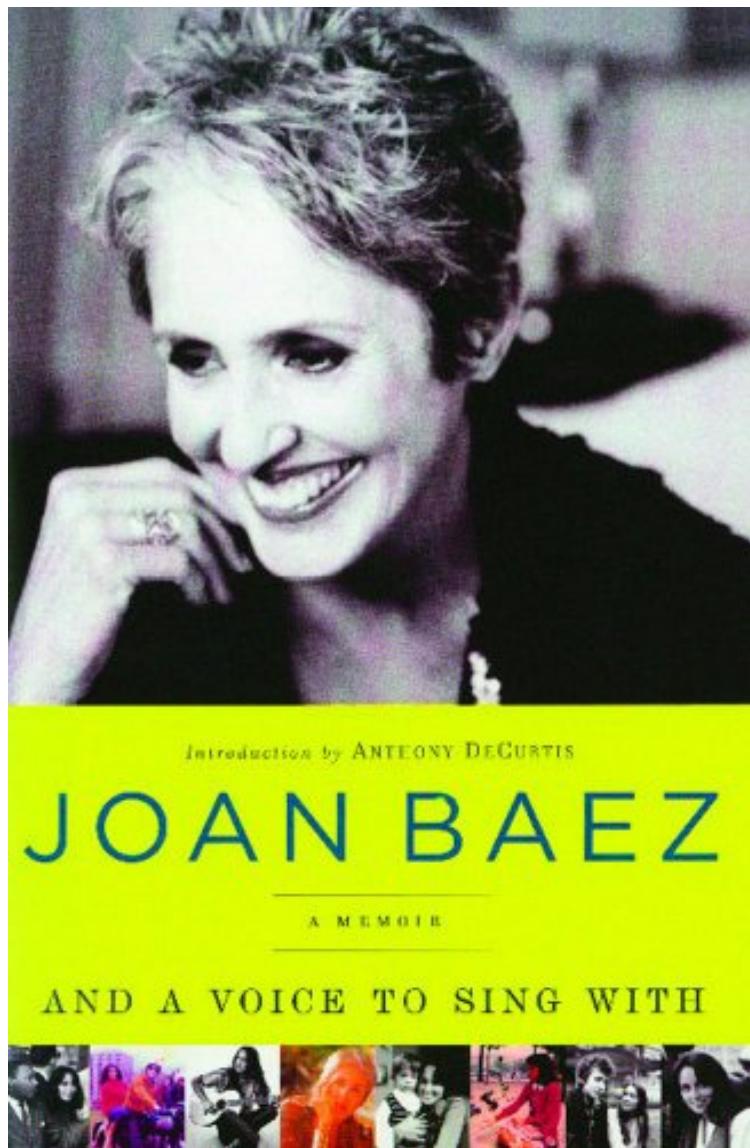


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**Joan Baez : And A Voice to Sing With: A Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised And A Voice to Sing With: A Memoir:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't know how I missed thisBy AvaI don't know how I missed this Memoir of Joan Baez all these years since I have been her biggest fan since the 1960's.Ever since I first heard her sweet soprano voice sing the song she wrote for Bob Dylan I was hooked. After reading about her activism for civil rights with MLK and her stance on non violence in Hanoi against the Vietnam war I love her even more She was a very courageous woman who dared to stand up for what she believed in. Even being jailed for her protests. I was

impressed even more after reading about her father's beliefs about globalism and preservation of our water and resources. He was a very smart man who taught at Harvard and imparted his strong beliefs on to her. She writes of her struggles and her vulnerability. It is an honest and insightful book which I found very interesting reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have always loved Joan Baez' singing. By Dennis Borsenberger I have always loved Joan Baez' singing, and was fortunate to see her recent 75th birthday concert on PBS, which renewed my interest in her. When I found this book I didn't know what to expect, but I found it a very candid, well written, honest account of her life. It was actually much longer and more detailed than I expected, and I came away with a different impression of Ms. Baez than I had held previously based only on hearing her sing or seeing her in concert. She seems so serious when singing, but then at the end of each song that smile breaks out and opens a window into her more private self, which is very much alive, playful, and passionate. I was also very much impressed with the breadth and depth of her activism and came away with an even more profound respect for her and what she has done to make our world a better place. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Joan is an Example for us. By Ralph F. Ranieri This book was a complete surprise to me. I knew Joan could sing, but I never knew what a full life she lived and what compassion she had in her heart. The book was a trip through the sixties and seventies. Like Forest Gump, Joan was at all the important junctures of those decades, Woodstock, Bob Dillion, Selma with Martin Luther King Jr, Hanoi during the 11-day bombing, in Lech Walesa's home when he was under house arrest and at Live Aid. The great people of that era wanted her around. Why not, she was kind, beautiful and talented. Her compassion was genuine. After coming out of the air raid shelter in Hanoi, after a bombing, she went to an injured child and called for help. She stayed with the child until someone came and took him to a hospital. He survived. She is up front about her neuroses and phobias, her thoughts and her feelings. She made me feel normal and reminded me that you can get through life with your hang-ups. The descriptions of people, places and events are as clear as a photo. She tells great stories, and shares juicy gossip. And when you finish you will find yourself challenged and wondering what can I do with my life to improve the lives of others.

The perfect time for a reissue: In October 2009, PBS will air a ninety-minute primetime special on Joan Baez as part of the Emmy Award-winning American Masters series. Told often from Baez's perspective, but supported by a rich performance and historical archive, the documentary centers on her career as a musician, power as an artist, those who influenced her, and those she championed. She will also be on a 27-city U.S. tour starting July 2009. A musical force and a catalyst for social change: At the age of eighteen Baez was an international star with a Time magazine cover story; fifty years later she has thirty-three albums to her credit. She also marched alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., was jailed for supporting the draft resistance, and sang in the first Amnesty International tour. An extraordinary woman who has led an eventful life, Baez's memoir is as honest, unpretentious, and courageous as she is. .