

JEWEL, A BIOGRAPHY

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Chapter 1: The Beginning

Jewel is Born

Jewel Kilcher was born May 23rd, 1974 in Payson, Utah.¹ She grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, surrounded by several relatives and beautiful countryside. Ms. Kilcher has an older brother named Shane, and a younger brother named Atz Jr. An older brother, named Vance, died at the age of nine months from an illness. She also has a half brother by the name of Nikos. Jewel had her mother teach school at home during her early years. Jewel found out later that she was dyslexic.

Jewel's parents were a singer/songwriter duo that toured together around the state. Jewel started touring with her father Atz and mother Lenedra around age six, singing folk music in bars and clubs throughout Alaska. Most of the audience consisted of tourists and the occasional Eskimo from the local village. She soon picked up yodeling, a talent that had been passed down from her grandfather. Soon, Jewel's yodeling became a regular part of the show.

The Divorce

Jewel's parents divorced in 1982. Although their marriage did not work, both still have a place in their hearts for Jewel. For the most part, she lived with her father in Homer, Alaska until

¹ Some sites have posted that Jewel was born at Payson Hospital in St. George, Utah. Research has shown that St. George has a hospital named Dixie Regional Medical Center and not Payson Hospital. The only evidence that points to St. George is a post on a Jewel mailing list by Mr. BB. Most other sources including the official Jewel website point to Payson, Utah as the correct birth place.

age seventeen. Her home was located on an 800-acre plot of land. Utilities including water and electricity were non-existent. There was an outhouse on the property in place of a bathroom. She also worked around the house with chores that included haying, tending horses, and working in the garden. Jewel did continue to tour with her father off and on for seven years after the divorce.

During a brief period around age twelve, she lived with her aunt in Hawaii. She did not fit in well at first. Eventually she won hearts over with her Yodeling talent. The children found it fascinating and overlooked the difference in her skin color and mannerisms.□

During the period following the divorce, Lenedra continued to teach her about art, music, and poetry. She began to write poetry. This new form of expression helped Jewel cope with her emotions and challenges that life had thrown her way.

Later, as Jewel grew up, she found other methods of travel, including hitchhiking. Once someone questioned her about this, and Jewel's reply was pulling out a knife and saying "would you f_ with me?" The lady was shocked to see such behavior out of a fifteen year old. That's Jewel for you.

Chapter 2: High School

Interlochen

Jewel attended Interlochen Arts Academy during her junior and senior years of high school. The academy is located in Interlochen, Michigan. She won a vocal scholarship that covered about 70 percent of the expenses. She raised the remaining funds for the first year by doing a show that her mother Lenedra had organized. The people of Homer came to support Jewel. It was Jewel's first solo concert. She also sold her horse Clearwater for tuition money. Jewel paid for tuition the second year with earnings from summer jobs. Jewel thought she was going to study the blues. As it turned out, opera was the music of choice at the academy.

Jewel studied opera, dance, sculpture, and drama. During much of her high school career, she called herself Juel, and did not believe in painting her nails or lips. At some point senior year, she started playing the guitar and writing her own songs.

Theater

□ Jewel grew an interest in the theater at Interlochen. She wished to try out for a play, "Spoon River Anthology" in which she later got the lead. Music majors were not allowed to do plays before this time. As the lead, she played a dead woman who talks from the grave.

Chapter 3: The Turning Point

The Van

Briefly, she worked as a waitress back in Homer. Realizing this was not for her, she moved to San Diego, CA. Living off carrots and peanut butter in her VW van, she began to tour with her mother up along the Californian Coast. She sung for pocket change. Finally, a break came and she began performing at the Innerchange Coffee House. Jewel made many friends, and later was discovered there. Jewel wanted to clean up a bit that day, and went to Denny's to use the sink. Two old ladies came in and were heard saying "She seemed to be a pretty enough girl, what's wrong with her." Jewel dedicated a song to them during Lilith Fair (1997).

Jewel Cancels on Alaska

What cinched this singer's career was her big break created after bowing out of Alaska's State Fair to tour as the opening act with Neil Young. Many fans in Homer were disappointed by her cancellation; however, Her award for "Best New Artist" brought faith back in this Alaskan singer from Homer. The mayor personally sent a message to Jewel congratulating her on behalf of the whole town.

Pieces of You is Recorded

The tracks included on "Pieces of You" were recorded at the Innerchange, and at Neil Young's Broken Arrow Ranch in Woodside, Ca. The Stray Gators, a backup band from Young's "Harvest" and "Harvest Moon" albums helped on several tracks. The album was released on Tuesday, February 28, 1995. Jewel's first hit "Who Will Save Your Soul" brought her the attention of the music world for which she earns every praise.

Awards

Jewel won The American Music Awards "Favorite Artist" category. She was also up for "Best New Artist" and "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance" at the Grammys on Feb. 26, 1997.

Jewel lost at the 1996 MTV Music Awards to Alanis Morissette for “Ironic.”

Chapter 4: Transition

You Were Meant for Me Music Video

“You Were Meant for Me” was originally shot with her then boyfriend Sean Penn as the director. This version had more of a country/western feel to it. The video was shot again at Jewel's request with Steve Poltz, CO-Writer. Other versions of the video exist, including a VH1 version.

Other Events

Jewel was #1 for 5 weeks on Casey's Top 40 and fell to #4 below Hanson, the Wallflowers, and Savage Garden (YWMFM).

Jewel had a star named after her "Jewel of the North" for her birthday 1997 from several of the Every Day Angel's.²

In 1997, the Innerchange was demolished. A few other losses of that year include the death of Jewel's Grandmother, Ruth Kilcher Marriot (she was remarried), and the death of Clearwater (Jewel's horse).

“Pieces of You” was released on Compact Disc, Cassette, and Vinyl. The Vinyl version includes four tracks there were not part of the original release in the United States.

Foolish Games made it several months in the top twenty. The video for Foolish Games included several scenes where Jewel was dancing with herself... actually those scenes includes Jewel and a look alike.□There was no splicing done.

² The information on “Jewel of the North” was kept on a fan website called “Pieces of Jewel.”

Unfortunately, this site was removed from the Internet in 2002.

Chapter 5: A Night Without Armor

A Night Without Armor was Jewel's first book. The book was released on May 19, 1998. It featured poetry from many different aspects of her life. The book was released as a hard cover and audiocassette. The hard cover (ISBN 0-06-019198-8) originally sold for fifteen dollars (US). HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. published the book.

To promote the book, Jewel had a live poetry reading at the Virgin Megastore in New York, New York.³ Jewel read poetry, answered questions, and collected some early birthday gifts at the event from fans.

The publishing company released five poems to Jewel fan sites during that time to promote the book as well. The poem titles were “I Miss Your Touch”, “Insecurity”, “I Say to You Idols”, “It Has Been Long”, and “As a Child I Walked.”

The book was later released as a paperback and can be picked up at local bookstores in that form.

More information about the book is available at <http://www.foolishgames.com/jewel/poetry/nightwithoutarmor/>

³ The store is located in Times Square. Atlantic Records published pictures of the event on their corporate website.

Chapter 6: The Second Album

Fritz Creek Store

Many fans could not wait for her second album originally titled "Fritz Creek Store." The tracks that made up "Fritz Creek Store" were recorded at a concert. Fans were excited about the concept of a live CD. Those recording sessions were never released. It is unclear why the project was dropped although a few fans claiming to have inside sources suggested the quality of the recording was quite poor. Others blamed Atlantic Records for denying the album with fear that it would sell poorly. One website with known contacts suggested that Jewel did not like the tracks from that recording and wanted to use some of her new material. Release dates for this material were scheduled in 1997.

Spirit

Instead, "Spirit" made its debut November 17, 1998. Several previous release dates started as early as 1996, but between the successes of "You Were Meant for Me" and "Foolish Games" singles, along with "Fritz Creek Store," the second album was delayed. Jewel's first movie role in "Ride with the Devil" had a lot to do with the postponement as well.

Several singles were released from spirit including "Hands", "Deep Water", and "What's Simple is True." A special version of "Hands" was later released on Jewel's holiday album entitled "Joy: A Holiday Collection." "What's Simple is True" was released on the "Ride with the Devil" soundtrack as well.

Jewel toured in 1999 to promote "Spirit." She toured overseas during the first part of 1999 and played in North America later that year. Jewel played several songs at Woodstock '99. Tour dates for the tour are located toward the end of this document.

Chapter 7: Ride with the Devil

General Information

“Ride with the Devil” is a civil war drama in which Jewel plays a love interest for two soldiers. In the movie, one of the soldiers dies, leaving Sue Lee Shelly (Jewel) pregnant, and alone. The other soldier, referred to as "Deutch," is roped into a relationship with Sue Lee Shelly, and her child.

“Ride with the Devil” was filmed near Kansas City, Missouri between March 1998, and July 1998. David Woodrell bases it on the novel “Woe to Live On.” Ang Lee directed the movie. Not surprisingly, the movie started out at Fox and ended up at Universal Pictures. At one point, the budget for the film was estimated at \$35 million.

The film went through several name changes during the course of filming including "To Live On," "Dance with the Devil," and of course, the final title "Ride with the Devil." Many EDAs refer to the film in conversation as RWTD.

Movie is Released

“Ride with the Devil” has been released on DVD, and VHS format in several regions. Video rental stores received the movie in North America on July 18, 2000 in VHS and DVD format. North American VHS format was available on January 16, 2001 for purchase. The movie was released in Germany on VHS format in July 2001. Movie posters recently appeared in Peru for the cinema release of Ride with the Devil. Individuals from Peru have speculated it was released as the result of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.⁴ Ang Lee directed both films. “Ride with the Devil” premiered in the Philippines on July 11, 2001.

⁴ The individuals referenced made comments on a Jewel Mailing List. (Smoe.org)

Soundtrack

The soundtrack for “Ride with the Devil” was released on November 23, 1999. Jewel released “What’s simple is true” on October 15, 1999 to radio stations. The track was included in the movie.

Ang Lee, Director

Ang Lee was profiled on CNN/Time’s America’s Best: Artists and Entertainers on July 1, 2001. The web address for more information is <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/americasbest/pro.alee.html>

Other films by Ang Lee

- Eat, Drink, Man, Woman
- The Wedding Banquet
- Sense and Sensibility
- The Ice Storm
- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Chapter 8: The Cowboy

Jewel is currently dating a cowboy named Ty Murray. She asked a friend of a friend to introduce her to Murray. He got her tickets to the 1999 National Western Stock Show & Rodeo in Denver. She called to thank him, and they have been a couple since. He has stated previously that there are no plans for marriage between Jewel and him.

Murray's comments on Jewel

"I think she's extremely talented," said Murray. "She has the very best voice you could ever hear. That's an opinion. But music is an opinion anyway."

Events with Ty

(July 30, 2001) Jewel and Ty have recently written a song together. The track will appear on a Professional Bull Riding Association CD on the Sony Records label.

(August 5, 2001) Ty appeared at the Private Nashville Concert Jewel held for close fans. Fans were told to stay very quiet during the concert, as the concert was recorded. Jewel's management was hoping to use the tracks on the release entitled "This Way."

During April 2002, Jewel fell off a horse at Ty Murray's ranch. As a result, she cancelled several tour dates in Europe and North America.

The Breakup

Jewel and Ty's relationship ended in March 2003. The reasoning for the breakup remains a mystery.

Back together again

Jewel and Ty reconciled the breakup. By May 2003, the couple claimed the breakup never happened. Jewel later went on ABC and discussed her feelings for Ty.

Chapter 9: Chasing Down the Dawn

Jewel's second book turned out to be more of a biography than anything else. It has sold fairly well, but not as well as *A Night without Armor*. Distant members of her family claimed that portions of the book were inaccurate. Several family members were not mentioned in the book.

Chapter 10: This Way

General Information

The album was recorded in Tennessee at several locations including Emerald Entertainment, Nashville; Ocean Way Nashville, Nashville; and The Sound Kitchen, Franklin. “This Way” was mixed at Emerald Entertainment, Nashville, TN. Dann Huff and Jewel Kilcher produced all songs except track 13. Executive producers were Lenedra Carroll and Ron Shapiro.

The first single on the album is “Standing Still.” So far, “Standing Still” has done the best. “Break me” was also released as a single.

Tracks

1. Standing Still
2. Jesus Loves You
3. Everybody Needs Someone Sometime
4. Break Me
5. Do You Want To Play
6. Till We Run Out Of Road
7. Serve The Ego
8. This Way
9. Cleveland
10. I Won't Walk Away
11. Love Me, Just Leave Me Alone
12. The New Wild West
13. Grey Matter
14. Sometimes It Be That Way

Tracks 13 and 14 are bonus tracks found on the CD version. They were recorded live.

The Tour

Atlantic Records announced in March 2002 that M2M would be joining Jewel on tour. Jewel's management announced her tour dates during March on an official newsletter and the official Jewel website. Several fans were given early access to concert tickets through the “Jewel Street Team.” Jewel completed promotional visits to Japan and Australia.

Several tour dates scheduled for promotion of the new album, were cancelled. Jewel had an accident and fell off a horse at Ty Murray's ranch. She cancelled the dates to recover from the accident. It is unclear if she will reschedule the dates for fans that purchased tickets early through the "Jewel Team" promotion. The original list of tour dates is available as Appendix C.

Chapter 11: Intuition & 0304

“Intuition” is the name of Jewel’s first single since “Sweet Home Alabama.” It was included on “0304.”

Jewel signed a deal with Schick to promote her new album and their new combo razor and shaving cream dispenser. Funds will be provided for promotion of the new album. In addition, Schick will contribute money to ClearWater. The promotion was not pushed a great deal. There was a rumor that Pfizer (Schick’s parent company) did not get a final cut of the song and only heard the music when they agreed to the deal. They were quite upset to hear the lyrics including “sell yourself, just cash in.” MSNBC published an article on this fiasco around the time the album was released.

“0304” is the name of Jewel’s most recent album. It was available for purchase in the United States in June 2003. “0304” was available for pre-order on Amazon.com, and released on the Apple Music Store a day early. The official Jewel website offered a promotional deal to buy the album with a free keychain and limited edition “secret website” to download two additional tracks. The pre-release customers did not receive the website card, but Jewel’s management quickly fixed the situation with an e-mail to everyone who pre-ordered. The tracks were released in Windows Media format and did not play correctly on the Mac. Authentication was turned off for the files after two weeks or so.

Jewel worked on part of the album at her home, later electing to visit the studio for final recordings. “0304” proved to be the most popular album since “Pieces of You.”

Tour

The tour for “0304” was changed at the last minute as a result of a death in the band.

The funeral was held in Detroit, Michigan. MrBB first announced the loss on a public mailing list as he had been close with the musician. Several tour dates were cancelled and replaced with acoustic shows in some cities. Only East and West coast cities were included in the tour still ongoing at the time of this writing.

Here are some news articles from foolishgames.com:

003-09-12 03:13:08 **Jewel cancels tour due to tragedy :**

Atlantic recording artist Jewel has cancelled her forthcoming scheduled tour of North America due to the sudden death of her bass player, Terome "T-Bone" Hannon. T-Bone suffered a stroke last week and passed away on Thursday, September 4th in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan. He was 39 years old and had been a member of Jewel's live band for the past three years.

The tour had been slated to begin on September 19th in North Charleston, South Carolina. While Jewel has cancelled her upcoming concerts with her band, plans are currently being made for her to perform selected solo acoustic shows. Details will be announced as soon as they become available.

2003-09-12 03:18:12 **More on cancelled tour dates :**

Although details are scant, Billboard.com has confirmed that dates that were to feature Jewel's full band have been canceled, including the opening show and stops in Albany, N.Y., Indianapolis, Chicago, Minneapolis and Upper Darby, Pa.

003-09-12 03:20:11 **Billboard Article about Tour Cancellation :**

http://www.billboard.com/bb/daily/article_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1976660

Tracks

1. Stand
2. Run 2 U
3. Intuition
4. Leave The Lights On
5. 2 Find U

6. Fragile Heart
7. Doin' Fine
8. 2 Become 1
9. Haunted
10. Sweet Temptation
11. Yes U Can
12. U & Me = Love
13. America
14. Becoming

Chapter 12: New Management

Jewel changed management during 2003. Her mother, Lenedra managed her for several years. Both Lenedra and MrBB (Alan) moved on. Lenedra stated that she had started the job as a temporary position and enjoyed it. MrBB was responsible for interaction with fans through the Jewelink newsletters, updates to the calendar on jeweljk.com, and many other behind the scene projects. He took a job archiving music, his first love. Jewel moved to a large management company.

Appendix A: Contact Jewel

Jewel's E-mail Address was jeweljk@aol.com up to the release of Spirit. Visit the Official Jewel Website to e-mail her at <http://www.jeweljk.com/>.

Jewel's Postal Address

2002:

Jewel Kilcher
P.O. Box 1388
Brea, CA USA 92822

1995:

Jewel Kilcher
P.O. Box 33494
San Diego CA, USA 92163-3494

Appendix B: 1999 Tour Dates

Overseas

Date	City	Venue
2/25/1999	Melbourne, Australia	Palais Theatre
2/26/1999	Melbourne, Australia	Palais Theatre
2/28/1999	Perth, Australia	Burswood Theatre
3/1/1999	Perth, Australia	Burswood Theatre
3/3/1999	Adelaide, Australia	Thebarton Theatre
3/4/1999	Melbourne, Australia	Palais Theatre
3/6/1999	Canberra, Australia	The Royal Theatre
3/7/1999	Newcastle, Australia	Civic Theatre
3/9/1999	Sydney, Australia	State Theatre
3/10/1999	Sydney, Australia	State Theatre
3/12/1999	Sydney, Australia	State Theatre
3/13/1999	Sydney, Australia	State Theatre
3/15/1999	Brisbane, Australia	QPAC Concert Hall
3/16/1999	Brisbane, Australia	QPAC Concert Hall
3/18/1999	Auckland, New Zealand	TV appearances & Promo
3/19/1999	Auckland, New Zealand	North Shore Events Center
3/20/1999	Wellington, New Zealand	Queens Wharf Events Centre
3/21/1999	Christchurch, New Zealand	Town Hall

3/22/1999	Christchurch, New Zealand	Town Hall
4/4/1999	Tokyo, Japan	Zepp Hall
4/5/1999	Tokyo, Japan	U-Port Hall
4/6/1999	Tokyo, Japan	U-Port Hall
4/8/1999	Osaka, Japan	Sankei Hall
4/9/1999	Nagoya, Japan	Geiso Center
5/1/1999	Belfast, Ireland	Ulster Hall
5/2/1999	Dublin, Ireland	Olympia Theater
5/4/1999	Southampton, UK	Guildhalle
5/5/1999	London, UK	Royal Albert Hall
5/6/1999	Cambridge, UK	Corn Exchange
5/8/1999	Glasgow, Scotland	City Hall
5/9/1999	Manchester, UK	The Academy
5/10/1999	Coventry, UK	Warwick Arts Center
5/11/1999	Bristol, UK	Colston hall

Appendix C: 2002 Tour Dates

Original Tour Dates Prior to “Horse Accident”

June 14
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
Tampa, Florida
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 15
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 16
Hard Rock Live
Orlando, Florida
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 17
Chastain Park Amphitheatre
Atlanta, Georgia
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 19
Wolf Trap
Vienna, Virginia
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 21
P.N.C. Bank Arts Center
Holmdel, New Jersey
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 22
Jones Beach Amphitheatre
Wantagh, New York
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 23
FleetBoston Pavillion
Boston, Massachusetts
(Showtime: 7:30 PM)

June 25
Oakdale Theater
Wallingford, Connecticut
(Showtime: 7:30 PM)

June 26
Tower Theatre
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 28
Massey Hall
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

June 29
Amphitheatre at Station Square
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
(Showtime: 7:30 PM)

July 3
Meadowbrook
Rochester Hills, Michigan
(Showtime: 7:30 PM)

July 5
Kresge Auditorium
Interlochen, Michigan
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

July 17
Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Morrison (Denver), CO
(Showtime: 7:00 PM)

July 19
Next Stage at The Grand Prairie Show
Grand Prairie, Texas
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

July 20
Verizon Wireless Theater
Houston, Texas
(Showtime: 8:00 PM)

July 21
The Backyard

Austin, TX
(Showtime: 7:30 PM)

MORE DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA!

Appendix D: 2003 Tour Dates

(incomplete) This list is the modified version after the changes. See the 0304 section above.

Sept. 20	Atlanta, GA	Chastain Park Amphitheatre
Sept. 22	Washington, DC	9:30 Club
Sept. 26	Atlantic City, NJ	Borgata
Sept. 27	Boston, MA	FleetBoston Pavilion
Sept. 28	Gilford, NH	Meadowbrook Farm
Sept. 30	Providence, RI	Providence Perf. Arts Center

Thousand Oaks, CA 11/21/03	CIVIC ARTS PLAZA
Las Vegas, NV 11/22/03	ALADDIN
Temecula, CA 11/23/03	PECHANGA CASINO
Palm Desert, CA 11/24/03	MC CALLUM THEATRE
Bakersfield, CA 11/25/03	FOX THEATRE
Cupertino, CA 11/26/03	FLINT CENTER
Lake Tahoe, NV 11/28/03	CAESARS
Lake Tahoe, NV 11/29/03	CAESARS
Turlock, CA 11/30/03	COMMUNITY THEATRE
San Diego, CA 12/01/03	SYMPHONY HALL
Long Beach, CA 12/02/03	TERRACE THEATRE