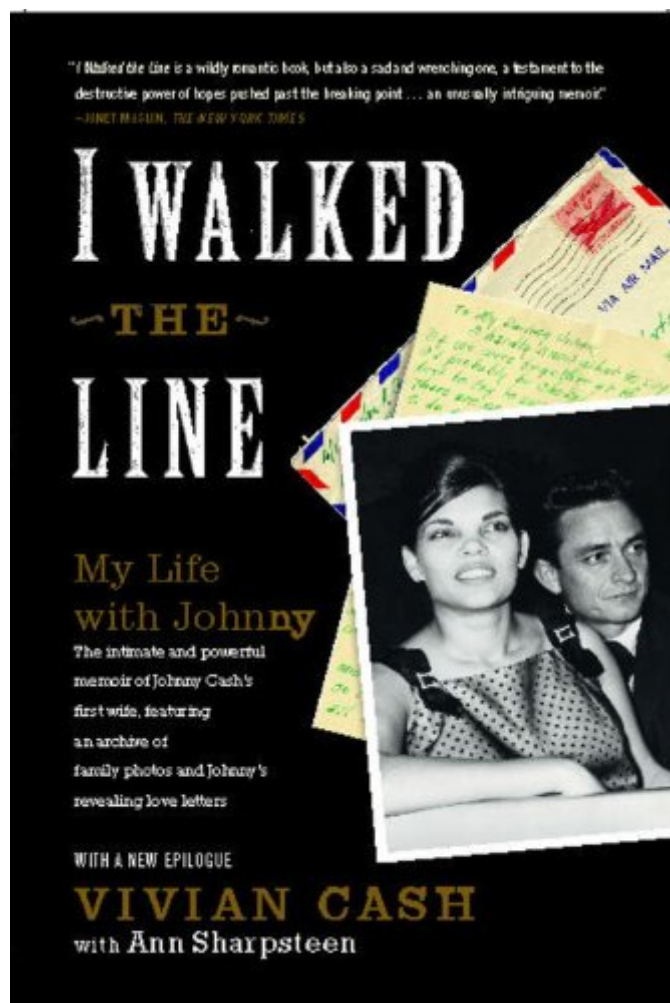


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# I Walked The Line: My Life With Johnny



## Synopsis

*I Walked the Line* is a chronicle of first love, long-kept secrets, betrayal, forgiveness, and the truth--told at last by Johnny Cash's first wife, the mother of his four daughters. It is a book that had the full support of Johnny Cash, who insisted it was time for their story to be told, despite any painful revelations that might come to light as a result. Many myths and contradictions regarding the life of Johnny and his family have been perpetuated for decades in film and literature. Vivian exposes previously untold stories involving Johnny's drug addiction, his fraught family life, and their divorce in 1968, as well as the truth behind the writing of two of Johnny's most famous songs, "I Walk the Line" and "Ring of Fire." Supplemented by a never-before-published archive of love letters and family photos, *I Walked the Line* offers a deeper look at one of the most significant artists in music history. Here, fans and readers can experience the extraordinary account of love and heartbreak between Johnny and Vivian, and come to understand Vivian's dignified silence over the years. Through this elegant, revealing, and powerful memoir, Vivian Cash's voice is finally heard.

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First of all, keep in mind as mentioned before....that 90% of this book consists of love letters from Johnny to Vivian. I almost found it uncomfortable to read these letters, like I was sneaking a peak in someone's diary or desk drawer, but they are a window into the man's soul...a rare window into pre-drug afflicted J.R. Cash's soul at that...and utterly heartbreaking to read when you know how the story ends. I don't see anything hateful here, Vivian Cash kept silent for all her life and the shots taken here are not all that harsh when you consider all things. Her waiting until June passed to tell these stories can be looked at two ways, it was done mercifully or to someone not around to defend herself. Either way, it's a drop in the ocean for a woman who swallowed a lot of pain and let's not forget that bottom line is June was sleeping with her husband. I don't hold any of the three main characters up to sainthood, any more than I do myself. I find lessons and inspiration from all 3 of them. I don't find it hard to believe that Johnny would endorse this book, especially that late in his life. Johnny Cash never lied or hid from his sins, he lived with a lot of guilt from hurting many people, and he also helped a lot of people. Listen to his American Recordings Era music, watch the video to "Hurt" and you'll see/hear a man trying to make peace with himself, his past and his faith. There is nothing shocking about any of this, other than finally hearing Vivian's voice, which is something many of us wanted to hear and I for one, actually expected much worse things to come out of this. Also nice, are the rare pictures of Vivian, she was incredibly beautiful.

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