

BEHIND *the* CANDELABRA

SCOTT THORSON

Read By Peter Berkrot

The Basis for the New Steven Soderbergh Film Starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon

In this unusually frank book, Scott Thorson, Liberace's longtime lover, tells all: the good, the bad, and the ugly truths about the legendary entertainer who went to outrageous extremes to prevent public knowledge of his homosexuality.

Liberace's unhappy childhood, dominated by a mother determined to force him into a concert career, serves as the prologue for a story that goes on to detail Liberace's early appearances in honky-tonks, his move to New York to seek fame, and, finally, his first booking in Las Vegas, where he was courted by the Mafia.

As Thorson attests, such successes provide a bright counterpoint to a darker tale of a man hungry for power and given to every excess. Liberace's credo—"too much of a good thing is *wonderful*"—is reflected here in his acquisition of new lovers, luxurious homes, a large collection of pornography, and a total of twenty-six house dogs. *Behind the Candelabra* above all explores the fundamentally tender love affair between Liberace and Thorson—whom Liberace sent to his plastic surgeon to have his face remodeled in Liberace's own image!

This fast-paced story ends with an intimate look at Liberace's final days as he lay dying of AIDS—and his deathbed reconciliation with Thorson.

Scott Thorson became famous for his relationship with and lawsuit against Liberace and his testimony against gangster Eddie Nash. He currently lives in New England. **Alex Thorleifson** is a freelance journalist. Her first book, *John Wayne: My Life with the Duke*, was written with Pilar Wayne.

A veteran of stage and screen, **Peter Berkrot's** career spans four decades, and his voice can be heard on television, radio, video games, and documentaries. His audiobooks include *Rez Life* by David Treuer, *Superman Is Jewish?* by Harry Brod, and *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers* by Robert M. Sapolsky.



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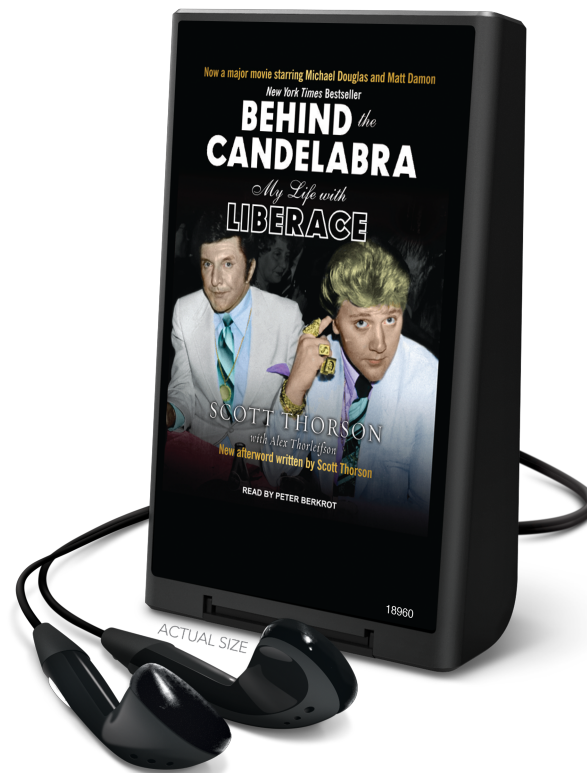
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