



Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer
A Middle Grade Novel by Leslie Gentile

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It's the summer of 1978 and most people think Elvis Presley has been dead for a year. But not eleven-year-old Truly Bateman – because she knows Elvis is alive and well and living in the Eagle Shores Trailer Park. Maybe no one ever thought to look for him on an Indigenous reserve on Vancouver Island.

It's a busy summer for Truly. Though her mother is less of a mother than she ought to be, and spends her time drinking and smoking and working her way through new boyfriends, Truly is determined to raise as much money for herself as she can through her lemonade stand ... and to prove that her cool new neighbour is the one and only King of Rock 'n' Roll. And when she can't find motherly support in her own home, she finds sanctuary with Andy El, the Salish woman who runs the trailer park.

Reviews

"Leslie Gentile has created a touching and vibrant novel. Her characters are well-crafted and realistically portrayed. ... *Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer* leaves readers with a memorable message about the power of empathy and kindness to change lives. Highly Recommended." 5/5 Stars – Myra Junyk, *CM Magazine*

The Author

Leslie Gentile is a singer/songwriter of Northern Salish, Tuscarora and Scottish heritage. She performs with her children in The Leslie Gentile Band, and with one of her sisters in The Half White Band. Gentile currently lives on Vancouver Island with her husband. *Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer* is her first novel.



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