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All Marty Robbins fans will want a copy... (*Country Music Parade*)

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The bibliography seems extremely well done, and extremely complete...Pruett is a good researcher... (*Mla Notes*)

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...a bibliography of sources on country singer/songwriter Marty Robbins. It is an annotated chronological listing of sources on the singer, dating from 1948 to 1988 and divided by decade. It is broken up between chapters of interviews, and preceded by biographical background. Citations include articles, reviews, lyrics, Billboard charts, photos, ads, and auto racing activities. A detailed discography that lists album contents, as well as a list of songs he copyrighted and an extensive interview with Bob Allen from 1981, is included. (*Reference and Research Book News, November 2007*)

### About the Author

**Barbara Pruett** (MA, California State University, San Jose) has been a librarian and researcher in the entertainment field. Currently a writer and photographer, she has been a member of the Country Music Association since 1982.

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