award
- Successful song writer with songs performed by popular top ten artists such as the Osmond Bros.



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- Performed with famous stars of the 20th Century such as Frank Sinatra, Jack Benny, Sammy Davis Jr, Jerry Lewis, Danny Thomas, George Burns and many country superstars.
- Diana was first female to sing for the opening of an AFL Grand Final in Australia
- Worked for Leprosy with Lazarus Appeal
- Awarded Citizen of the Century in the Upper Yarra Valley Australia
- Master Herbalist and works in Natural Health.

Today, the question is frequently asked – “What happened to Diana Trask?” You can learn about the life of one of Australia's popular female singers of the twentieth century in this fascinating autobiography “Whatever Happened to Diana Trask”.

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