

A handwritten signature in pink ink that reads "Dolly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

To this day, after thousands of interviews with thousands of writers, Dave Hickey is still at the top of my list. In the article called “Dolly Triumphant!” in 1974, he captured what I wanted to believe about myself at the time but he had a better take on it than I did. That article gave me strength and confidence to go on and try to do even better. I really believe that article really helped my career at the time. I ran across that article not long ago and I thought to myself, Dave Hickey was a genius. Not because of what he did for me but because of the way he was, the way he felt and the wonderful way he worded things, he was beyond compare. I liked him, I loved him and yes, I had a crush on him too. Long live the memory and the words of Dave Hickey.

Respectfully,

Dolly Parton

**Sent by Dolly Parton to the publisher of the 30th Anniversary Edition of  
Dave Hickey's *The Invisible Dragon* in July 2023**