1. Record Nr. UNINA9910826807303321 Autore McLeese Don Titolo Dwight Yoakam: a thousand miles from nowhere // Don McLeese Austin,: University of Texas Press, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-292-74279-7 0-292-73781-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (233 p.) Collana American music series Disciplina 782.421642092 В Soggetti Country musicians - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes discography (p. [215]-216). Nota di contenuto Introduction: a thousand miles from nowhere -- How far is heaven? --Readin', rightin', Rt. 23 -- South of Cincinnati, west of Columbus --Corvette cowboy -- From Kentucky bourbon to Babylonian cowboys --Who you callin' cowpunk? -- Honky-tonk man -- "It's jes' ol' hillbilly stuff" -- Hillbilly deluxe -- Streets of Bakersfield -- Bonus cut -- "Well. i'm back again ..." -- Wild ride -- Gone, real gone -- Act naturally --The same fool -- Playing out the string -- South of heaven, west of hell (and off the charts) -- Splitsville -- Produced by Dwight Yoakam -- The buck stops here -- "I wanna love again, feel young again" -- The Dwight dozen: a selected discography. From his formative years playing pure, hardcore honky-tonk for mid-' Sommario/riassunto 80s Los Angeles punk rockers through his subsequent surge to the top of the country charts, Dwight Yoakam has enjoyed a singular career. An electrifying live performer, superb writer, and virtuosic vocalist, he has successfully bridged two musical worlds that usually have little use for each other-commercial country and its alternative/Americana/rootsrocking counterpart. Defying the label "too country for rock, too rock for country," Yoakam has triumphed while many of his peers have had to settle for cult acceptance. Four decades into his career, he has sold

more than 25 million records and continues to tour regularly, with an extremely loyal fan base. In Dwight Yoakam, award-winning music journalist Don McLeese offers the first musical biography of this

acclaimed artist. Tracing the seemingly disparate influences in Yoakam's music, McLeese shows how he has combined rock and roll, rockabilly, country, blues, and gospel into a seamless whole. In particular, McLeese explores the essential issue of "authenticity" and how it applies to Yoakam, as well as to country music and popular culture in general. Drawing on wide-ranging interviews with Yoakam and his management, while also benefitting from the perspectives of others closely associated with his musical success (including producerguitarist Pete Anderson, Yoakam's partner throughout his most popular and creative decades), Dwight Yoakam pays tribute to the musician who has established himself as a visionary beyond time, an artist who could title an album Tomorrow's Sounds Today and deliver it.