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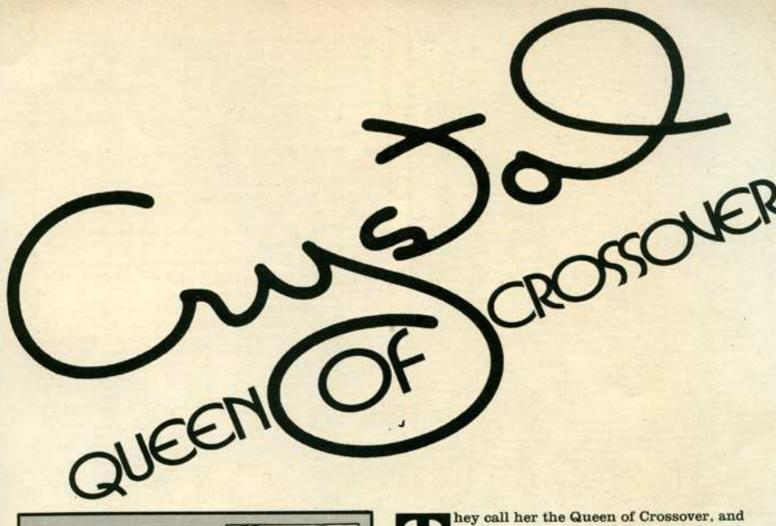
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## BY JOAN RANDELL

Loretta Lynn's little sister has made the big time in a big way.





it's true; few recording artists approach the musical integrity and credibility of Crystal Gayle, who often defies musical categorization with her unique ability to glide smoothly from one form of music to another.

Her roots are surely country, having been born in the small town of Paintsville, Ky. But she was raised in Wabash, Ind., and that's another kettle of fish indeed. "I just grew up knowing I was going to be a singer," she says. "I didn't think of what kind of singer though."

Her first single, "I've Cried (The Blue Right Out Of My Eyes)," was written by her big sister Loretta Lynn and made the Top-20 Country charts. She scored more country hits with her first two albums, including her first number one country hit, "I'll Get Over You." Crystal, her third album showed signs of Crystal's crossover potential to the pop market. Her fourth album, We Must Believe In Magic, her first platinum effort, left no doubt; it contained the hit single, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," which has sold more than one and a half million copies and rose to the number one position not only on the country charts, but on the pop and easy listening lists as well.

Thile many other performers would be hard put to follow such a success, Crystal coolly responded with another platinum album, When I Dream. No longer was she Loretta Lynn's little sister, Crystal Gayle had become a star in her own

