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Elvis: One Night with You

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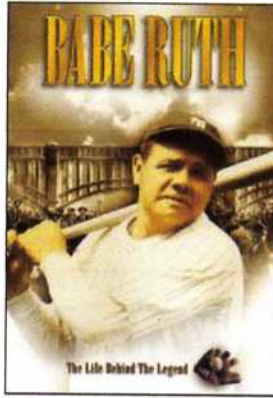
Plot Synopsis

by Dan Harvey

This video is notable for two reasons. For one, it offers viewers a chance to see **Elvis Presley** performing in an unaccustomed setting while employing an uncharacteristic format. For another, it provides a look at Elvis at a pivotal point in his career. Filmed in a studio before a small audience, the relaxed set finds Elvis sitting in a cozy circle with old friends and band members, performing acoustic versions of some of his most famous songs. Parts of the performance were originally aired on network television, as a segment of the *Elvis: '68 Comeback Special*. The video includes the entire performance -- muffed lyrics, musical mistakes, and all. Joining Elvis are **Scotty Moore**, **D.J. Fontana**, **Alan Fortas**, and **Charlie Hodge**. The relaxed ambience is a stark contrast to the later, gaudy stage shows, and it allows Elvis and friends to share memories and indulge in self-deprecating humor. Dressed in the famous black leather outfit he wore only once, Elvis runs through a song list that includes "Heartbreak Hotel," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Are You Lonesome Tonight," "That's All Right," and "Lawdy Miss Clawdy." The video also represents a significant archival find -- the footage not used on the 1968 TV special was long thought to have been lost. But it was later found and restored, shown on HBO, and subsequently made available on video.

Babe Ruth: The Life Behind the Legend

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As its title implies, this video attempts to go beyond the public persona of one of major league baseball's greatest stars. Accepting Ruth as a larger-than-life figure, this 59-minute video doesn't attempt to rationalize, apologize, or analyze his behavior. Rather, it endeavors to present an unbiased account of the life of George Herman Ruth, contradictions and all. Here was an individual who was at once self-indulgent -- he reportedly had an enormous appetite for wine, women, song, as well as food -- and yet was capable of performing many charitable acts. Produced by HBO Studios in 1999, the video also examines Ruth's athletic career: the pitching prowess he demonstrated with the Boston Red Sox, the seemingly super-human batting skills he displayed during his greatest years with the New York Yankees, the 714 career home runs, and the years of decline. The video also places Ruth's career in a historical context, revealing him to be very much a man of his era -- the Roaring '20s.

Year	Run Time
1998	59 min

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