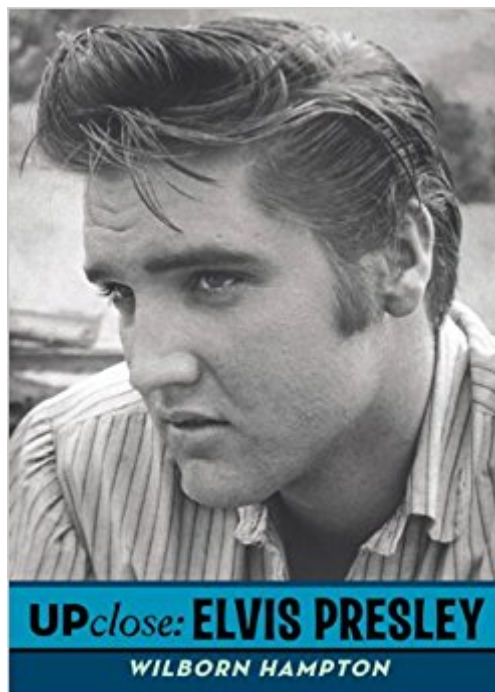


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# Elvis Presley (Up Close)



## Synopsis

Elvis Presley made a sound so different it ushered in a new kind of music: rock and roll. He was able to combine gospel, honky-tonk, country and rhythm and blues to create a unique sound that crossed racial and cultural divides. Though he was incredibly popular, at heart, Elvis was a shy and polite man, and the demands of fame began to take a toll. While his dependence on prescription drugs cut short his life, Elvis's influence on music and popular culture endures to this day.

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Grade 7 Upâ "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."â "Marcia Kochel, Olson Middle School, Bloomington, MN Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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 DobrezCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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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.

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Certainly not the best book about Elvis. It's a compilation of things that anyone could have research 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

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