



Avril Lavigne Biography*

Avril Lavigne was born on September 27th in Napanee, Ontario, Canada.

She began singing at festivals, country music fairs and talent contests before being discovered. On a trip to New York City, Avril Lavigne was lucky because she was in the right place at the right time. She was in a studio writing

5 when she met Antonio "LA" Reid **who** got the young artist a contract with Arista Records. Avril Lavigne's debut album, *Let Go*, **which** was released in June 2002, has sold millions of copies world wide. At that time, Avril conquered the world- literally. When *Let Go* was released, Avril was just 17. In **her songs** she doesn't agree with the world, she sang about her flirts and her
10 broken heart. Her songs *Complicated* and *Sk8er Boi* became immediately word-wide hits. Avril Lavigne's *Try To Shut Me Up* world tour was a huge success. In 2004 the hard-rockin' girl returned with her second album, *Under My Skin*, which includes the song *Don't Tell Me*. This time she's a little older, a little wiser, but she is still singing the message of girl power.

15 Avril Lavigne knew already she wanted to be a singer when she was just a little kid, in fact she wrote her first song when she was only 12 years old. At the same age she also taught herself to play the guitar. She took her inspiration from bands like the Goo Goo Dolls, Incubus and Matchbox 20.

Avril Lavigne has a very strong personality, she always wears her own clothes

20 even if stylists try to change her look. And, she is not just a singer, she also enjoys camping, skateboarding, hunting and hockey.

Avril Lavigne Says: "I love writing. When I get upset and really need to get it out of me, I go to my guitar and I feel better. Sometimes I feel like my guitar is my therapist."

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