



## Elvis Is Dead and I Dont Feel So Good Myself

By Lewis Grizzard

NewSouth Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 224 pages. Dimensions: 6.8in. x 3.9in. x 1.0in. The 1950s were simple times to grow up. For Lewis Grizzard and his buddies, gallivanting meant hanging out at the local store, eating Zagnut candy bars, and drinking Big Orange bellywashers. About the worst thing a kid ever did was smoke rabbit tobacco, rolled in paper torn from a brown grocery sack, or maybe slick back his hair into a ducktail and try gyrating his hips like Elvis. Even as late as 1962, that world still made sense for boys like Grizzard, who was 16 and had his drivers license and a blond girlfriend. Elvis was still singing, Kennedy was still president, Sandy Koufax was still pitching, John Wayne was still the Duke, Arnold Palmer was still winning golf tournaments, and restaurants still served hand-cut French fries. But then assassinations, war, civil rights, free love, and drugs rocked the old order. And as they did, Grizzard frequently felt lost and confused. In place of Elvis, the Pied Piper of his generation, Grizzard now found wormy-looking, long-haired English kids who performed either half-naked or dressed like Zasu Pitts. And I thought Janis Joplin was Missouri's entry in...



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