

# BOOK ENDORSEMENTS

Such a great book!

For folks who love Country Music, especially Canadian Country Music, you are going to Love this book. Road stories are some of the funniest true stories you will ever hear and there are no lack of such stories in this book. One of my personal favourites is the story regarding a steel guitar and a steel guitar player. Anyone who knows me know that the Steel Guitar is my favourite instrument. No doubt this story had me howling with laughter. So many gems in this book. Well written and a great read! Thanks for sharing your experiences with us.

**Carroll Baker**

The steady roll of places named in the classic country song *I've Been Everywhere*, is no match to the miles travelled and the stops made by country singer Larry Mercey. As leader of the renowned Canadian group *The Mercey Brothers*, Larry brought his music to fans in every corner of Canada...some of the whistle stops don't even show up on today's travel maps. Later as a solo artist, and as tour bus entertainment director, Larry Mercey's travels virtually became worldwide. What is just as compelling is the fact that he is able to relate every minute of most every destination, a truly remarkable journey in life and in music...and this is just his *First 60 years of Making Music*.

**Larry Delaney** *Country Music News (1980-2012)*

If like me, you enjoy reading a good book filled with insights into the music business, this is the book for you. The Mercey Brother's musical dreams started in their hometown of Hanover Ontario and took them to major centers across North America and Europe. Their talents soon came to the attention of Columbia and RCA record companies, who brought the soft harmonies to a wide audience, resulting in great record sales and much airplay nationwide. Their subsequent recordings gained them many top Awards from leaders in the music industry including: 7 Juno Awards; the C.F. Martin Guitar Lifetime Achievement Award, their Induction into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame; and many others. Frequent appearances on top Television Shows soon followed, securing a place in Canada's music history. So sit back, relax and enjoy the book!

**Tommy Hunter**

Early in my country radio career in 1970 I met Larry, Lloyd and Ray Mercey on one of their visits to Halifax. They rang the bell one Saturday morning when I was on the air in Amherst ... just to say hello and thanks for playing their records.... I believe they were the first singers to show their sincere appreciation to me in person. I was always impressed by the Mercey's personal approach on and off-stage, their devotion to fans, and their professionalism in concert. I am thankful to have seen many of their shows and to intro a few ... what a classy and talented band! Without official top billing Larry was always their modest leader and to this day - one of the most respected country gentlemen in the business.

**Paul Kennedy** CCMA Hall of Fame Broadcaster

One of the greatest things a new artist can do is learn from the past — that's why I jumped at the opportunity to read Larry Mercey's book. Larry gives us an inside look at an extraordinary career of touring, song writing, and of course balance between family life and the road. It's extremely rare to access the brilliant mind of a multi-JUNO and CCMA award winner — and that is why I'm grateful that Larry decided to share his memories with us all."

**Brett Kissel** JUNO & CCMA Award Winner

When I started my radio career in 1973, at my hometown radio station, CKEC in New Glasgow, N.S., The Mercey Brothers already had their first single on the radio in 1961; had already won numerous Juno Awards; had number one hits; sold tons of records; and played thousands of shows by the time I was getting my feet wet. Over the years, success continued for Larry and his brothers. Larry truly is one of the nicest people I have met in this business, and I swear, every time I talk to him, I feel better; he has that way about him. Read the book, live the years, and get to know him better. Larry, you are a bright light in my life, and the Canadian Country Music world owes you a big debt.

**Frank Lowe** Country DJ and Musician

I thought I knew Larry Mercey. I've known him for almost 40 years. I was not expecting to learn so much more about him, the Mercey Brothers and even the Canadian country music industry through these pages. But I did. And I was even a member of the Mercey Brothers Brother's Fan Club back in the day!

**Randy Owen** D.J. Country 107.3 (2007 - Present)

This book is a wonderful and in depth account of the events, times and people, that created the man we've come to know and love today; Larry Mercey. Aside from the obvious musical ability he possesses, Larry's unique vision has allowed him to chart a successful course through life and the music business, while taking time to help many others along the way. Larry Mercey is one of the finest individuals I know, in and out of the 'business'; a true gentleman, a fine human being, and a valued friend. You're sure to enjoy the book as much as we've enjoyed the man.

**Paul Weber** Country Music Artist