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Graceland is a novel by Nigerian-American author Chris Abani, first published in 2004. It centers on a teenager named Elvis, who

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works as an impersonator of his famous namesake and who is trying to get out of the ghettos of Lagos, Nigeria.

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Graceland is aptly named considering its subject. Elvis Oke is named after Elvis Presley, whom he frequently impersonates in order to earn spare change. Raised by a single mother, he faces the constant

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Biography. Abani was born in Afikpo, Nigeria. His father

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was Igbo, while his mother was of English descent. He published his first novel, *Masters of the Board*, in 1985 at the age of 16. It was a political thriller, the plot of which was an allegory based on a coup

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that was carried out in Nigeria just before it was written.

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Chris Abani's Graceland is set in late twentieth century Lagos, Nigeria.

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Elvis Oke lives in one of the most notorious and squalid ghettos of Lagos, he makes a living as an impersonator of his namesake, Elvis Presley. Graceland chronicles Oke's struggles in making it out

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of the Lagos ghettos.

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daunting, no challenge he fears. Aside from that, he's stunningly prolific and writes like an angel. If you want to get at the molten heart of contemporary fiction, Abani is the starting point."

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~~Home — Chris Abani~~

Chris Abani was born in Nigeria. At age sixteen he published his first novel, for which he suffered severe political persecution. He went into exile in 1991, and

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has since lived in England and the United States. His book *Daphne's Lot* is a collection of poetry for which he won a 2003 Lannan Literary Fellowship.

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GraceLand (2004) is Chris Abani's second novel. Born in Nigeria, Abani published several works as a young man for which he suffered severe political persecution, more than once being sent to

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pop and traditional cultures, art and crime. It's a perennial book-club pick, a story that brings the postcolonial African experience to vivid life.

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Nigerian-born poet and first-
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By switching between
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and sprinkling in some
gritty scenes (child rape)
and colorful detail (quoting
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builds a compelling narrative through the first half Graceland, like the beginning of a roller coaster ride clacking you to the top of the first big hill.

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