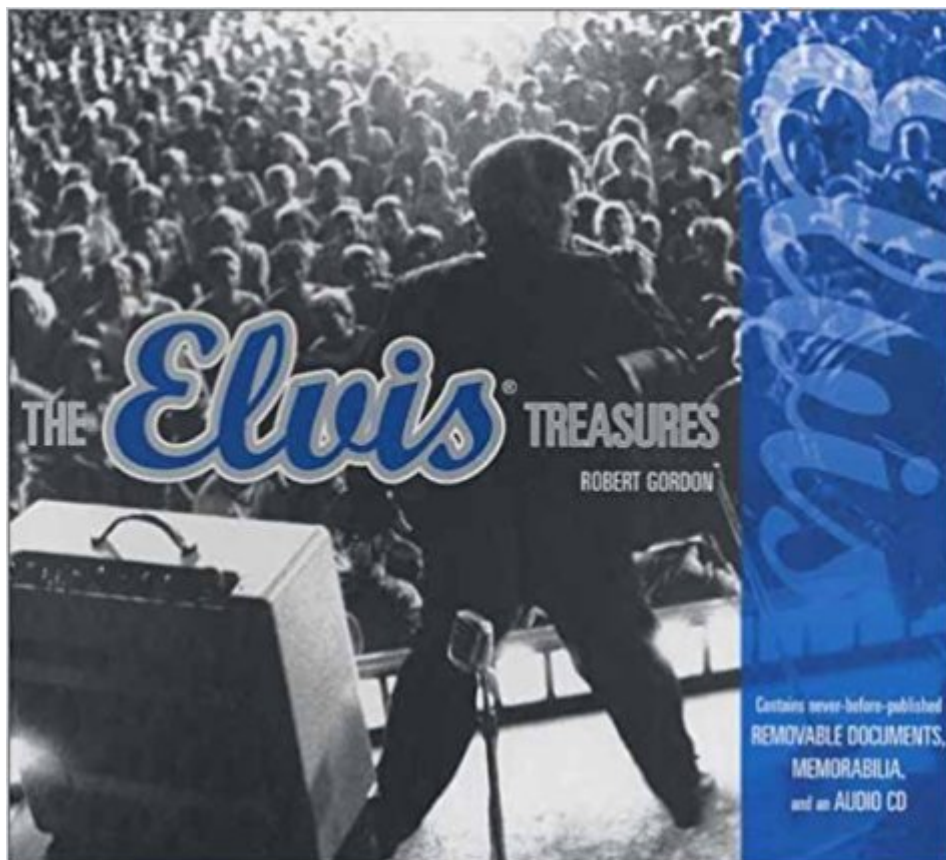


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Robert Gordon is the author *The King on the Road*, a narrative of Elvis' touring life, and he's currently working on a biography of Muddy Waters to be published by Little, Brown. As a filmmaker, Gordon directed the award-winning blues documentary *All Day and All Night*, featuring B.B. King and Rufus Thomas. The film aired nationally on PBS and was exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art. His music video work has appeared on MTV, BET, and CMT. He is a regular contributor to *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*. He lives in Memphis.

This isn't just a book it's a treasure trove of memorabilia you really get the sense of "being there". I have not fully read the book yet, and I am still giving it five stars. the Book is actually the icing on the cake you will love the neat items you'll find here, such as movie posters (small versions) fake wallet with cards such as social security/drivers license etc. you get replicas of correspondence from rca col. tom parker and also a handwritten letter elvis had written. Due to the age of the item and the fact it's a copy the writing is a bit hard to read, but still a remarkable item. there are ticket stubs (one is to the 68 comeback show simply called "Elvis"). It is just a wonderful book. I have several of these books with removable items. Starting with *Star Wars "The Jedi Path"* a mock training manual for jedi's in training it included little notes from "students" who had the book before, all well known characters in the canon. That one came in a great case that opened up and the book looked on and ragged like an old school book might. And since then I have found more of the same. there is a wizzard of oz book coming out that is in the same line of thinking, and a star trek and batman one. Well I am getting off topic, but I just wanted to say that these types of books are priceless not only do they add to the excitement of reading the book but they are well crafted replicas of memorabilia that really has the look and feel of the original, you almost feel when you are looking at some of the fake documents that Elvis might be along any moment to ask for them back. The cd that comes with

it is an compilation of interviews I believe it's the same if not the same then very close to the one that came with the Young Man with the Big Beat deluxe box set. Either way it's a nice addition to an already overloaded treasure trove. If you love Elvis and his music this will definitely take you back to a time when he reigned as king. While still a top earning dead celebrity (though he is on the list if they could include album sells (as the family does not own the rights to those songs) his net income would be astounding each year and this book is a great addition to his legacy. It really is a fun and enjoyable way to learn more about the man behind the mystique, behind the myth nestled somewhere between the Lord and a song. This book is aptly titled. If you are a fan this is a definite must have...that's just the plain and simple truth.

Frank Sinatra's family came out with what looked like an elaborate scrapbook a few years ago, with telegrams, handwritten letters, family photos and other ephemera reproduced so realistically it was really like looking at a private collection. I had never seen anything like it before."The Elvis Treasure" is obviously an attempt to do something similar but the book is not nearly as large or complete, and that was a big surprise to me since there is SO much material to draw from. This book could really have been something special, but perhaps the author did not have the cooperation of EPE that he needed. It's a mediocre book at best.

This book is great, I love all the removable items. I bought this for my grandmother who is Elvis's #1 fan and she loved being able to take the items out and look at them. Now that she has passed, it was left for me. It really is a treasure.

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