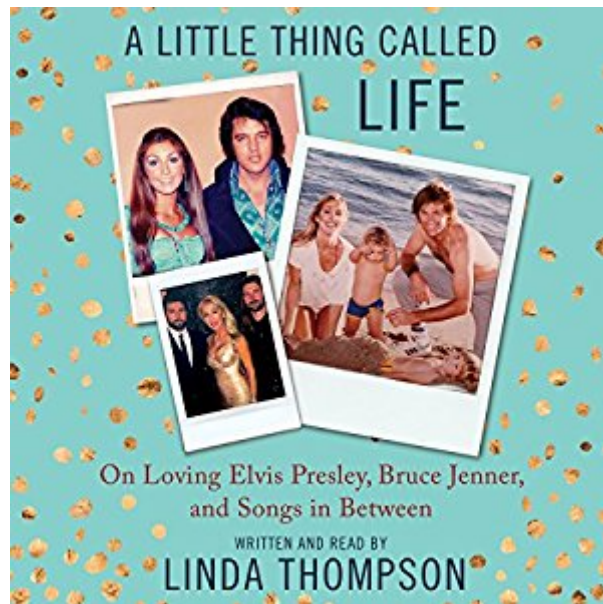


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A Little Thing Called Life: On Loving Elvis Presley, Bruce Jenner, And Songs In Between



Synopsis

Award-winning songwriter Linda Thompson breaks her silence, sharing the extraordinary story of her life, career, and epic romances with two of the most celebrated yet enigmatic modern American superstars - Elvis Presley and Bruce Jenner. For the last 40 years, award-winning songwriter Linda Thompson has quietly led one of the most remarkable lives in show business. The longtime live-in love of Elvis Presley, Linda first emerged into the limelight during the 1970s, when the former beauty pageant queen caught the eye of the King. Their chance late-night encounter at a movie theater was the stuff of legend, and it marked the beginning of a whirlwind that would stretch across decades, leading to a marriage with Bruce Jenner, motherhood, and more drama than she ever could have imagined. Now, for the first time, Linda opens up about it all, telling the full story of her life, loves, and everything in between. From her humble beginnings in Memphis to her nearly five-year relationship with Elvis, she offers an intimate window into their life together, describing how their Southern roots fueled and sustained Graceland's greatest romance. Going inside their wild stories and tender moments, she paints a portrait of life with the King, as raucous as it is refreshing. But despite the joy they shared, life with Elvis also had darkness, and her account also presents an unsparring look at Elvis' twin demons - drug abuse and infidelity, forces he battled throughout their time together that would eventually end their relationship just eight months before his untimely death. It was in the difficult aftermath of Elvis' death that Linda found what she believed was her true home: the arms of Olympic gold medal-winner Bruce Jenner. Detailing her marriage to Bruce, Linda reveals the apparently perfect life that they built with their two young sons - Brandon and Brody - before Bruce changed everything with a secret he'd been carrying his entire life, a secret that Linda herself kept for nearly 30 years, a secret that Bruce's transition to Caitlyn Jenner has finally laid bare for the world. Providing a candid look inside one of the most challenging moments of her life, Linda uncovers the struggles she went through as a woman and a mother, coming to terms with the reality of Bruce's identity, and resolving to embrace him completely no matter what, even as it meant they could no longer be together. And yet, despite her marriage unraveling, her search for love was not over, eventually leading her to the legendary music producer and musician David Foster, a relationship that lasted for 19 tumultuous years, resulting in a bond that spurred her songwriting career to new heights but also tested her like never before. Filled with compelling and poignant stories, *A Little Thing Called Life* lovingly recounts Linda's incredible journey through the years, bringing unparalleled insight into three legendary figures.

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Customer Reviews

• *A Little Thing Called Life: On Loving Elvis Presley, Bruce Jenner, and Songs in Between* • Linda Thompson recalls the extraordinary excitement and wonder of her relationship with Elvis Presley, and her marriage to Gold Medalist athlete Bruce (Caitlyn) Jenner, with whom she had two sons. Linda's long marriage followed-- to Grammy award winning Canadian music producer/composer David Foster. After winning the Miss Tennessee beauty pageant (1972), Linda was 22 years old when she met Elvis Presley at a movie theater. Aside from being utterly star-struck by Elvis' gloriously complex personality she bonded with Elvis feeling as if she had already known him, and by their common Southern heritage. Though her parents both smoked, there wasn't ever any alcohol around. Linda was quite unaccustomed to the pills Elvis took, and atmosphere at Graceland. Elvis showered her with exquisite gifts and the couple routinely flew to Las Vegas on his private jet. Lisa Marie and Linda were very close, as Linda's story began, unfolding with a terrible call from Lisa Marie on August 16, 1977. Wanting to distance herself from Graceland, Linda moved to Los Angeles only 8 months before Elvis died. When she first noticed Bruce Jenner on TV in the 1976 Olympics, she had no clue how her life would eventually connect to his. Linda met Jenner after a tennis tournament in 1979. At that time Linda lived in Nashville, and was a famous easily recognized "Hee-Haw Honey" on the national Hee-Haw TV comedy show. Linda was always comfortable around Bruce, how candid, trusting and open he was about this life: she would guard his deepest secrets during their marriage (m. 1981-1984) and for decades afterwards.

To many people, Linda Thompson has been known for many years in music circles for her talented career as a lyricist. As a die-hard Whitney Houston fan, "I Have Nothing" one of the pop superstar's most iconic hits was written by Thompson for the meg-hit "The Bodyguard" and produced by David Foster, Thompson's former husband. The pair even have cameo roles in that film as the Academy Awards conductor and attendee, respectively. It is anecdotes such as these creating the vast, intricate tapestry in the engaging new memoir, "A Little Thing Called Life" Linda Thompson's life reads like any small town girl's dream. As Miss Tennessee in 1972 she went on to catch the eye of Elvis Presley, arguably the most famous music legend of all time. They shared a tender, if not complex relationship, exposing Linda to a world of which she seemed ill-prepared but who handled with grace and maturity. Later, almost cryptically, after commenting to Elvis that "I am going to marry that man one day, Linda married Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner and they seemed the perfect couple having two boys, Brody and Brandon. But the truth about Bruce's inner genre identity crisis is as hard at times to understand and accept for the reader as it was by Linda. Later, Linda's marriage to another superstar David Foster brought more headlines and heartache for the devoted mother ending in divorce which can never be easy whether you are famous or not. What is truly fascinating about Linda Thompson and this book is she shines much of the spotlight on those in her life and less on herself leaving one to want more of HER.

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