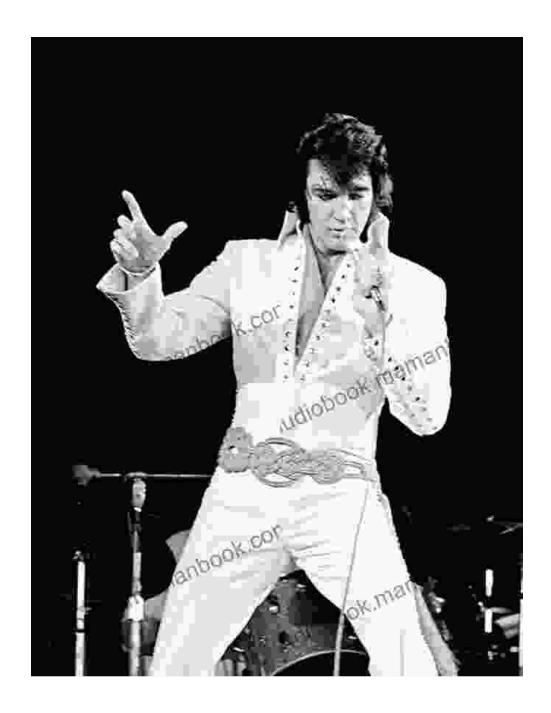
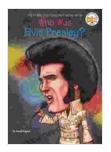
Elvis Presley: The King of Rock and Roll



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In 1948, Elvis's family moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Elvis attended Humes High School, where he met his future wife, Priscilla Beaulieu. In 1954, Elvis recorded his first song, "That's All Right," for Sun Records. The song was a hit, and it launched Elvis's career.

Elvis quickly became one of the most popular singers in the world. He had a unique singing style that was influenced by gospel, blues, and country music. Elvis also had a charismatic stage presence, and he was known for his energetic performances.

In 1956, Elvis signed a contract with RCA Records. He released his first album, "Elvis Presley," that year. The album was a huge success, and it helped to make Elvis a superstar.

Elvis continued to release hit records throughout the 1950s and 1960s. He also starred in several films, including "Love Me Tender" (1956), "Jailhouse Rock" (1957), and "Viva Las Vegas" (1964).

In 1973, Elvis married Priscilla Beaulieu. The couple had one child, Lisa Marie Presley. Elvis and Priscilla divorced in 1973.

Elvis continued to perform throughout the 1970s. He died on August 16, 1977, at the age of 42. He was found dead in his bathroom at his home in Memphis, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack.

Elvis Presley is considered one of the most important figures in American music history. He is often called the "King of Rock and Roll." Elvis's music has had a profound impact on popular culture, and he continues to be an inspiration to musicians and fans around the world.

The Early Years

Elvis Presley was born in a two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935. His parents, Gladys Love Smith and Vernon Elvis Presley, were poor sharecroppers. Elvis was their only child.

Elvis began singing in church at a young age. He soon developed a love for music, and he would often listen to the radio and sing along to his favorite songs. Elvis also learned to play the guitar and piano.

In 1948, Elvis's family moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Elvis attended Humes High School, where he met his future wife, Priscilla Beaulieu. Elvis was a popular student, and he was known for his good looks and his singing voice.

The Sun Records Years

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The Military Years

In 1958, Elvis was drafted into the United States Army. He served for two years, and he was stationed in Germany. While in the Army, Elvis continued to record music. He also met Priscilla Beaulieu, who would later become his wife.

Elvis was discharged from the Army in 1960. He returned to the United States and resumed his singing career.

The Comeback Years

In the early 1960s, Elvis's career began to decline. He was no longer as popular as he had been in the 1950s. However, in 1968, Elvis made a comeback with the release of his album "Elvis." The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to revive Elvis's career.

Elvis continued to release hit records throughout the 1970s. He also starred in several films, including "Change of Habit" (1969), "Elvis: That's the Way It Is" (1970), and "Aloha from Hawaii" (1973).

The Final Years

In the late 1970s, Elvis's health began to decline. He was overweight and addicted to drugs. Elvis died on August 16, 1977, at the age of 42. He was found dead in his bathroom at his home in Memphis, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack.

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The Legacy of Elvis Presley

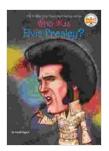
Elvis Presley's legacy is immense. He is one of the most popular and influential singers in American history. His music has had a profound impact on popular culture, and he continues to be an inspiration to musicians and fans around the world.

Elvis's music has been covered by countless artists, and it has been used in films, television shows, and commercials. Elvis's image has also been used to sell products, and he has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries.

Elvis Presley is a cultural icon. He is a symbol of American music and culture. His music and his image continue to be celebrated and enjoyed by people around the world.

Elvis Presley was a unique and talented artist. He had a voice that could soar and a stage presence that was electrifying. Elvis's music had a profound impact on popular culture, and he continues to be an inspiration to musicians and fans around the world.

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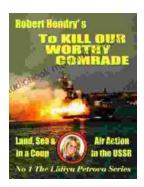
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