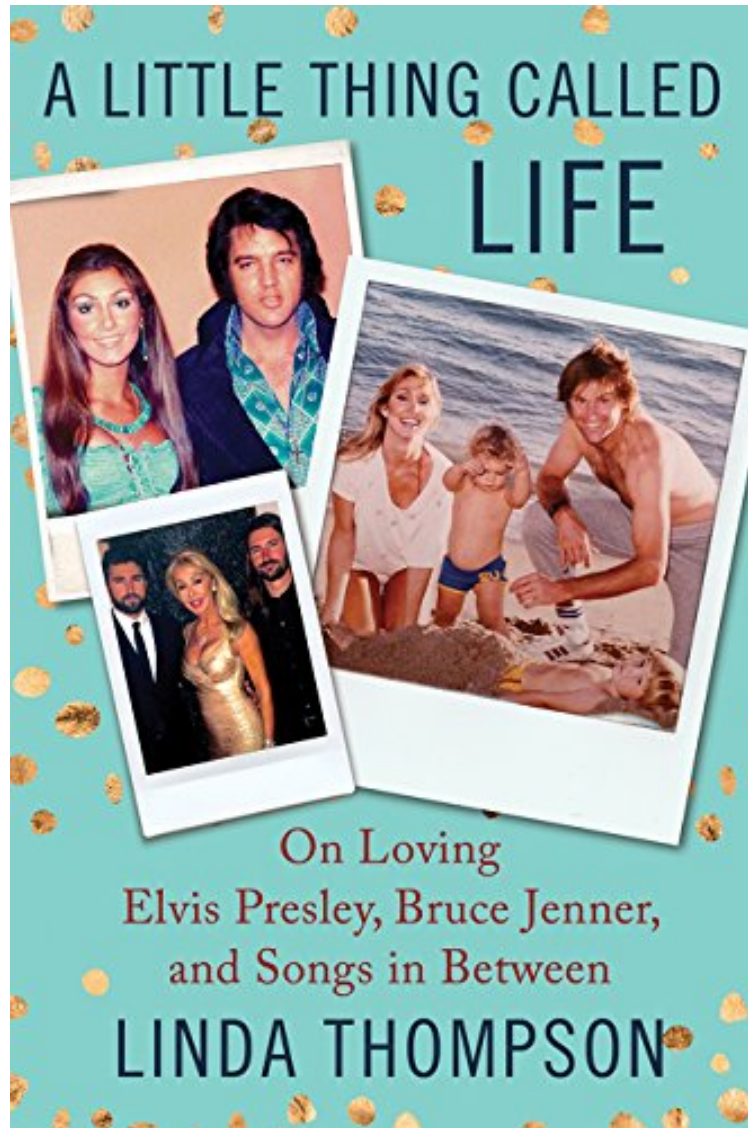


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EndingBy Buck WinthropTo many people, Linda Thompson has been known for many years in music circles for her talented career as a lyricist. As a die-hard Whitney Houston fan, "I Have Nothing" one of the pop superstar's most iconic hits was written by 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. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting and heart wrenching. By Linda E. Kinkade Thanks Linda for sharing this book with us! I loved every word of it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A GOOD READ. By Steven Goetz I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the authors relationships with three very different and very needy men. What an interesting life. Highly recommended.

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 apparently 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 19 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 16 pages of photographs, *A Little Thing Called Life* lovingly recounts Linda's incredible journey through the years, bringing unparalleled insight into three legendary figures.

Courageous and passionate enough to always embrace change, Linda has infused her life, love, and creativity with spirituality and a truly open heart. (Jane Seymour, actress) Linda and Elvis sitting in bed doing [Monty] Python sketches in shrill middle-aged women's voices was something I found hard to believe. I love this woman. You will too. (Eric Idle, comedian) Linda has led an extraordinary life filled with both blessings and challenges, but she has met them both with grace and kindness. (Roma Downey, actress) From Graceland's Jungle Room to the beaches of Malibu, my dear friend Linda shares her incredibly interesting and emotional journey, where she never once lost her sense of humor or maiden name. (Kevin Nealon, comedian) Once in a while a memoir comes along that will change your life.

This is not that book, but it is a fascinating inside look at pop-culture history from the nicest, most beautiful woman in the world. (Jon Lovitz, comedian) Linda Thompson has had quite a life, and she's quite a woman. She is sweet, gentle, articulate, and loving. She's glamorous, so fun-and she's a mom. As her song says, this is all a little thing called life but her life was no little thing. (Tony Danza, actor) A funny thing happened on the way to Linda's life, namely Elvis, Bruce/Caitlyn, David Foster, and a rock star son. I was mesmerized by the front row seat behind the curtain. A must-read! (Sela Ward, actress) Linda is loving, full of spirit, and always makes you feel as if you are the most important person in the room. (Tim Allen, comedian) Words are the voice of the heart, and with Linda's Southern grace, she speaks with the tenderness, strength, and resilience of a true Steel Magnolia. (Billy Ray Cyrus, musician) What amazes me about Linda goes far beyond her ridiculous talents for writing lyrics; it is that amidst the interesting and seemingly overwhelming and unique life she's led, she has remained the same beautiful human being she has always been. (Brooke Shields, actress) From the Back Cover 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. About the Author Linda Thompson has been nominated for an Academy Award, a Grammy Award, and won an Emmy Award for writing some of the most recognized songs of a generation. She starred on the long-running hit television series *Hee Haw* for fifteen years, as well as the reality show *Princes of Malibu* with her sons, Brandon and Brody Jenner. She lives in Malibu, California.