

Elvis: All the King's Men Who Left the Building

The Rise and Fall of Elvis Presley's Inner Circle

In the annals of rock and roll history, Elvis Presley reigns supreme as the undisputed King. But behind the glitz, glamour, and iconic image, a complex and often tumultuous world existed, populated by a cast of characters who played pivotal roles in shaping Elvis's life and career.

In his gripping new book, *Elvis: All the King's Men Who Left the Building*, author Alanna Nash delves into the lives of these enigmatic figures, painting a vivid and intimate portrait of the men who stood by Elvis's side, and those who ultimately betrayed him.



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From the legendary Colonel Tom Parker to the loyal Memphis Mafia, Nash meticulously reconstructs the intricate relationships that both sustained and

sabotaged Elvis's career. Through exclusive interviews and meticulous research, she uncovers the truths and dispels the myths surrounding these key players in Elvis's life.

Colonel Tom Parker: The Enigma

Towering over all others in Elvis's entourage was the enigmatic Colonel Tom Parker. A carnival barker turned music manager, Parker possessed an uncanny ability to promote and protect his client. He masterminded Elvis's early success, negotiating lucrative contracts and cultivating a larger-than-life image.



However, Parker's loyalty came at a price. He controlled every aspect of Elvis's life, from his finances to his performances. As Elvis's career

progressed, Parker's influence became increasingly suffocating, leading to resentment and distrust.

The Memphis Mafia: Brothers in Arms

Surrounding Elvis was a loyal band of associates known as the Memphis Mafia. These men, including Red West, Jerry Schilling, and Billy Smith, served as Elvis's confidants, bodyguards, and anything-goes buddies.



The Memphis Mafia provided Elvis with a sense of family and belonging, but their influence was not always positive. Their excessive partying and reckless behavior contributed to Elvis's declining health and personal problems.

Priscilla Presley: The Devoted Wife

At the heart of Elvis's inner circle was Priscilla Presley, his beautiful and devoted wife. Priscilla met Elvis as a teenager and became his muse and constant companion. Despite their age difference and the challenges of living in the spotlight, Priscilla remained fiercely loyal to Elvis throughout their marriage.



However, as Elvis descended into drug addiction and isolation, Priscilla found herself increasingly alienated. Their divorce in 1973 was a devastating blow to both parties.

Jerry Schilling: The Trusted Confidant

Amidst the chaos and excess, Jerry Schilling emerged as Elvis's closest and most trusted confidant. A former Memphis Mafia member, Schilling

became Elvis's road manager and personal assistant.



Schilling witnessed firsthand Elvis's struggles and triumphs. He remained by Elvis's side until the very end, providing unwavering support and loyalty.

Elvis: All the King's Men Who Left the Building is a captivating and revelatory account of the men who shaped the life and legacy of Elvis Presley. Through its meticulous research and intimate storytelling, the book offers an unprecedented glimpse into the complex relationships and behind-the-scenes machinations that both propelled and ultimately destroyed the King of Rock and Roll.

For fans of Elvis and music history enthusiasts alike, *Elvis: All the King's Men Who Left the Building* is an essential read. It is a powerful and poignant tribute to a group of individuals whose lives were forever intertwined with one of the most iconic figures of the 20th century.



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