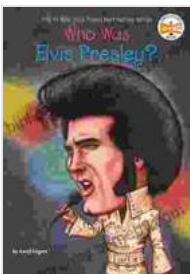


Who Was Elvis Presley? The King of Rock 'n' Roll

Elvis Presley was an American singer and actor who is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in popular culture. He is often referred to as the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" or simply "The King". Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935. His family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, when he was 13 years old. Presley began his singing career in 1954, and he quickly rose to fame with his unique blend of country, blues, and rhythm and blues music. He had a string of hit songs in the 1950s and 1960s, including "Heartbreak Hotel", "Don't Be Cruel", and "Hound Dog". Presley also starred in several films, including Jailhouse Rock and Viva Las Vegas. He died in Memphis on August 16, 1977, at the age of 42.

Early life

Elvis Presley was born in a two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935. He was the son of Gladys Love Presley (née Smith) and Vernon Elvis Presley. His father was a sharecropper and his mother worked in a textile mill. Presley had a twin brother, Jesse Garon Presley, who was stillborn.



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Presley's family was poor, and they moved often. In 1948, they moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Presley attended Humes High School in Memphis, where he was a mediocre student. He was more interested in music, and he began singing and playing guitar at an early age.

Music career

In 1954, Presley signed with Sun Records, a small independent record label in Memphis. He released his first single, "That's All Right", in July 1954. The song was a hit, and it helped to launch Presley's career.

Presley's unique blend of country, blues, and rhythm and blues music quickly caught on with audiences, and he soon became one of the most popular singers in the world.

In 1956, Presley signed with RCA Victor, a major record label. He released a string of hit songs in the late 1950s and early 1960s, including "Heartbreak Hotel", "Don't Be Cruel", and "Hound Dog". Presley also starred in several films, including Jailhouse Rock and Viva Las Vegas.

Presley's career began to decline in the mid-1960s. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1958, and he served for two years in Germany. After his discharge, Presley returned to the United States, but he was unable to regain his former popularity. He continued to release albums and star in films, but his sales and box office numbers declined.

Personal life

Presley was married twice. He married Priscilla Beaulieu in 1967, and they had one child, Lisa Marie Presley. They divorced in 1973. Presley married Linda Thompson in 1977, but they divorced in 1979.

Presley was a controversial figure throughout his career. He was accused of being a drug addict and a womanizer. He was also criticized for his flamboyant lifestyle and his outspoken views on race and religion.

Death

Presley died on August 16, 1977, at the age of 42. He was found dead in his bathroom at his Graceland mansion in Memphis. The cause of death was a heart attack.

Presley's death sent shockwaves around the world. He was one of the most popular and influential figures in popular culture, and his death was a major loss for the music world. Presley is buried at Graceland, which is now a museum and tourist attraction.

Legacy

Elvis Presley is one of the most important figures in popular culture. He is credited with popularizing rock and roll music, and he is considered one of the most influential singers of all time. Presley's music has sold over 500 million copies worldwide, and he has been inducted into numerous music halls of fame.

Presley's legacy continues to live on today. His music is still popular, and he is still considered an icon of American culture. Presley's life and career have been the subject of numerous books, films, and television shows. He

is one of the most recognizable and influential figures in history, and his legacy will continue to inspire and entertain generations to come.

Frequently asked questions

1. When was Elvis Presley born?

Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935.

2. Where was Elvis Presley born?

Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

3. What was Elvis Presley's nickname?

Elvis Presley was nicknamed "The King of Rock 'n' Roll".

4. What was Elvis Presley's first hit song?

Elvis Presley's first hit song was "That's All Right".

5. How many hit songs did Elvis Presley have?

Elvis Presley had over 100 hit songs.

6. How many films did Elvis Presley star in?

Elvis Presley starred in 33 films.

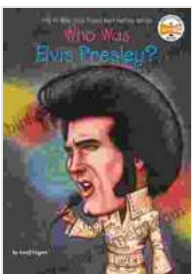
7. When did Elvis Presley die?

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8. Where is Elvis Presley buried?

Elvis Presley is buried at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee.

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