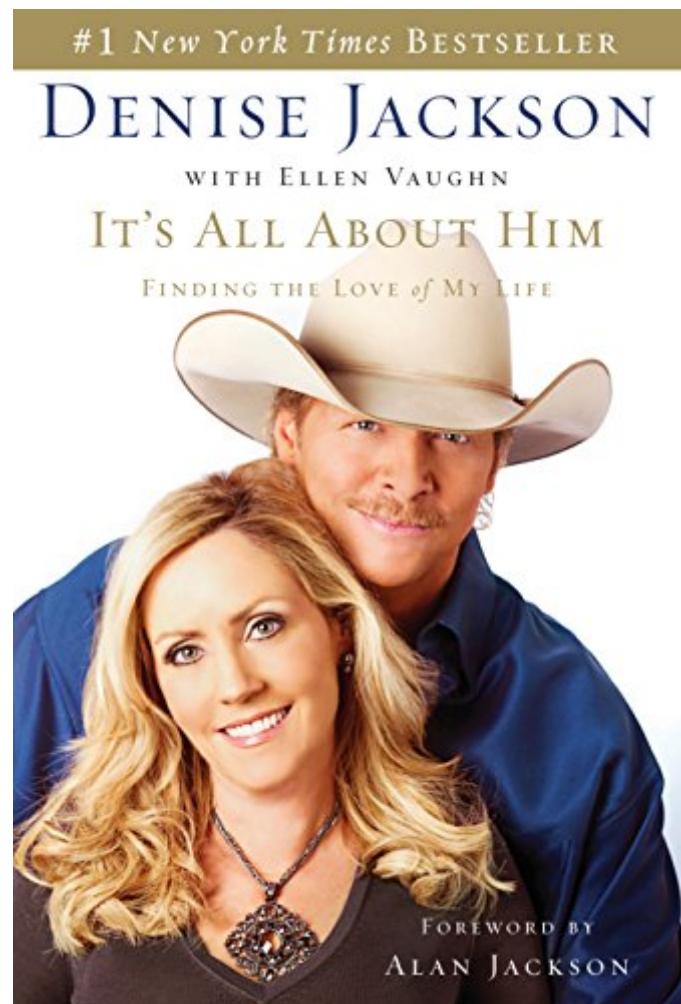


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It's All About Him: Finding The Love Of My Life



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

For Alan Jackson fans, the biographical information is interesting. It is also encouraging to read about a celebrity couple that has kept their marriage together through tough times, especially when so many couples choose to bail out these days. It's a story of learning to forgive and how God can heal our hearts and our relationships. For Christian readers, the best part of the book is in the latter pages, where Denise describes how she finally "gets it" and realizes how important it is to put Christ first in your life. Her list of resources is good, too and would be especially helpful to newer Christians. I only gave this book three stars because it left me a little dry. It was a turn off to read the frequent, detailed descriptions of their extravagant lifestyle. If I had picked up a secular book on another celebrity, I would have expected that sort of thing, but not in a book that is supposed to show us "It's All About Him". It would have sufficed for her to have just said that she and Alan have been blessed materially beyond their dreams, and left it at that. Instead, she seems to define the timelines of their life based on material things. Here are just a few examples she talks about - their mansion, three vacation homes, private planes, personal employees to do all her work, full length fur coats, a five and a half carat ring that reached her knuckles, the matching mother/daughter Mercedes, Alan's 19 car garage and statements such as, "Alan always made sure I had a new Cadillac to drive." Comments like that added nothing to the content of this book. Instead, it was a distraction.

When I first heard about this book by Denise Jackson, wife of country superstar, Alan, I thought it was just some sappy celebrity wife talking up her fairy-tale romance with her celebrity husband. Rags to riches, rise from nothing to material super abundance, Stand by Your Man drama, where a woman belittles or martyrs herself for some adulterous lout, does not appeal to me. What kind of a title is "It's All about Him", anyway? I couldn't believe any woman would be so self-deprecating, so much at loss for her own identity, to say that her world completely revolved around her husband...and then broadcast it to the world. I couldn't have been more wrong. I'm a book snob. There was no way I planned on buying a book like this, one that I looked down my nose at. It

wouldn't be "deep enough" for me. Pffff. Seeing a piece of an interview with Denise Jackson while I was at the gym one day started to change my mind. Apparently, it wasn't about *him* meaning her husband... it was about Him, meaning the Lord Jesus Christ. Still, what could some celebrity wife tell me about that which I couldn't better learn from Lewis or Tozer? Upon reading another article about the book, I discovered... maybe a lot. I ordered the book. couldn't ship it right away, so busy with reading other things, I put it out of my mind. Until it arrived yesterday. As is my usual habit, I read a few pages in the beginning, flipped to the back of the book to read then end...and read a few pages in the middle. I was floored. Here was a woman who claimed no great writing skills or powers of persuasion, and yet was digging deep into my spiritual dead spots, watering a desert wasteland, reminding me and awakening me to my developing complacency.

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