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Anyone and everyone who has tried their hand at the music business in any way, especially within the country music genre, has been pushed out of more doors and told no more times than they have been told yes. You hear all of the time about having thick skin and there is a truth to that statement. Grammy Nominated Rand Bishop, the writer of the popular Toby Keith hit “My List,” has given folks a chance to come into the country music world through his new book “Makin’ Stuff Up.” While the majority of this book talks about the craft of songwriting and offers tips and notes on how to get better and stronger with that, when you get beyond the subject’s focus it seems that the underlying theme of the chapters really focuses on how to make it through the early stages of diving into the business in general. He candidly talks about the doors slamming, the no’s you are going to hear, and the negative aspects of the business. Of course this is coming from the songwriter perspective but the tips in his book are valuable for performers, producers, etc.... The aspect to Bishop’s writing in this book that make it such an easy read is that he layers everything with a sense of humor so it doesn’t read like a text book on songwriting but more so like a conversation with a friend over a drink. There are solid tips for songwriters here that can help them develop their songs in a more marketable way as you’d expect from Bishop and often times it may feel as if he is slamming the door in your face as you read his honesty in this book, but never fear the last three words in the book are “Never give up.”