

ROOTS OF ELVIS

A search for the origins of Elvis's music

When David Neale was a small boy in Wales, the only cowboy-suit he had was an old hand-me-down. Then he saw Elvis in his red-and-white "Teddy Bear" cowboy outfit in *Loving You* and he became a fan immediately.

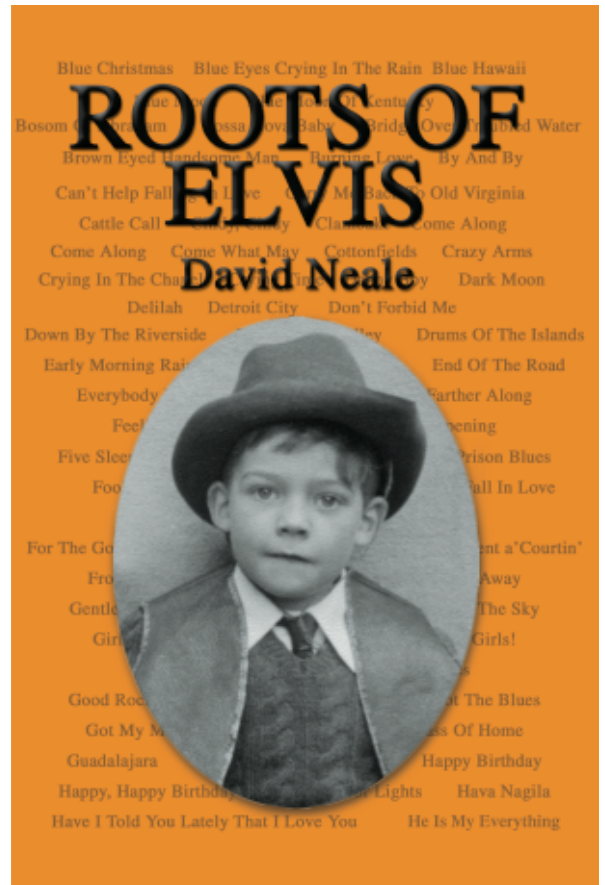
Roots Of Elvis is really not about David at all, however. Instead, it investigates the origins of Elvis's recordings, listing over 450 titles that were recorded by someone else before Elvis made his own version.

"An Elvis collector's must-have!" (Bill Burk, *Elvis World*, and author of the "Early Elvis" books.)

Readers will be surprised at the range of musical heritage, including gospel, folk, rock, r&b, and even classical. Elvis was not kidding when he sang that "There ain't nothing wrong with long-haired music, like Brahms, Beethoven and Bach" — they all appear in the book!

Some songs listed date back centuries, some are relatively new, but in each case, the artist that originally recorded the song and when this was done is indicated.

"Boy, you have done some great research — have never seen another books like it! ... Great, great book, well put together in every way — a book everybody should understand has a lot of research behind it, not a book written in a weekend, as some books are." (Stein Erik Skar, author of "Elvis, The Concert Years 1969 -- 1977.")



Accompanying each title is also a short text, providing background information about some aspect of the number: the songwriter or -writers, the original recording artist, the song itself, or about Elvis's own version.

"This book IS A MUST for fans who are truly into Elvis Presley's music and want to know where his musical roots came from." (Paul Dowling, *Worldwide Elvis*.)

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