

**"Another Song About the King"**  
Kathryn Stern (Random House,  
\$23.95)



Now comes a novel in which its lynchpin character, Simone, shares some time alone with Elvis, after which he walks out the door, never to return: It's an experience Simone never gets past, and it colors not just the remainder of her life, but the lives of those around her as well.

For obvious reasons, I looked forward to reading this novel with a healthy amount of anticipation. Unfortunately, I found it ultimately disappointing, mostly because I found Simone a diffi-

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At 4 p.m. Ryan will give a talk with a slide show exhibiting the old photographs and documents that inspired her fictionalized version of her family history. Copies of the book will be available for sale and autographing

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