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As one of the top folk musicians in the country, Christine Lavin has seen it all--and she still loves the music and the life she feels privileged to lead. Published in honor of her twenty-fifth anniversary as a full-time, independent touring musician, *Cold Pizza for Breakfast: A Mem-wha?* is a memoir of road stories and adventures across the United States, Canada, and Australia. "I've changed a few names to spare hurt feelings," Christine notes, "but all these stories are true. Hey, I have eight brothers and sisters--you think they'd let me make things up?"

Cold Pizza for Breakfast is rich with details from two-plus decades of songwriting and performing. The memoir begins with the hysterical tale of Christine's being booed in West Palm Beach when she opened for Joan Rivers--with a coda that demonstrates Christine's nimble mind and sense of the absurd--and recounts her circuitous route to becoming one of folk music's most respected and beloved songwriters and performers. Christine explains: "Instead of a business plan, I've followed hunches, my intuition, and my heart, and I have had the good fortune of meeting astounding people along the way who helped point me in the right direction. OK, a few pointed me in the wrong direction, too. But I always somehow managed to recover."

Christine is an engaging and generous writer, often putting an informative and warm spotlight on other musicians. Learn delicious details about Dave Van Ronk's unique method of writing music, the stanza of a famous song that Bob Dylan had never heard, and how Ervin Drake came to write "It Was a Very Good Year." Read about the unlikely beginnings of the folk super-group "The Four Bitchin' Babes," still going strong today, and how Christine's music has found a home with some of today's brightest Broadway stars.

Photographs and memorabilia from Christine's fantastic voyage, song lyrics, an extensive appendix including an index and Christine's list of her 1,000 favorite songs that she has played while guest-DJing in New York City--all this combines with Christine's incomparable sense of humor to make *Cold Pizza for Breakfast: A Mem-wha?* an irresistible read and an invaluable resource for anyone who is interested in how songs get made, how musicians learn, and the business of music.



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