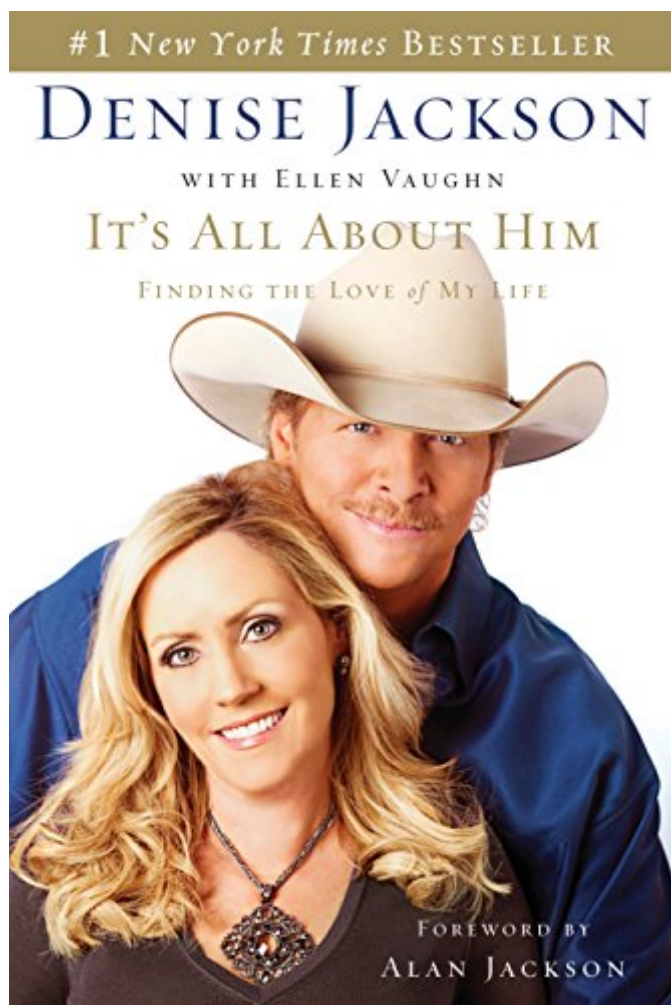


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It's All About Him: Finding The Love Of My Life



Synopsis

Alan and Denise Jackson's life seemed like a fairy tale: high school sweethearts marry young and leave small-town Georgia to pursue big dreams in Music City. They pay their dues, work hard, weather deep disappointments. Then their dreams come true. In fairy tales, the Jacksons' material success?plus their "perfect" marriage, their three beautiful daughters, and their supportive families?would have signaled a happily-ever-after ending. But real life is different from fairy tales. At the pinnacle of their success, the Jacksons separated. For Alan, musical renown fame, and wealth still did not make up for the marital problems the Jacksons had struggled with for years. And for Denise, building her life around Alan and riding the tide of his success had somehow left her hollow, unsure of just who she really was. You don't have to be rich and famous to go through struggles like these. Sooner or later, we all come to the point when we realize that real joy and peace isn't just around the corner of the next achievement, the next relationship, the next new thing. That's why Alan and Denise Jackson's story isn't just a great read and a dramatic, intimate look at the golden world of celebrity. It's a story of the greatest love of all, the love that will never let you go . . . and how to find it, no matter who you are, where you live, or what you've done. "Denise's story is an inside perspective on the results of the ups and downs of fame. Her personal struggles with life's ordinary and extraordinary consequences, her passion to have a stronger marriage, and her desire to have a closer walk with God make for a truly inspiring life." ?Carrie Underwood, 2005 American Idol Winner, ACM & CMA Female Vocalist of the Year

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book. I received it and started reading and I could not put it down. I read the whole book in a little over 2 and half hours. I cried, laughed, cried again and again as her and Alan's story very much resembles mine and my husbands. I was so overwhelmed at all of the similarities in fact I wished I had a way of contacting her to tell her how much this book has helped me and given me new strength to overcome obstacles. Of course, my belief in God and His power is what I know is healing me, my husband and our marriage, but it was refreshing to know that others have gone through the same struggles, especially a celebrity couple that appeared to have it all. Of course, I am not implying that celebrity couples have it easier, in fact, I'm sure in some ways they have it harder, but I felt that Denise shared their story openly and honestly without pointing the finger at Alan or disrespecting him in any way, in fact, she speaks freely about things she herself needed to change. As far as some of the negative comments about her bragging about their wealth etc., I didn't get that impression at all, in fact I felt she was trying to make the point that even though they had all the material things life could offer, they were ignoring the incredible gift of true love that God blessed them with, and that their paths had strayed so far from God that it was no wonder that their lives were taking a downward spiral. Finding her way back to God and putting Him first always, is what saved her and her marriage. Those who want to focus on her speaking of their riches are completely missing the point of this book. I think she and Alan are an amazing couple that faced real life challenges and temptations but were able to overcome them, only with the help and guidance from God. I hope and pray that my husband and I have the same happy ending that she and Alan share and I have faith that God will provide that to us as we put all of our love and faith in Him.

I enjoyed the book. I especially liked the beginning, reading about the early struggles of Alan trying to make it in the world of country music. I could see where some people think Denise spoke too much about material things, but I do think it was to make the point of "money cannot buy

happiness". Though I did shake my head at the size of her diamonds and the girls' mini Mercedes. The book may be a bit too preachy for some, but I enjoyed the inspirational aspect. It kept me thinking long after I finished the book. I was afraid I would dislike Alan Jackson after reading it, but it showed me he is only human, and did what he had to to restore his marriage.

This story was exceptional!! A great read that will help many to understand how true love NEVER does run smoothly. Denise Jackson was completely frank and honest while relating the love story between herself and Allan. Reading this account actually helped me to see some of the love hurts in my own life. I realize more than ever now that NO-ONE is immune from pain caused by their beloved in a relationship. We are after all, imperfect humans. The wonderful part of this story is that both Denise and Allan realized their mistakes. They were willing to put aside pride and begin again with a more mature attitude. There is a saying,... without pain there is no gain, which this story proves. Nothing is impossible when you love the Lord and know that he is in everything, the good times and the bad. God is good and this marriage was saved because of his power and glory. If you want to re-freshen your understanding and strengthen your love for another, then read this account.

I just finished reading this book for the 2nd time. I read it 4 years ago when my husband & I were having problems. She inspired me to become a prayer warrior for my husband so I got the book *Power of a Praying Wife* and started using the prayers in that book to pray for him. In the past year or so I got lazy and didn't pray for him as often as I should. Well, we went through another difficult time recently and I remembered how much this book encouraged me the last time I read it so I decided to read it again. What an amazing story of a woman who never gave up on her husband, never gave up praying for him and has an amazing faith in God. I have recommitted myself to praying daily for my husband and already things are so much better between us. I thank God for this book and how her story has encouraged me.

Having been a fan of Alan's since his career took off, I very much enjoyed reading about him from Denise's view point. I commend both of them that, when marriage cracks began to look like it might pull them apart, instead of just saying "divorce - see ya", they took steps to work on their marriage with a counselor. In my opinion this really, really bodes well for Alan as almost every man, bar none, aren't willing to work to keep the spark that originally brought them together, having a family, and especially having all the attention that he must get from female fans, wouldn't even consider taking any pro-active steps. He and Denise did and I honestly believe that they will remain together and in

love for many years to come. This is a book that more men should read ((I know women will do so) and realize that no matter how much fame you have, how much money you make, breaking your marriage vows - especially when you have a family - believe me the grass is NEVER greener on the other side. You will lose SOMETHING.

Bought this book electronically several months ago. I typically read only when in a waiting room, etc. so it has taken a while to finish although I'm sure I would have read it straight through if I had more free time. It is a wonderful and inspiring story, honest and hearts laid bare. I don't see Alan Jackson and his wife as celebrities now, but as real, down-to-earth people, neighbors next door kind of folks, struggling with many of the same everyday challenges as the rest of us. It is not a "religious" book, but as a Christian, I appreciated the strong faith and ideals that played a big part keeping their family "glued" together. I've enjoyed a few other celebrity biographies before but this one really touched my heart. They make it easy to walk in their shoes and I recommend this book for anyone.

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