

American Top Forty: The Countdown of the Century

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6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Must Reading For Casey Kasem Radio Programmers ListenersBy Pete BattistiniIf you have/had ANY connection to Top 40 radio during the 70s, 80s 90s - from radio station manager to listener - "American Top 40: The Countdown Of The Century" is a book that you will enjoy. It is obvious that Rob Durkee spent a lot of time researching Casey Kasem's "American Top 40" radio program, and provides many

insightful interviews, historical perspectives and details! As a longtime AT40 listener and collector of radio station copies of the program, I often find myself using the book as a point of reference. (I believe this book has fueled interest in collecting AT40 copies.) "American Top 40" has touched millions of radio listeners around the world, and Rob did an excellent job in capturing a true start-to-finish perspective about it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Like others have said By Brett A. Van Wagner A very detailed and specific account of the "AT40" story with particularly gritty details spent on the Shadoe Stevens years. Like others have said, what could be a fun and breezy read can at times be painfully detailed with information that even the hard core radio and AT40 fan like myself does not need. The author also editorializes and does not offer objective opinions by way of his persuasive writing style. 21 of 22 people found the following review helpful. American Top 40: The Countdown Of The Century By SKC Next July marks the 30th anniversary of American Top 40. Like millions, I grew up listening to AT 40. I recently heard that Casey was back doing the original AT 40 show. I developed a renewed interest and started browsing the web for AT 40 history, etc. I stumbled on this book, "American Top 40: The Countdown Of The Century" by Rob Durkee. After reading this book, I must tip my hat to the author. Mr. Durkee gives the reader a behind the scenes look at the history of this show from the first show, w/ Casey Kasem to Shadoe Stevens, to the demise and dramatic rebirth of the show. AMAZING! This book will appeal to the chart fanatic, the historian, and anyone who enjoyed spending their Sunday mornings listening to Casey. The author discusses, in depth, the long distance dedication, as well as other popular features of the show. What is also delightful is his listing of what the number one songs were at the time various events were transpiring with the show, (As well as the lists of charts at the end of the book). I highly recommend this book as I enjoyed reading this cover to cover. In fact, it is time for this book to be made into a movie.

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