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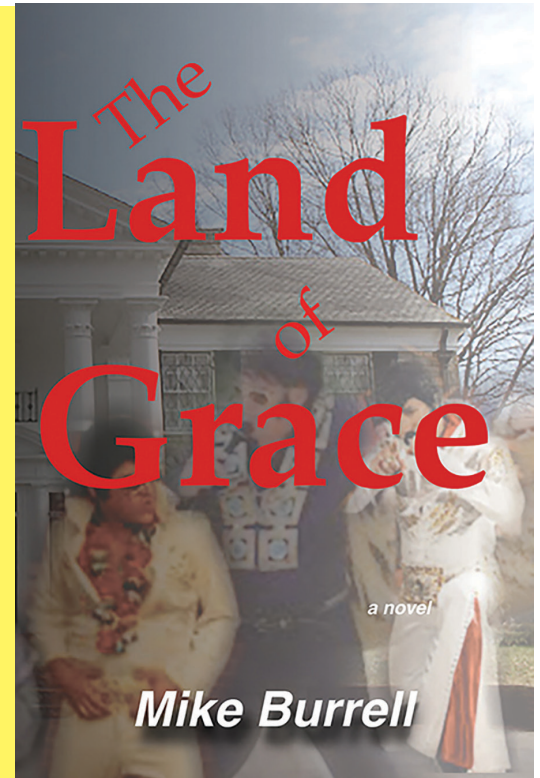
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Alabama Author Mike Burrell takes readers on a wild roller coaster ride through the land of an insane Elvis cult.

Livingston, Alabama – Just in time for Elvis month (August) and the 50th anniversary of the King’s ’68 Comeback TV Special, Livingston Press releases *The Land of Grace*.

When a beautiful young woman takes Elvis impersonator Doyle Brisendine to a replica of Graceland, he first thinks he’s landed in some kind of amusement park staffed with actors playing characters from Elvis’ life, including some of Elvis’s relatives, the Memphis Mafia, and an impersonator who looks like Elvis in his last days. But Doyle quickly learns that he’s in the midst of a zealous cult built around the worship of the King, led by a ruthless high priestess called Mama. Since childhood, Doyle has secretly dreamed of being Elvis. Soon he’ll have to decide if he’s willing to pay a very high price to become the King of Rock and Roll.

Pinckney Benedict, author of *Miracle Boy*, *Town Smokes*, and *Dogs of God*, a New York Times Notable Book, calls *The Land of Grace* “a terrific comic novel, a kind of *Confederacy of Dunces* for the Elvis crowd. Beneath the pompadour and the flashy jumpsuits and the great good humor of its prose, there’s remarkably serious commentary here.” Naeem Murr, author of *A Perfect Man* and winner of The Commonwealth Writers’ Prize says, “It’s almost impossible to put down this...impressive and compulsively readable novel.” *Kirkus Reviews* says, “Overall, the book artfully asks probing questions about the basic human need for mythology of whatever kind and about the point at which the tensile cord of innocent fascination snaps. An intoxicating tale that’s simultaneously gaudy and exquisite.”

Mike Burrell is a native of DeKalb County, Alabama and a graduate of Jacksonville State University. He received an MFA from Queens University of Charlotte. His short fiction has appeared in: *Still: The Journal*; *Southern Humanities Review*; *The MacGuffin*; and the Livingston Press anthology, *Climbing Mt. Cheaha: Emerging Alabama Writers*.

For more information about *The Land of Grace*, to inquire about a review copy, or to schedule an interview, please contact Mike Burrell at mwburrell@charter.net or 205-979-9079.