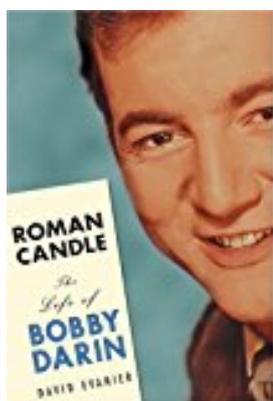


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#### Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** Like Michael Starr's *Bobby Darin*, Evanier's sturdy bio quickly notes how the specter of early death spurred Bobby Darin to early fame. When, at 13, Darin overheard his doctor giving him about three more years to live (rheumatic fever had weakened his heart), the teenager decided he'd better not waste any time in becoming a star. Former senior *Paris Review* editor Evanier (*Making the Wise Guys Weep*) follows Darin's career from his early days in the New York music scene through the commercial success of "Splish Splash" and "Mack the Knife" to his

later, much-maligned attempt to be a folk singer (Frankie Avalon: "I said to him, 'Bobby, what the fuck are you doing?' "). He also details Darin's attempts to launch a music publishing company (first by encouraging Wayne Newton, then an aspiring young singer, to record "Danke Schoen," a song Darin could have recorded himself) and to begin an acting career. Evanier also takes a hard look at Darin's personal relationships, particularly his troubled marriage to "America's Sweetheart," Sandra Dee. Informed by scores of interviews with Darin's friends and associates and written in no-nonsense, just-the-facts prose, Evanier's book paints a picture of a ruthlessly ambitious musician with a compelling, if not entirely sympathetic, reason for so much of his behavior. Sinatra may have had the bragging rights to "My Way," but Darin (1936-1973) lived out the lyrics.  
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**Review** "In order to truly understand who Bobby Darin was you have to understand where he came from. David Evanier's new book, ROMAN CANDLE, tells the story of the young Walden Robert Cassotto--who grew up to become Bobby Darin--in a compelling and revealing way. His examination of Darin's impulses and influences give the reader a chance to go behind the persona and learn what it must have been like to grow up knowing that time was not on your side. Darin's drive and ambition was fueled by childhood illness and a determination to live as many lives as he could. As Darin himself used to say, 'It's not true you only live once--you can live a lot of times--if you know how.' ROMAN CANDLE gives us the many lives of one of the great entertainers of all time, whose flame was extinguished way too soon. It was a pleasure to read." --Kevin Spacey, actor/director, BEYOND THE SEA

"This biography percolates with cool. . . . [Evanier has] written a book so charged with intimacy, so heartbreakingly ebullient with life, that you feel that any moment the pages are about to snap their fingers and break into song."--Caroline Leavitt, The Boston Globe

"Darin has been the subject of several books; most notable is this new examination of the singer's life and work by David Evanier, a former senior editor of The Paris Review. . . . Evanier's portrait, true to its title, is one of a bright talent that soared quickly and erupted in a flash of glory."--David Hajdu, The Atlantic Monthly

"Music fans are liable to be surprised by the Bobby Darin mania sparked by Kevin Spacey's sunny new film biography. For the slightly darker look at Darin, hole up for the holidays with ROMAN CANDLE, the latest book about Darin's rollercoaster life."--Top Ten list of Books for Gifts by Janet Maslin of the New York Times (12/19/04)

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