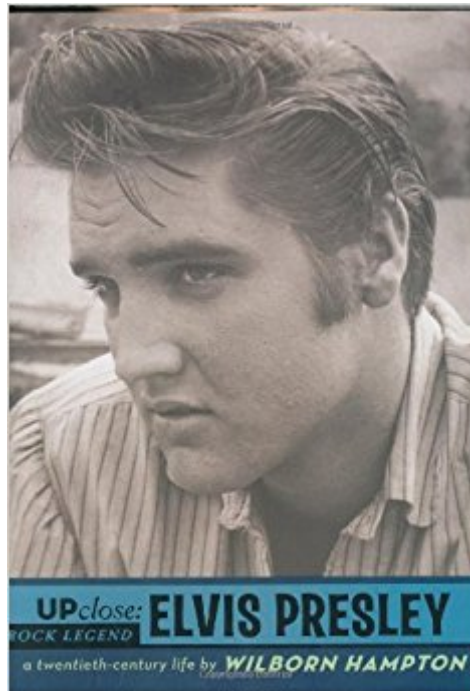




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# Elvis Presley (Up Close (Viking))



## Synopsis

Elvis left no one indifferent to rock and roll??so begins award-winning author Wilborn Hampton?s thoughtful account of the beloved and controversial Elvis Presley. When Elvis shook his hips and sang his soulful songs, teenagers screamed and parents fretted. Fans, record executives, movie producers, and even the army wanted a piece of this enigmatic performer and shy boy from Tupelo, Mississippi. What Elvis gave them changed music forever. This latest addition to Viking?s ongoing biography series, Up Close, includes gorgeous black-and-white photographs and introduces readers to the complicated life of the king of rock and roll.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 7 UpClose -â •From the foreword, readers learn that Hampton has an admiration for Elvis that reaches back to his childhood. His enthusiasm and passion for his subject are evident throughout this appealing biography, yet he remains objective about the performer's virtues as well as his tragic flaws. The striking cover photograph complements the lively and accessible text that delves not only into Elvis's life but also his impact on music and American culture. The writing is casual yet authoritative, and includes occasional black-and-white photographs. Readers who can't imagine a world without rock and roll will find this to be an excellent introduction to the man about whom John

Lennon once said, "Before there was Elvis, there was nothing." — Marcia Kochel, Olson Middle School, Bloomington, MN Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Elvis may have left the building, but interest in his life hasn't waned. This entry in the Up Close biography series records the familiar tracks in Elvis' life, giving slightly more attention to his ascent to fame than the tragic descent into narcotics addiction and his extravagant lifestyle in the final years. The strained relationships with wife Priscilla and the controlling Colonel Parker are included, but daughter Lisa Marie is barely mentioned. Hampton provides plentiful examples to back up first girlfriend Dixie's assertion: "Elvis was just a nice boy who desperately wanted to please people." The language dealing with Elvis' exploits with girls is genteel as well—"The relationship became passionate very quickly, but both Elvis and Dixie agreed they would not go all the way until they were married." This didn't hold true for women he met on the road, but subtlety reigns there too, suiting this biography to a younger audience than most Presley picks. Source notes and bibliography are appended. Cindy Dobrez Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

WHAT MAKES A GOOD REVIEW...THIS WONDERFULL BOOK. I WENT TWO YEARS AGO TO C GRACELAND THAT BEING MY SECOND TIME. I IMAGINE HIS PRESENCE IN EVERY ROOM. WHEN I GOT HOME I DEVORED ANY BOOK I COULD GET...THIS ONE ESPECILLY INTERREST ME AS MY GRANDSON LOVES COUNTRY AND HAD GONE TO NASHVILLE. I ALSO GOT ELVIS'S MAID FROM AND THIIIS BOOK REALLY MADE U FEEL LIKE A PART OF HIS FAMILY. YOU GOT TO KNOW HIS GRANDMOTHER DOGGER AND HIS FATHER VERNON AND THE SERIOUS AND THE PLAYFULL ELVIS..IF U LOVE ELVIS CAN TRUILLY Put YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE MAN AND HIS TALENT. MRS ANN BONETTI

Elvis appeared on the scene when teenagers of that era were wanting a change and Elvis helped us break free. Elvis Presley fans, like myself, enjoy reading anything relevant to his life. There is always something new to learn about Elvis every time I read yet another book and 'UpClose' is no exception and an easy read. Thoroughly enjoyed. Well done WH. Thank you. Joycelyn

This book is just a copulation of stories from other serious Elvis biographies. No new information or stories. Don't waste your money.

I know I love this... I did read it...

Certainly not the best book about Elvis. It's a compilation of things that anyone could have researched and written about. I was disappointed in the book.

This was given as a gift...and it was perfect!

Very nice read. Fast and easy touched on all the hot spots. Thanx so much. Highly recommend this little book

I got this book for my dad. He loves Elvis. He told me he really enjoyed it but that is about all I can say b/c I didn't read it.

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