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In June , Kristofferson underwent elective heart bypass. The song was a hit for Roger Miller in , who started recording it even before Kristofferson was done writing it. Inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in Brother of Karen Kirschenbauer. Father of Tracy Kristofferson b and Kris Kristofferson b. Daughter Casey Kristofferson b. Jesse Turner Kristofferson b. Elvis has also recorded a song written by Kristofferson. Inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in On an interview he did before his concert in Finland, he told that his original ancestry is Finnish. He was going to star as the lead in Hanover Street , but dropped out to mount a concert tour instead. Harrison Ford got the part. Among his personal heroes are Martin Luther King, Jr. Used to work as a commercial helicopter pilot. He is a good friend of Muhammad Ali and Willie Nelson. He was also a very good friend of the late Johnny Cash. Was a skilled boxer, rugby, and football player until a string of serious injuries forced him to quit. As a kid, his heroes were Hank Williams and Rocky Graziano. The principal of Clairemont was not thrilled with the idea, but when he asked Crowe about musicians that he had met, he mentioned Kris Kristofferson. The principal was a big fan of Kristofferson and agreed to let Crowe on campus. He is a former United States Army Rangers captain. Disappointed that he was not allowed to fight in Vietnam, he resigned his position in First grew a beard during a hospital stay. He kept it because it made him look older. Wrote two tribute songs to his friend Sam Peckinpah. Became good friends with the late James Coburn. Close friend of Joan Baez. Played football with Burt Reynolds in preparation for Semi-Tough Both men had been outstanding footballers in college - Reynolds almost turned pro. Tested for the part of Superman in Superman He was one of many names tossed around for the potential role of John Rambo in First Blood One of the few male celebrities to have appeared as a model in both Playgirl and Playboy. He posed in Playgirl as a favor to his good friend Jane Fonda , who was interviewed about their movie Rollover A couple of years after he got out of the army, Kristofferson joined the Tennessee National Guard. Still, Kristofferson proved himself to be quite the functioning drunk, and the show went pretty well. Kristofferson has remarked on numerous occasions that his drinking was often a way to survive when performing, because he is pretty shy and does not have a great deal of confidence in himself. He was set to become a Major when he decided to quit the United States Army Rangers after almost five years. Was also friends with the late Warren Oates. A fitness fanatic for most of his life, he worked out rigorously up to the mids, running seven miles daily, worked out on a punching bag and rowing machine and swimming. Is friends with singer-songwriter Jackson Browne. The two have also toured together. Kristofferson mentions Brown in his song "Eddie the Eunuch". Other notable Rhodes scholars include: His paternal grandparents were Swedish. He and his second wife Rita Coolidge were one of three married couples to make guest appearances in The Muppet Show In he admitted he has suffered from short-term memory loss for several years. He did not talk to his mother for 25 years. He never had an acting lesson. Personal Quotes 17 I think between us, Bill Clinton and I have settled any lingering myths about the brilliance of Rhodes scholars. The number-one rule of the road is never go to bed with anyone crazier than yourself. You will break this rule, and you will be sorry. To me, the film was about the American dream, and it shows one of the basic flaws in the dream - the idea that money is more important than people. It was a work of art. The money involved in this Iraq reconstruction is shameless. What can we do? They elected Bush without him really winning the election. All this destruction is done in our name. And the simple things that Bush keeps saying are so embarrassing. That was never the case. Freedom is just another word: It seems to get truer the older I get. It makes me think about the time when my apartment got robbed and everything was gone and I was disowned by my family. I was in this Evangeline Motel, like something out of "Psycho", a filthy place, just sitting there with this neon Jesus outside the door, in the swamps outside of Lafayette, Louisiana, and I thought, "Fuck. Johnny Cash is shooting a new TV show. Come up, and we can pitch him some songs. I never had to go back to work again. The desire to be fucked-up probably leaves you, but the desire to be high never does. I was a slow starter. When I found out that girls like

sex as much as guys, I was, for many years, feeling like that was my function. Never give up, which is the lesson I learned from boxing. The wisdom of it comes as you get older. I grew up in a time when people believed in duty, honor and country. My grandfathers were both officers. My father was a General in the Air Force. My brother and I were both in the Army. You noticed the little kid and I was looking at his mother. I should have been dead many times over. The way I used to fly attack-choppers I should have died. When I got numerous concussion from football I should have died. Wesley Clark is a prayer answered. A couple of years ago my memory just started going. I can remember my songs so I can perform, but other than that

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Army Air Corps officer later a U. Air Force major general. When Kristofferson was a child, his father pushed him towards a military career. He called it "the hardest job I ever had. An aspiring writer, Kristofferson enrolled in Pomona College that same year. He and his classmates revived the Claremont Colleges Rugby Club in , which has remained a southern California rugby institution. Kristofferson graduated in with a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude , in literature. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa his junior year. In an interview with Pomona College Magazine, Kristofferson mentioned philosophy professor Frederick Sontag as an important influence in his life. At Oxford, he was also acquainted with fellow Rhodes scholar, art critic, and poet Michael Fried. Parnes was working to sell Kristofferson as "a Yank at Oxford" to the British public; Kristofferson was willing to accept that promotional approach if it helped his singing career, which he hoped would enable him to progress towards his goal of becoming a novelist. Army and attained the rank of captain. He became a helicopter pilot after receiving flight training at Fort Rucker , Alabama. He also completed Ranger School. During the early s, he was stationed in West Germany as a member of the 8th Infantry Division. In , when his tour of duty ended, Kristofferson was given an assignment to teach English literature at West Point. His family disowned him because of his career decision, and sources are unclear on whether or not they reconciled. He and his wife soon divorced. He got a job sweeping floors at Columbia Recording Studios in Nashville. He met June Carter there and asked her to give Johnny Cash a tape of his. She did, but Johnny put it in a large pile with others. Kristofferson recalled of his days as a pilot, "That was about the last three years before I started performing, before people started cutting my songs. I would work a week down here [in south Louisiana] for PHI, sitting on an oil platform and flying helicopters. I wrote " Bobby McGee " down here, and a lot of them [in south Louisiana]. In a later interview, Kristofferson maintained Cash was not at home when he landed the helicopter. The story about Kristofferson having a beer in one hand and some songs in the other is a fable. Kristofferson signed to Monument Records as a recording artist. His debut album for Monument in was Kristofferson , which included a few new songs, as well as many of his previous hits. This is the only time an individual received the same award from these two organizations in the same year for different songs. In , Janis Joplin , who dated Kristofferson for some time until her death, had a number one hit with "Me and Bobby McGee" from her posthumous album Pearl. When released, it stayed on the number-one spot on the charts for weeks. More hits followed from others: In , he acted in Cisco Pike and released his third album, Border Lord. The album was all-new material and sales were sluggish. Film[edit] For the next few years, Kristofferson focused on acting. Despite being a scandalous studio-bankrupting and industry-changing failure at the time it permanently cost Kristofferson his Hollywood A-lister status , the film gained critical recognition in subsequent years. In , he was the male lead in the film Millennium with Cheryl Ladd. He reprised the role in Blade II and again in Blade: In , he co-starred with Mel Gibson in Payback. He was in the version of Planet of the Apes. He has also played the title character "Yohan" as an old man in the Norwegian film Yohan-the Children Wanderer. He co-starred in the film Dolphin Tale and its sequel, Dolphin Tale 2. Mid-career[edit] After his singing success in the early s, Kristofferson met singer Rita Coolidge. They married in and released an album titled Full Moon , another success buoyed by numerous hit singles and Grammy nominations. Meanwhile, more artists took his songs to the top of the charts, including Willie Nelson , whose LP release of Willie Nelson Sings Kristofferson reached 5 on the U. Country Music chart and certified Platinum in the U.

Chapter 3 : Untitled Autobiography Kris Kristofferson by Kris Kristofferson

Kris Kristofferson's early life, childhood, and education Born as Kristoffer Kristofferson in Brownsville, Texas on 22 July to parents, Mary Ann and Lars Henry Kristofferson. His father was a U.S. Army Air Corps officer and his grandfather was an officer in Swedish Army.

His renown as a songwriter enabled him to launch a moderately successful career as a musical performer and that, in turn, brought him to the attention of Hollywood, leading to a lengthy career as a film actor. The eldest of three children of an Air Force major general who retired from the military to head up air operations for the Saudi Arabian company Aramco, Kristofferson spent most of his childhood in Brownsville, TX, though his family moved around, finally settling in San Mateo, CA, by his junior high-school years. There he studied creative writing and he won first prize and three other placements in a collegiate short-story contest sponsored by Atlantic Monthly magazine. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in , having secured a prestigious Rhodes scholarship to continue his studies at Oxford University in England. While at Oxford, he wrote and performed his own songs, which brought him to the attention of manager Larry Parnes who handled Tommy Steele and other British pop stars. Signing with Parnes, he made recordings for Top Rank Records produced by Tony Hatch apparently never released and performed under the name Kris Carson, but he was not successful. But during a Christmas break back home in California, he resumed his relationship with an old girlfriend, Fran Beir, and they married. Instead of returning to Oxford, he joined the Army. Like his father, he became a pilot, learning to fly helicopters. He was assigned to West Germany and went there with his wife and their daughter. Hearing his songs, a friend suggested sending them to a relative of his, the Nashville songwriter Marijohn Wilkin. Kristofferson did so and he received encouragement from Wilkin , who had become a music publisher by founding Bighorn Music. In , Kristofferson was reassigned to the West Point military academy, where he was to become an English instructor. He spent a two-week leave in June in Nashville, where he looked up Wilkin and decided to try to become a country songwriter instead. He resigned his commission and moved his family to Nashville, signing to Bighorn, which gave him a small weekly stipend that he augmented with a variety of jobs, including janitorial work, bartending, and flying helicopters to and from offshore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. He and his wife had a son who was born with a defective esophagus, resulting in thousands of dollars in medical bills. Eventually, the couple divorced. Kristofferson scored his first success as a songwriter with "Viet Nam Blues," which was recorded by Dave Dudley and peaked in the country Top 20 in April He later re-recorded both songs for his Surreal Thing album. But by that spring, those three chart placings and his failed single were all Kristofferson had to show for almost four years of effort in Nashville. Meanwhile, Kristofferson had begun to gain recognition as a performer, thanks to Johnny Cash , who introduced him at the Newport Folk Festival that summer and featured him on his network television show. It entered both the pop and country charts. It gave the songwriter his biggest hit so far when it peaked in the country Top Five in December In addition to Columbine Music, Fred Foster also ran Monument Records, an independent label, and he signed Kristofferson to it as a recording artist. His debut album, titled Kristofferson , was released in April and he promoted it with his first major concert tour, debuting at the Troubadour in Los Angeles on June 23, appearing at the giant Isle of Wight Festival on July 26, and playing the Bitter End in New York in August. The demand for his songs, however, only increased. The same month that Kristofferson was released, Ray Price reached the country charts with "For the Good Times," though it had been intended as the B-side of the single. It hit number one in September and crossed over to the pop charts, where it reached the Top 20; as a result, "For the Good Times" was named Song of the Year for by the Academy of Country Music. By then, Johnny Cash had entered the country charts with his version of "Sunday Morning Coming Down" as he called it, restoring the dropped "g"s. But the string of hits was far from over. In December, Sammi Smith entered the country charts with "Help Me Make It Through the Night," giving the song a surprising twist by having the woman ask the man to sleep with her instead of the other way around. The single crossed over to the pop charts, eventually reaching the Top Ten and going gold, and it gave Kristofferson his third country chart-topper in February Joplin had covered "Me and Bobby McGee" and it was released as a single, shooting

up the pop charts to number one in March. Monument had been purchased by CBS Records and turned into a subsidiary of the Columbia label, giving its artists the benefit of major-label distribution and promotion. Patti Page also made the country charts with her version of the song. Jerry Lee Lewis put "Me and Bobby McGee" into the charts for a third time in November; it was given some country airplay as the B-side of his number one country single "Would You Take Another Chance on Me," while pop radio flipped the disc over and made it a Top 40 pop hit. The same month, O. The same month, part of his performance from the Isle of Wight Festival was in the charts on the triple-record set *First Great Rock Festivals of the Seventies: In*, the film and CD *Message to Love: The Isle of Wight* also featured his appearance. He had a more substantial film role in *Cisco Pike*, released early in , also getting to sing several more of his songs. In February, he released his third album, *Border Lord*. It was his first collection to consist of all-new material and proved to be a slight commercial disappointment, reaching only the Top of the pop charts and the Top Ten of the country charts, its single "Josie" becoming a pop and country chart entry but not a big hit. Having taken only seven months between his second and third albums, Kristofferson waited only nine more months before delivering his fourth album, *Jesus Was a Capricorn*, in November. Initially, the LP did not do as well as *Border Lord*, itself a step down from *The Silver Tongued Devil and I*, as the title song barely made the pop singles charts and a second single, "Jesse Younger," missed the charts entirely. But in March, Monument released a third single, the slow, pious "Why Me," which topped the country charts in July and went gold, also crossing over to the pop Top. With that, sales of *Jesus Was a Capricorn* rebounded and the album hit number one in the country charts a year after it was released. Kristofferson, meanwhile, had returned to acting, getting more substantial film roles and working with important directors. His notices tended to be better than those for the films themselves and indicated that he had a future in films. On August 19, , Kristofferson married singer Rita Coolidge who soon bore him a second daughter and the following month the couple released a duo album, *Full Moon*. It was a big hit, topping the country charts, reaching the Top 40 of the pop charts, and going gold. Due to the peculiarities of the Grammy eligibility rules, "Loving Arms" was nominated in the same category the following year. Later in the year, it reached the pop Top. Compared to earlier releases, it was a commercial disappointment, reaching the Top Ten of the country charts but only the Top of the pop charts, with no charting single. But he remained a potent country songwriter. Also that month, Kristofferson and Coolidge released their second duo album, *Breakaway*. Though less successful than their first one, it reached the Top of the pop charts and the Top Five of the country charts. The single "Rain" made the country and easy listening charts. But the extra effort did not translate into increased sales. The LP reached the country Top 40, but it missed the Top of the pop charts. His seventh album, *Surreal Thing*, followed his sixth by only eight months. It was another commercial disappointment, reaching the country Top Ten while barely registering in the pop charts. But in December, he enjoyed both a hit movie and a hit record with the release of *A Star Is Born*, in which he co-starred with Barbra Streisand. Critics howled, but the film was a box office smash, second only to *Rocky* among motion pictures released in as the top-grossing hit, while the soundtrack album, which featured several contributions from Kristofferson among them the pop chart entry "Watch Closely Now", topped the pop charts and sold several million copies. Of course, Streisand had more to do with all that than Kristofferson did, but he was awarded a Golden Globe for Best Actor. Monument Records seized upon the occasion of his increased profile to release a compilation, *Songs of Kristofferson*, in April. It did considerably better than his recent releases of new material, making the country Top Ten and the pop Top and earning a gold record. Making only one film in , *Semi-Tough*, released in the fall, he worked on his eighth album for more than a year and a half, not releasing *Easter Island* until March. It marked a slight commercial uptick, charting higher in the pop and country charts than his previous effort, but did not restore his commercial fortunes as a recording artist. Returning to the movies, Kristofferson starred in *Convoy*, a film extrapolation of the song hit by C. McCall, which opened in the summer. In January, he and Rita Coolidge released their third duo album, *Natural Act*, which was another modest seller. His next film, *Freedom Road*, was not given a theatrical release in the U. And on December 2, he and Rita Coolidge divorced. At the same time, however, his song catalog continued to prosper. Cristy Lane revived the song, taking it to number one in the country charts in June. During this period, he also was working on what should have been his greatest cinematic triumph yet,

though it turned into a debacle. The lengthy, expensive film debuted to negative reviews in November and was such a financial catastrophe that it bankrupted the movie studio that made it. Meanwhile, he released his tenth album, *To the Bone*, in January, and it became his second straight LP to miss the pop charts, though it made the country charts briefly, as did the single "Nobody Loves Anybody Anymore." On February 19, Kristofferson married for the third time, wedding attorney Lisa Meyers, with whom he eventually had five more children, for a total of eight. He returned to filmmaking in January with the television broadcast of *The Lost Honor of Kathryn Beck*, and made it back into movie theaters later that year with *Flashpoint*, a mystery, and *Songwriter*. In the latter, he co-starred with Willie Nelson in a story about the Nashville music industry. He wrote a number of songs for the film, resulting in his first Academy Award nomination for original song score. Columbia Records released *Music From Songwriter*, a duo album by Nelson and Kristofferson on which the two sang separately and shared a couple of duets. Kristofferson and Nelson expanded their partnership into a supergroup quartet with the addition of Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings to create the album *Highwayman*, released in April. The title track, a song about reincarnation written by Jimmy Webb, with each group member taking a verse, topped the country charts in August and the LP was also a number one country hit, going gold. The recordings were billed to the four participants by name, but the group came to be known informally as "the Highwaymen," though a settlement had to be made with the folk group of the same name for the name to be used legally. He put the song on *Repossessed*, his first solo album in six years, which was released on Mercury Records in February. Simultaneous with the release of the LP, Kristofferson appeared in *Amerika*, a controversial weeklong television mini-series that fantasized a U.S. *Highwayman 2* appeared in February, preceded by a single, "Silver Stallion," that made the country Top 40. Another work of agitprop, it failed to reach the charts. The archival label followed in with the previously unreleased concert set *Live at the Philharmonic*, recorded in 1970. Four years later, Kristofferson released *The Austin Sessions*, an album of remakes of his most popular songs. Although his early work was frequently repackaged and released in new compilation packages, Kristofferson released very little new work as the 21st century dawned.

Chapter 4 : Biography of Kris Kristofferson

Singer, songwriter and actor Kris Kristofferson made it big with country songs like "Me and Bobby McGee" before starting his film career. Kris Kristofferson was born in Brownsville, Texas, on June.

Kris Kristofferson is one of the greatest songwriters in the history of American music, though he may be better known to much of the public as a movie actor. American music—especially country music—is indeed fortunate to have had Kris Kristofferson. His father rose through the ranks of the U. Air Force to become a major general. The family moved to San Mateo, California, when Kris was in his early teens. He studied creative writing and poetry at Pomona College in Claremont, California, from which he graduated with honors in . In his spare time, he wrote songs, sang at local clubs, and made some early recordings. Army and was stationed in West Germany as a Ranger and helicopter pilot. In , Captain Kristofferson was given a position as an English instructor at the U. It seemed that the young man had achieved success in both the academic and military worlds. Nashville janitor However, Kris shocked his military colleagues, his friends, and his family by withdrawing from the West Point position two weeks before he was to start. He quit the military and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to seek success as a songwriter. After arriving in Music City in , he was signed as a writer by a publishing company named Buckhorn Music. Kris met other writers in town, including Shel Silverstein, with whom he would sometimes collaborate. He became a friend—and lover—of the rock superstar in . Suddenly, everybody in the music business knew who Kris Kristofferson was. He became highly in demand as both a writer and singer—and his good looks soon also had Hollywood calling. In and , he released two duet albums with his second wife, pop singer Rita Coolidge: The couple released a third album before divorcing in . Songs from the movie written by Kris scaled up the pop charts. Also that year, Kris, Cash, Jennings, and Nelson formed the country supergroup The Highwaymen, which released three albums through . Well-received albums that he has released in the s have included *This Old Road* , *Closer to the Bone* , and *Feeling Mortal* . Lou Reed and Kris Kristofferson: In , Kris revealed that he was struggling with symptoms of Lyme disease—including neurological, muscular, and memory problems—previously misdiagnosed as dementia. The symptoms are controllable with medication. Despite the health issues he faces in his 80s, Kristofferson continues to write, record, and perform music—the unlikely career for which he gave up the world of academia more than half a century ago. An outlaw at

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She is the daughter of Dick and Charlotte Coolidge. Rita has two sisters, Priscilla and Linda who are both talented singers just like Rita. Rita and her family made a move to Florida when she was She graduated from the Florida State University with a major in art. While at college, she formed a small folk-group called R. Coolidge recorded her first album, Turn Around and Love You. Her album was a huge success within her region but failed to make any difference nationally. The album grabbed good reviews from music critics but had poor sales. Rita then married country singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson in November The two had met each other in when they were catching a flight to Tennessee. The singer got off with Rita in Memphis, instead of his intended destination to Nashville. The duo recorded several duet albums which were a great success sales-wise and further earned a Grammy Award for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal in for the song From the Bottle to the Bottom. They were again awarded the same in for Lover Please. This singer had four consecutive top 25 hits. Coolidge is the founding member for the trio group Walela, which she formed with her sisters Pricilla and Laura. The sisters recorded albums through She also recorded a holiday album named A Rita Coolidge Christmas, which was released in October The singer is now married to husband Tatsuya Suda, a retired professor of computer science at the University of California at Irvine. They now reside in Fallbrook, California. In April , Rita released her autobiography, Delta Lady: Kris got off at Memphis with her, rather than continuing his journey to Nashville. Divorced Kris Kristofferson The duet between Rita and Kris as a married couple, only lasted for 7 years eventually leading to a divorce in A Memoir In April , Rite released her autobiography. A Memoir, which went on to be best-seller.

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Kris Kristofferson Born in Texas and raised in a military family, he was a Golden Gloves boxer who studied creative writing at Pomona College in California. The Phi Beta Kappa graduate earned a Rhodes scholarship to study literature at Oxford, where he boxed, played rugby and continued to write songs.

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Kris Kristofferson was born in Brownsville, Texas, to Mary Ann (Ashbrook) and Lars Henry Kristofferson. His paternal grandparents were Swedish, and his father was a United States Air Force general who pushed his son to a military career.

Chapter 8 : Kris Kristofferson Biography - Affair, Married, Wife, Ethnicity, Nationality, Net Worth, Height

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