

King

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Mo Holkar — 29 May 2014, 13:12 · in reply to Daniel Otto Jack Petersen

Isaac Bashevis Singer, I would guess,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isaac_Bashevis_Singer

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At 12:45 29/05/2014, you wrote:

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Calling him Presley also seems quite complimentary, since Elvis wasn't called 'the king' for nothing.

I'm certain I've seen references to SK other than these two, but I haven't any with me at the moment so I can check.

And I think there may be another Singer, but I can't recall the name.

David Stockhoff — 29 May 2014, 13:44 · in reply to Piotr Szcz?сны

Now THAT"S how to name-check.

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DAVID STOCKHOFF — 29 May 2014, 18:06 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

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