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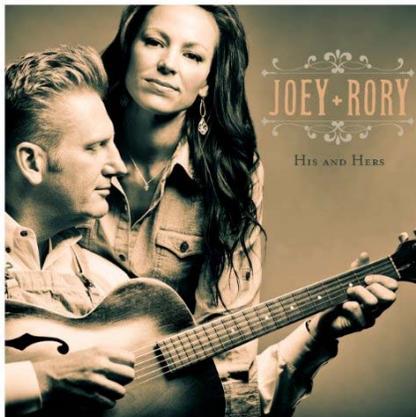
*Spotlight on Music:*

*You Should Be Here* by Cole Swindell

*His and Hers* by Joey & Rory

Two great country CDs have recently been added to our collection! One by an upcoming artist by the name of Cole Swindell - the other by a husband and wife duo named Joey & Rory.

Cole Swindell is quickly establishing a name for himself in country music as both a singer and songwriter. This is his second studio album – Swindell’s voice is best suited to the songs he sings about love, loss, and family. The title track *You Should Be Here* is a tune he co-wrote for his late father. Swindell has said, “It’s, by far, my favorite song that I think I’ve written”. “I think that’s why I moved to Nashville, is to write a song like this. Just growing up, loving ‘90s country music, there were songs that touched me. There were fun ones, but there were also the ones I could relate to, and I think this is going to be that song when people get to hear it.” This ability to have songs that people can relate to and be touched by is the reason for his success. Stand out tracks include: *You Should Be Here, Middle of a Memory, Broke Down, and Remember Boys*. If he continues on this path – it won’t be long before he is one of the leading men in the country music industry.



Joey & Rory are a dynamic husband and wife duo – their voices blend beautifully together! While on this album they each take a turn as the lead singer on individual songs – their lovely harmonies can be heard on the choruses. Rory has written or co-written a number of the songs on this album including one of my favorite’s *His and Hers*. This album is a pure joy to listen to from beginning to end but it is the track *When I Gone* which is sung by Joey that to me is the most beautiful and haunting song on the album. It is a song about the loss of a loved one and their desire for the other person to go on with life once they have passed. Recently, Joey passed away from cancer and I am sure this song will provide solace to Rory and their daughter.

It is great to see these artists not only sing the songs but are responsible for the wonderful lyrics. Drop by the library and check out these two awesome CDs and peruse our other stupendous CDs in our country collection!

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