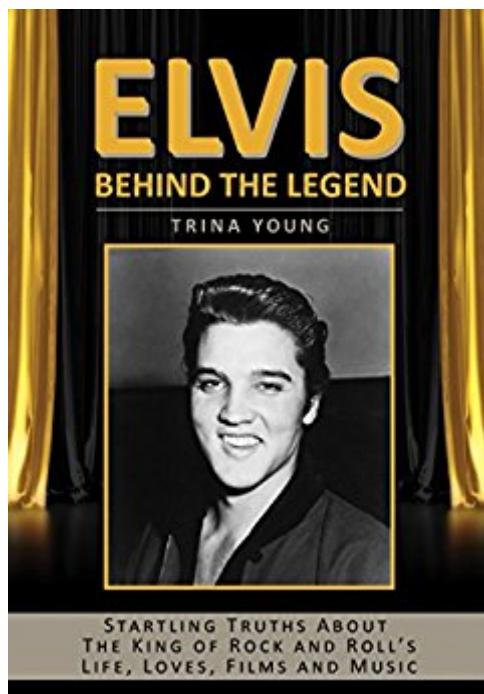


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Elvis: Behind The Legend: Startling Truths About The King Of Rock And Roll's Life, Loves, Films And Music



Synopsis

The little Elvis Presley book filled with lots of fascinating facts! Elvis: Behind The Legend uncovers stunning secrets about The King of Rock and Roll's life, loves, films and music. Elvis: Behind The Legend is a collection of over 30 succinct articles revealing surprising facts and discoveries about The King - some light-hearted and fun, and some striking at the core of Presley's heart and passions. With topics covering the full span of Presley's life, it also explores some of the myths in the Elvis legend. It's time to look at Elvis Presley from the inside out. Elvis: Behind The Legend explores the inner motivations and desires of the man crowned The King of Rock and Roll, and reveals how Presley's success actually conflicted with many of his own personal passions. Elvis Presley's public image as The King of Rock and Roll was constantly at war with his inner desires: the rock and roll revolutionary who wanted to be a mainstream pop star, the teen heartthrob who wanted to be a serious actor, the defiant rebel who dutifully served in the military, the sex god who released religious gospel records and the anti-establishment symbol who proudly shook hands with President Nixon. Similar to Bob Dylan, Presley was ultimately assigned a title and image that he never aspired to. While Dylan abruptly left the musical genre of folk music that made him famous to freely pursue his other musical passions, Presley was never allowed to escape his rock and roll image. Many rock and roll fans wondered why Elvis had changed so much over the years and some even criticized him for it. Elvis was forever compared to his 1950s image of sex, defiance and rebellion which in many ways led him to be misunderstood. Startling revelations about Elvis Presley include: His hidden speech impediment, How he truly felt about rock and roll, The famous outfit Elvis hated to wear, How Elvis learned to bump and grind, Why serving in the army terrified him, How Elvis launched his career by accident, The woman who stood between Elvis and Priscilla, What his ultimate ambition in show business really was, Why he sang with a professed hater of rock and roll, Why Elvis was willing to give up his career, The acclaimed Elvis film that was surprisingly a flop, What really happened when Elvis met The Beatles, The tragic backstory to *Jailhouse Rock*, Why Elvis never attended any of his movie premieres, The real reason Elvis went to meet President Nixon, How Elvis designed his own gravesite, Who was bigger - Elvis or The Beatles? Plus, for the first time in print, a complete list of Elvis Presley's movies ranked by box office earnings and the full list of Elvis Presley's and The Beatles' certified record sales (albums, singles and EPs). The book includes an 8-page photo section. By looking beneath the surface, this book gives music fans an insight into The King of Rock and Roll like never before.

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This book is an easy read, although it could've been better. The chapters are too short in explaining the complicated man Elvis Presley was, and there wasn't much about Elvis I didn't already know. Much of the information is accurate although there are still some things that are disputable, I think, such as Elvis's visit to the White House to meet President Nixon in the hopes of getting a federal narcotics badge, where he blamed the Beatles for the moral breakdown among the young. That story is nothing but a myth and an outright lie that has been added to since the story was first reported after Elvis's death. The first telling of the story reported it as Elvis blaming the Beatles (as well as Jane Fonda and the Smothers Brothers) in a conversation with an FBI agent in Elvis's effort to meet J. Edgar Hoover (not Nixon) to get the badge. According to Leslie S. Smith, co-author of "Elvis: Portrait of a Friend," and in that book, Elvis never mentioned anyone by name at all and that it was the FBI agent who added the names, feeling that was who Elvis was talking about. When Elvis didn't get meet Hoover and get the badge (because the FBI agent who interviewed him felt Elvis wasn't the kind of person Hoover would want to meet, because Elvis had shoulder length hair), Elvis wrote to Nixon requesting a meeting. But, again, Elvis never mentioned anyone by name although the narrative on the Beatles has somehow managed to be added there. Elvis's buddies

who were with him, Sonny West and Jerry Schilling, are on record as saying Elvis never said it, that even if he felt it, he would not have said anything publicly or to others. It's more likely the FBI memo became part of the White House memo. It's also worth noting that before meeting Elvis, Richard Nixon didn't even know who Elvis Presley was.

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