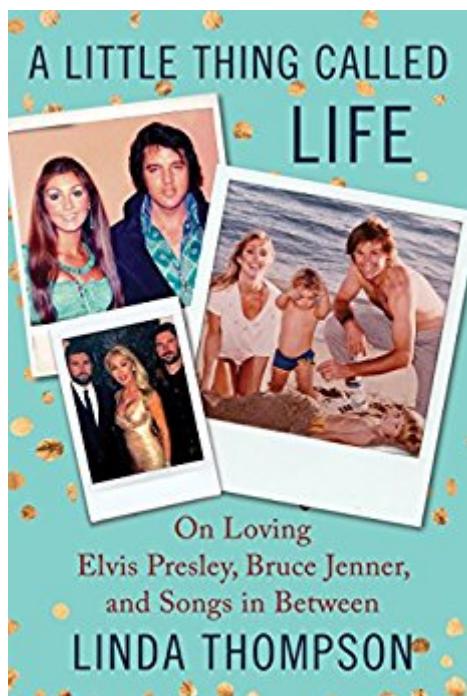


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# A Little Thing Called Life: On Loving Elvis Presley, Bruce Jenner, And Songs In Between



## 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 forty 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 unsparing look at Elvis's 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's 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 seemingly 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 thirty 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 nineteen 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 and sixteen pages of photographs, *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**

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 for 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. I am in a unique position because I am one of the lucky readers in Los Angeles who can say that I have met Linda Thompson, and her sons on different occasions and you could not meet people who are any kinder. To those wondering, Linda looked 38 in person! And that, made reading this touching book so much more enjoyable for me. I recommend it highly to anyone interested in not only the lives of celebrity marriages but how one woman managed somehow to raise two amazing sons without ever falling prey to the TMZ-esque downfalls of Hollywood.

I liked the book and think Linda Thompson sounds like a nice person. Probably too nice in most cases. Although she bent over backwards to write Elvis, Bruce/Caitlyn, and David in a kind light, I walked away thinking they were collectively self-absorbed douche bags. Full disclosure, I went into the book thinking that--based primarily on their parenting and step-parenting skills--and this book didn't fix that impression. All three sound like selfish prima donnas that rationalize everything in the light that treats them best, blame others when it's convenient, and generally put their adult needs above the children in their lives. She lived an interesting life, and because of Caitlyn's transition, her insight is unique and relevant. I had more of a desire to read her book than Caitlyn's account. I wasn't a big Elvis fan and barely knew David Foster, so the fact that it kept my interest means it stands alone as an entertaining read.

Linda Thompson has written the most intimate and balanced book about life with Elvis Presley I've ever read. She strives to be fair and balanced discussing her 3 exes, Elvis Presley, Bruce Jenner, and David Foster

Thanks Linda for sharing this book with us! I loved every word of it.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the authors relationships with three very different and very needy men. What an interesting life. Highly recommended.

I was so excited to get this book when I first heard it was being released. I certainly was not disappointed. Linda Thompson is a great writer, at times you feel like you are living through those moments with her. Especially the Elvis part. It was very heartfelt and I could tell she was genuine in

her love for him, as well as her two husbands, Bruce Jenner and David Foster. The only thing that was a little disappointing was how she was into herself and her son's way to much. Almost gave you the impression they could all do no wrong, while everyone else was the culprits in things that didn't go the way she had hoped, like she and her two sons were almost just to sugary perfect!! But even with that being said, it was a wonderful book, a real page turner!! Actually would rate it as one of the best biographies I have read in a long time!!

Very honest and heartfelt. I highly recommend this book...you won't be disappointed! A lot about Elvis and I love how she writes honestly.

I absolutely loved this book! I have always thought Linda was such a beautiful & talented woman, so this was such an interesting read for me! I couldn't put it down once I started to read it. What a wonderful & adventurous life she's had! Thank you, Linda for sharing your story! Beautifully wrote!

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