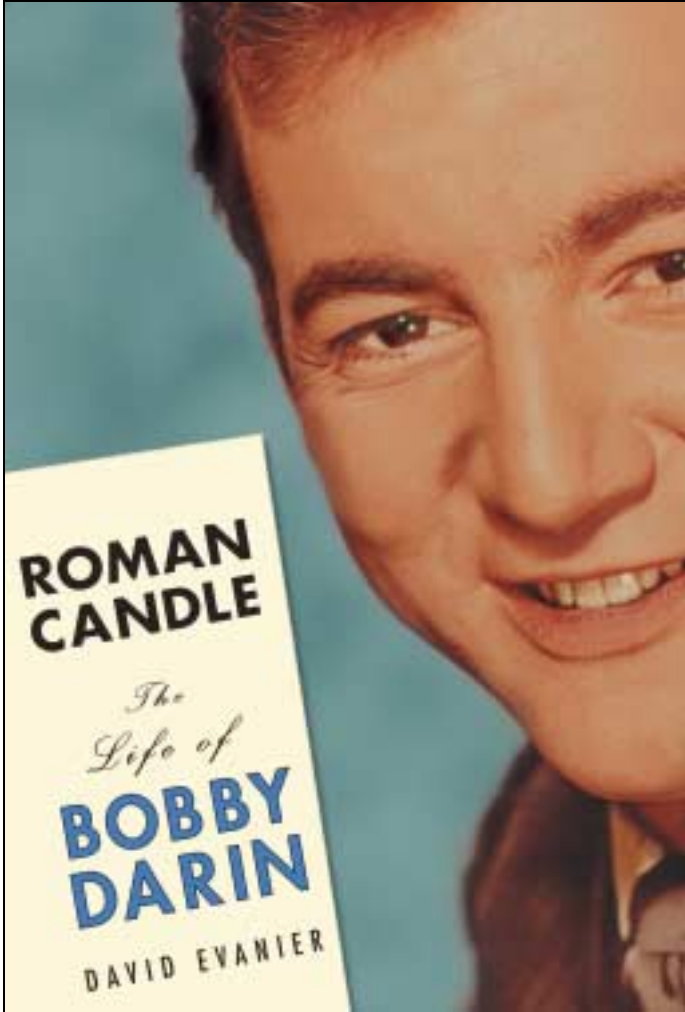


ROMAN CANDLE

The Life of Bobby Darin

By David Evanier



“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. . . . A pleasure to read.”

—Kevin Spacey, actor/director, *Beyond the Sea*

By age 8 Bobby Darin knew he was doomed to die young. So he set out to become a showbiz legend by age 25. From his Grammy-winning smash hit “Mack the Knife,” to his Oscar-nominated supporting role in *Captain Newman, M.D.*, Darin left his mark on every aspect of show business that he touched. Now, 32 years after his death at age 37, we finally have an elegantly written, multi-layered portrait of this brash, gifted artist.

The only book written in close cooperation with the Darin estate, **ROMAN CANDLE:**

- ❖ Discloses Darin’s critical health struggles and how they shaped his attitude and meteoric career
- ❖ Goes beyond celebrity biography and makes the *musical* case for Darin’s artistry
- ❖ Reviews Darin’s talent, his critics, his catalog of work, his inspirations and his musical evolution
- ❖ Recreates the rock-and-roll and show-business milieu of the 1950s that Darin emerged from, the Brill Building scene he helped build as a prolific songwriter, and the sharply changing musical, political, and cultural world of the late 1960s that had such a profound impact on him
- ❖ Addresses the Sinatra–Darin rivalry
- ❖ Examines in depth his marriage to—and divorce from—Sandra Dee
- ❖ Reveals that Darin may have known all along that Nina, his “sister,” was actually his real mother
- ❖ Explores Darin’s taste for intergalactic sex and divulges the “three condoms” phenomenon
- ❖ Contains rare photographs from the singer’s closest friends

The result is a moving, insightful portrait of one of the greatest—and most complex—performers in the history of American entertainment, whose restless voice and spirit seem as alive ever.

Winner of the Aga Khan Fiction Prize, **David Evanier** is former senior editor of *The Paris Review*; author of *Making the Wiseguys Weep*, a biography of singer Jimmy Roselli that became a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year; and coauthor (with Joe Pantoliano of *Sopranos* fame) of the best-selling *Who’s Sorry Now*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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as he discusses and reads from his new
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