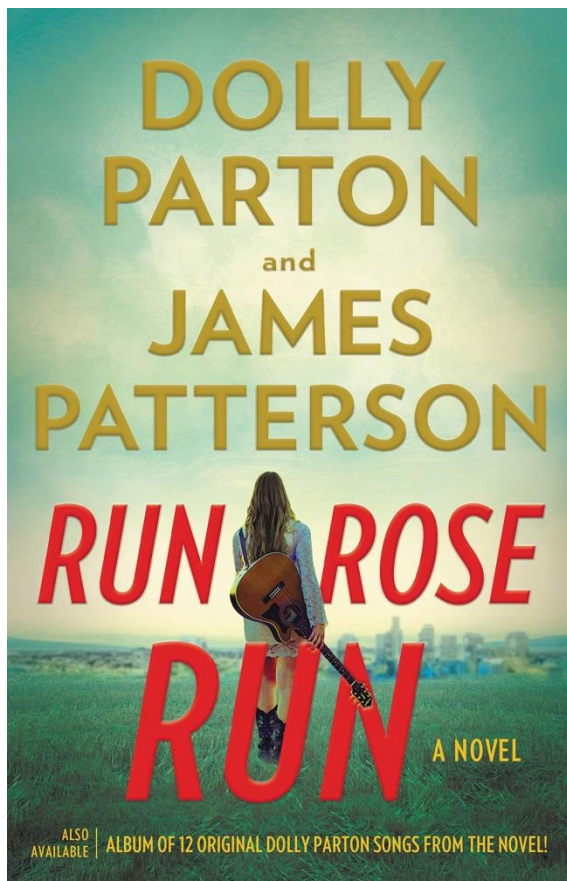


Welcome to [Radio Bristol Book Club](#) where readers from BCM and the [Bristol Public Library](#) come together each month to celebrate and explore books inspired by our region's rich Appalachian cultural and musical heritage! We invite you to read along and then listen to [Radio Bristol](#) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon when we dig deep into the themes and questions raised by the books, learn more about the authors, and celebrate the joys of being a bookworm!

Run, Rose, Run is the story of AnnieLee Keyes, a young, fiery, and determined up and coming country music star at the beginning of her career. She is also on the run from a mysterious past that keeps trying to drag her down. With the help of her new mentor, established country music royalty, Ruthanna Ryder, and ex-military turned singer-songwriter, Ethan Blake, AnnieLee will stop at nothing to achieve her dreams. This book is the combined effort of two of America's bestsellers Dolly Parton and James Patterson. A companion album released by Parton includes songs purportedly written by characters from the book to expand the reading experience. Parton herself along with Kelsea Ballerina and James Fouhey narrate the audiobook and Reese Witherspoon has announced that her company, Hello Sunshine, has plans to adapt the novel into a film.



James Patterson is one of America's most beloved and bestselling authors. He is known for series such as Alex Cross, Michael Bennett, Women's Murder Club, Maximum Ride, Daniel X, NYPD Red, Witch & Wizard, and Private. He has also published many stand alone novels in the

thriller, romance, and non-fiction categories. He has sold over 425 million copies of his books and he was the first author to exceed 1 million ebook sales. He enjoys collaborating with individuals such as Dolly Parton or former U.S. President Bill Clinton with whom he co-authored *The President is Missing*, that can bring a new level of insight and interesting ideas to his novels.

Dolly Parton is one of the most revered and honored female country music singer-songwriter of all time. Born in Tennessee, she began singing and performing at an early age. She has 44 career top 10 country albums, has had 25 singles at no.1 on Billboard country music charts, received 11 Grammy awards and 50 nominations, and is one of only seven women to have won Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award. In 1999 she was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and in 2022 was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Image from NPR author interview “Dreams do still come true’ in a new novel by Dolly Parton and James Patterson”

Please make plans to join us on **Thursday, July 27 at 12:00pm** for our discussion of *Run, Rose, Run*. You can find us on the dial at 100.1 FM, [streaming live on Radio Bristol](#), or via the Radio Bristol app. The book is available at the Bristol Public Library, so be sure to pick up a copy and read it ahead of time. The librarians will be happy to help you find it! We look forward to exploring this book on-air, and if you have thoughts or questions about the book that you would like to share with our readers, you can email [info@birthplaceofcountrymusic.org](mailto:info@birthplaceofcountrymusic.org) (Subject line: Radio Bristol Book Club) – your book insights might appear on air with us!

Looking ahead: Our book pick for August is *Singing Family of the Cumberlands* by Jean Ritchie; we'll be discussing it on **Thursday, August 24**. Check out a full list of the books we have read in 2023 [here](#), where you can also listen to archived shows.

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