

Melissa Etheridge has lived a life of many blessings. The mother of four children and a world-famous Grammy- and Oscar-winning musician, she has recorded eighteen albums, toured the world, discovered her one true love, and experienced a spiritual awakening. But Etheridge has also struggled mightily along the way. Changes in the music industry threatened her livelihood; she was diagnosed with and treated for breast cancer; and she endured two contentious breakups, all under the scrutiny of the public eye. Through it all, Etheridge found the courage to carry on. And then, the unfathomable happened. She lost her son Beckett to opioid addiction.

Talking to My Angels is a piercingly honest and ultimately uplifting account of Etheridge's inner life as an artist, a mother, and a survivor. With characteristic wit and candor, she delves into how both joy and sorrow serve as catalysts for growth. She digs deep to look at what they have taught her about the value of music, love, family, and life in the face of death. Her story is as raw, vulnerable, and electrifying as her songs. Melissa shares hard truths about surviving and thriving—a journey through darkness and uncertainty that leads to forgiveness and love. We know Etheridge as the storyteller we enjoy in her music, and with this memoir, she shares the personal insights that, woven together, create a rich portrait of success and survival—an emotional and inspiring story of healing.

A lifetime in the making, *Talking to My Angels* is a testament to the power of art, a touchstone for anyone seeking a path out of darkness, and a powerful love letter to the family and fans who have accompanied her on her journey.

MELISSA ETHERIDGE is a Grammy-winning rock star. She was named ASCAP's 2007 Songwriter of the Year and won an Academy Award for Best Original Song. Her iconic voice looms large in music and a wide range of activism, including LGBTQIA rights and environmental preservation. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling autobiography *The Truth Is . . .*, which focused on her early life and early career. She lives in Los Angeles.

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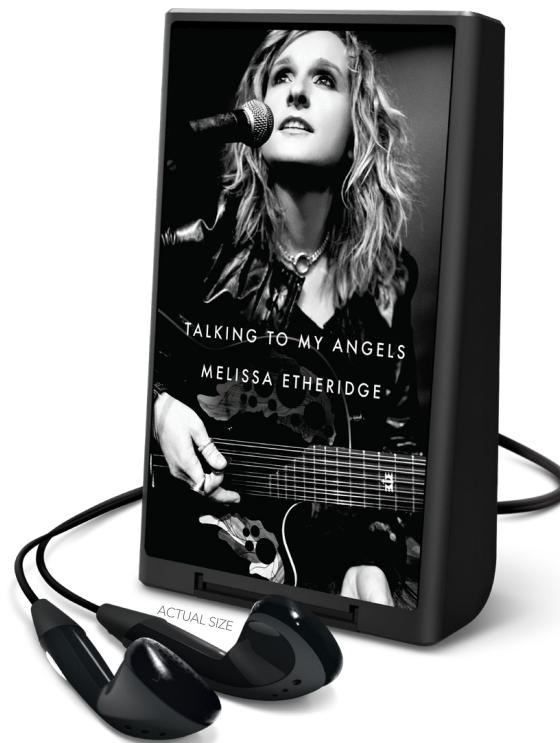
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