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Taking America Back for God Feb 23 2020 Why do so many conservative Christians continue to support Donald Trump despite his many overt moral failings? Why do many Americans advocate so vehemently for xenophobic policies, such as a border wall with Mexico? Why do many Americans seem so unwilling to acknowledge the injustices that ethnic and racial minorities experience in the United States? Why do a sizeable proportion of Americans continue to oppose women's equality in the workplace and in the home? To answer these questions, Taking America Back for God points to the phenomenon of "Christian nationalism," the belief that the United States is—and should be—a Christian nation. Christian ideals and symbols have long played an important role in American public life, but Christian nationalism is about far more than whether the phrase "under God" belongs in the pledge of allegiance. At its heart, Christian nationalism demands that we must preserve a particular kind of social order, an order in which everyone—Christians and non-Christians, native-born and immigrants, whites and minorities, men and women—recognizes their "proper" place in society. The first comprehensive empirical analysis of Christian nationalism in the United States, Taking America Back for God illustrates the influence of Christian nationalism on today's most contentious social and political issues. Drawing on multiple sources of national survey data as well as in-depth interviews, Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry document how Christian nationalism shapes what Americans think about who they are as a people, what their future should look like, and how they should get there. Americans' stance toward Christian nationalism provides powerful insight into what they think about immigration, Islam, gun control, police shootings, atheists, gender roles, and many other political issues—very much including who they want in the White House. Taking America Back for God is a guide to one of the most important—and least understood—forces shaping American politics.

Jesus Freak Mar 26 2020 The matching folio to this Contemporary Christian band's crossover album. Songs include: Between You and Me * Jesus Freak * In the Light * Colored People * more. Includes great photos of the band.

Fortney Road Feb 17 2022 Fortney Road is a disturbing account of calculated mental, physical, and sexual abuse in an evangelical Christian cult. Drawing on seven years of research including interviews with seventeen survivors, it tells the story of the rise and fall of the Church of the Risen Christ, its sadistic leader the Reverend Larry Hill, and its outreach tool The All Saved Freak Band, one of the earliest religious rock groups born out of the Jesus Movement. Unfolding against the backdrop of the 1960s and early '70s, Fortney Road is also the story of one brilliant musician who managed to avoid the fates of Hendrix and Joplin only to fall victim to a charismatic, cruel zealot. While other cult leaders such as David Koresh and Jim Jones have become infamous, Larry Hill and his followers on Fortney Road have flown largely under the radar—until now. Illustrated with over 50 photographs and images.

The Treatise on Religious Affections Jul 30 2020

[Early Christian Books in Egypt](#) Aug 11 2021 For the past hundred years, much has been written about the early editions of Christian texts discovered in the region that was once Roman Egypt. Scholars have cited these papyrus manuscripts—containing the Bible and other Christian works—as evidence of Christianity's presence in that historic area during the first three centuries AD. In *Early Christian Books in Egypt*, distinguished papyrologist Roger Bagnall shows that a great deal of this discussion and scholarship has been misdirected, biased, and at odds with the realities of the ancient world. Providing a detailed picture of the social, economic, and intellectual climate in which these manuscripts were written and circulated, he reveals that the number of Christian books from this period is likely fewer than previously believed. Bagnall explains why papyrus manuscripts have routinely been dated too early, how the role of Christians in the history of the codex has been misrepresented, and how the place of books in ancient society has been misunderstood. The author offers a realistic reappraisal of the number of Christians in Egypt during early Christianity, and provides a thorough picture of the economics of book production during the period in order to determine the number of Christian papyri likely to have existed. Supporting a more conservative approach to dating surviving papyri, Bagnall examines the dramatic consequences of these findings for the historical understanding of the Christian church in Egypt.

Jesus Freaks: Revolutionaries Mar 18 2022 "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." Jesus / Mark 8:34-35 nlt Stand for what you believe in.

Desiring God Sep 19 2019 Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

Jesus Freaks Sep 24 2022 Approximately 100,000 Christians are martyred every year—more than in the days of the Roman Empire—and their stories must be told. In this revised and updated edition of the classic book, you will discover poignant stories of modern and historic martyrs who have made the ultimate sacrifice to follow Jesus, and the inspiration to give your all for the Lord.

[When Faith Is Forbidden](#) Jan 24 2020 Journey alongside Persecuted Christians Take a 40-day journey to meet brothers and sisters who share in the sufferings of Christ. When Faith Is Forbidden takes you to meet a Chinese Christian woman who called six months in prison "a wonderful time," an Iraqi pastor and his wife just eight days after assassins' bullets ripped into his flesh, and others from our spiritual family who've suffered greatly for wearing the name of Christ. Each stop on this 40-day journey includes inspiration and encouragement through the story of a persecuted believer. You'll also find space for reflection and a suggested prayer as you grow to understand the realities of living under persecution—and learn from the examples of the bold believers you'll meet. For more than 20 years, Todd Nettleton (host of *The Voice of the Martyrs* Radio) has traveled the world to interview hundreds of Christians who've been persecuted for the name of Christ. Now he opens his memory bank—and even his personal journals—to take you along to meet bold believers who will inspire you to a deeper walk with Christ.

[Jesusfreak](#) Jun 21 2022 The year is 26 C.E. A young Nazarean carpenter is having some trouble adjusting to the violent world around him and finding his place within it. He knows he's different, but he doesn't know why. Not yet, anyway. A bloody, two-fisted tale of historical heroic fiction brought to you by JOE CASEY (SEX, BUTCHER BAKER, THE RIGHTEOUS MAKER, MCMLXXV) and BENJAMIN MARRA (Night Business, Terror Assaulter: O.M.W.O.T.).

Jesus Rocks the World May 08 2021 This book tells the story of contemporary Christian music over the course of more than half a century—a parallel music universe that the average person knows little about, but whose worldwide impact cannot be overemphasized. "Contemporary Christian music"—commonly referred to by the acronym "CCM"—is a catchall term that describes a wide range of types of music, encompassing work produced in the late 1960s to the 21st century, and incorporating rock and folk music influences. Contemporary Christian music enjoys widespread popularity, despite being unfamiliar to many modern music listeners; in recent years, sales of CCM have exceeded other more mainstream categories like jazz, Latin, and classical. Christian theology has had a tremendous impact and influence on world civilization in the 20th and 21st centuries, and music has often acted as a catalyst in the evolution of the culture and religious thought of Western civilization. Similarly, contemporary Christian music has shaped other seemingly unrelated forums of modern music, and thereby influenced our society at large. *Jesus Rocks the World: The Definitive History of Contemporary Christian Music* is organized chronologically, beginning in the 1960s and concluding with present-day developments in CCM. The core of the book is formed around the author's 40 years of direct experience with CCM, condensed into cultural and musical histories that explore every aspect of the genre, including the key artists, CCM-specific record companies, epic concerts and unforgettable festivals, groundbreaking albums, and its underlying philosophy and theology. Special attention is also paid to the intersection of contemporary Christian music with general market pop music, making mention of top artists such as Bob Dylan, Amy Grant, and U2 [Publisher description].

Color the Words of Jesus Oct 21 2019 2018 GIFT IDEAS COLORING BOOKS FOR GROWN-UPS CHRISTIAN Color the Words of Jesus is a beautifully curated collection of bible verses for Christians centered on the words of Jesus. This Christian coloring book for everyone lets you enjoy the relaxing act of coloring while also deepening your relationship with the Lord. This book is perfect for Christians of all ages and makes a wonderful gift for special Christians in your life. Each single-sided page features a scripture verse in beautiful calligraphy & lettering for meditation and inspiring designs for coloring. The back of each page is black to minimize any potential bleed-through. The back pages also feature calming patterns and the full length bible verses for each coloring page. Celebrate your Christianity by grabbing your colored pencils and spending some time with the Lord! Product Details: Premium matte-finish cover design Printed single-sided on bright white paper Perfect for all coloring mediums High quality 60# (90gsm) paper stock Large format 8.5"x11.0" (22x28cm) pages

Jesus Freaks: Sins of the Father Nov 14 2021 Intelligent, thought-provoking, heart-twisting. Andrea Randall proves once again that she is an eloquent writer and creator of characters who will stay with you long after you finish the book." ~Melissa Brown, author of *Wife Number Seven* Kennedy Sawyer is the valedictorian of her upper middle class, liberal high school. Roland Abbot is the charismatic, attractive televangelist from New Life Church with a dark past and an illegitimate child.

Ignoring the cautions of her mother and the confusion of her Ivy League-bound friends, Kennedy enrolls at the conservative Christian Carter University where her sights are set on Roland Abbot—her birth father. Kennedy's intentions are to learn more about her father than the Bible. However, roommates who are quick to evangelize to strangers, an RA who seems to be hiding something, and friends in the most unlikely places challenge everything she's ever held as true in the raging battle of us vs. them.

Mere Christianity Jan 16 2022 In the classic Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, Mere Christianity provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

Gray Sabbath Feb 05 2021 Formed in 1972, Jesus People USA is an evangelical Christian community that fundamentally transformed the American Christian music industry and the practice of American evangelicalism, which continues to evolve under its influence. In this fascinating ethnographic study, Shawn David Young replays not only the growth and influence of the group over the past three decades but also the left-leaning politics it developed that continue to serve as a catalyst for change. Jesus People USA established a still-thriving Christian commune in downtown Chicago and a ground-breaking music festival that redefined the American Christian rock industry. Rather than join "establishment" evangelicalism and participate in what would become the megachurch movement, this community adopted a modified socialism and embraced forms of activism commonly associated with the New Left. Today the ideological tolerance of Jesus People USA aligns them closer to liberalism than to the religious right, and Young studies the embodiment of this liminality and its challenge to mainstream evangelical belief. He suggests the survival of this group is linked to a growing disenchantment with the separation of public and private, individual and community, and finds echoes of this postmodern faith deep within the evangelical subculture.

Being Buddhist in a Christian World Oct 01 2020 Challenging Western notions of Buddhism as a self-effacing path to rebirth and enlightenment, Sharon Suh shows how first-generation Korean Americans at Sa Chal Temple in Los Angeles have applied Buddhist doctrines to the project of finding and knowing the self in everyday life. Buddhism, for these Buddhists, serves as a source of empowerment and as a wellspring of practical and spiritual relief from myriad everyday troubles. Painful life events and circumstances—psychological stresses, marital discord, adjustments to immigrant life, racial and religious minority status—prompt a turning toward religion in an effort to build self-esteem. The process of coming to find and know the self initiates a transformation that, far from taking future rebirths as its focus, enables the self to enact change in the present. Oral histories from twenty-five men and twenty-five women also offer unexpected insights into distinctly male and female forms of Buddhist worship. As a commentary on ethnicity, *Being Buddhist in a Christian World* challenges much of the existing literature in Asian American studies by placing religion at the center and illustrating its importance for shaping ethnic identity. Not only does Suh ask how Korean American identity might be grounded in religion, she goes on to examine the implications of this grounding when the religious tradition is considered to be socially marginal.

The Heavenly Man Dec 03 2020 "The Heavenly Man" tells the true story of Liu Zhenying, also known as Brother Yun, who, for the past 30 years, has committed himself to bringing the gospel of Christ to all of China. Imprisoned, tortured, and separated from his family for his beliefs, Brother Yun shares his story.

How to Be a Christian Aug 19 2019 From the revered teacher and bestselling author of such classic Christian works as *Mere Christianity* and *The Screwtape Letters* comes a collection that gathers the best of C. S. Lewis's practical advice on how to embody a Christian life. The most famous adherent and defender of Christianity in the twentieth century, C. S. Lewis has long influenced our perceptions and understanding of the faith. More than fifty years after his death, Lewis's arguments remain extraordinarily persuasive because they originate from his deep insights into the Christian life itself. Only an intellectual of such profound faith could form such cogent and compelling reasons for its truth. *How to Be a Christian* brings together the best of Lewis's insights on Christian practice and its expression in our daily lives.

Cultivated from his many essays, articles, and letters, as well as his classic works, this illuminating and thought-provoking collection provides practical wisdom and direction Christians can use to nurture their faith and become more devout disciples of Christ. By provoking readers to more carefully ponder their faith, *How to Be a Christian* can help readers forge a deeper understanding of their personal beliefs and what it means to be a Christian, and strengthen their profound relationship with God.

Offensive As Hell Apr 07 2021 Real-life stories of how ordinary people have sent pesky religion-pushers running, just by using wit, humor, and a bit of luck.

Jesus Freaks Oct 25 2022 You may think of martyrs as those who gave their lives for the faith in the early church. But today, Christians around the world continue to stand boldly for Christ despite ongoing persecution. These are their stories. - Pastor Han--Stabbed to death by North Korean agents for sharing the gospel with North Koreans in China · Jean-Pierre Werner and Rodé Groenewald--Killed in a Taliban attack on their home in Afghanistan · Fatima Al-Mutairi--Killed by her brother after becoming a Christian in Saudi Arabia · Habila--Survived being shot in the face by Boko Haram militants after refusing to renounce Christ Persecution has always accompanied followers of Jesus, who invited His followers to come and die. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. --Hebrews 11:36-38 Faithful Christians around the world are still suffering and dying for the name of Christ. Their stories inspire and encourage each of us to follow Christ, no matter the cost.

Christian Politics in Oceania Jun 28 2020 The phrase "Christian politics" evokes two meanings: political relations between denominations in one direction, and the contributions of Christian churches to debates about the governing of society. The contributors to this volume address Christian politics in both senses and argue that Christianity is always and inevitably political in the Pacific Islands. Drawing on ethnographic and historical research in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Fiji, the authors argue that Christianity and politics have redefined each other in much of Oceania in ways that make the two categories inseparable at any level of analysis. The individual chapters vividly illuminate the ways in which Christian politics operate across a wide scale, from interpersonal relations to national and global interconnections.

History of Christianity Apr 19 2022 First published in 1976, Paul Johnson's exceptional study of Christianity has been loved and widely hailed for its intensive research, writing, and magnitude—"a tour de force, one of the most ambitious surveys of the history of Christianity ever attempted and perhaps the most radical" (New York Review of Books). In a highly readable companion to books on faith and history, the scholar and author Johnson has illuminated the Christian world and its fascinating history in a way that no other has. Johnson takes off in the year AD 49 with his namesake the apostle Paul. Thus beginning an ambitious quest to paint the centuries since the founding of a little-known "Jesus Sect", *A History of Christianity* explores to a great degree the evolution of the Western world. With an unbiased and overall optimistic tone, Johnson traces the fantastic scope of the consequent sects of Christianity and the people who followed them. Information drawn from extensive and varied sources from around the world makes this history as credible as it is reliable. Invaluable understanding of the framework of modern Christianity—and its trials and tribulations throughout history—has never before been contained in such a captivating work.

"The Kingdom of God is Within You" Jun 09 2021 *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*, is a non-fiction book written by Leo Tolstoy. A philosophical treatise, the book was first published in Germany in 1894 after being banned in his home country of Russia. It is the culmination of thirty years of Tolstoy's thinking, and lays out a new organization for society based on a literal Christian interpretation. *The Kingdom of God is Within You* is a key text for Tolstoyan, nonviolent resistance, and Christian anarchist movements.

How Santa Got His Magic Jun 16 2019 *How Santa Got His Magic* is a 24 page fully illustrated book about a little boy named Nicholas. He snuck out one night to look at the stars and wondered upon the birth of Jesus. The following year, he remembered his birthday and gave Jesus a gift of an Evergreen Tree. Many years went by and every year Nicholas would leave Jesus a birthday gift. Finally it came to where Nicholas had no idea for a gift, so he asked Jesus what he wanted. Jesus replied "I have all, the best gift you can give is to those that are small." For all the children that have been good throughout the year is worthy of a gift in His honor. Nicholas tries for a year and can't keep up with all the good girls and boys, so once again he returns to The Lord. This time Jesus tells him just to BELIEVE in Him and he will always succeed. From then on, Nicholas was to be known as Santa Claus and is to keep the Christmas spirit alive.

Gay is OK! Aug 31 2020

Memoirs of a Jesus Freak Apr 26 2020 In *Memoirs of a Jesus Freak*, Kent Philpott tells of going to the hippies in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco in early 1967 and the unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders that was the Jesus People Movement. The 1967 Summer of Love gave way to the 1968 summer of hell, invaded by hard drugs and predators, and no one wore flowers in their hair anymore. Yet this was when the flames of the awakening burned most brightly. Perhaps the awakening's first convert was David Hoyt, fresh out of federal prison. Philpott ran with Hoyt out of a burning Hare Krishna Temple on Fredrick Street where Hoyt had been the chief devotee. The two then spent endless hours on the streets of the City, reaching out to youth who were in search of love, sex, enlightenment, and rock and roll. Satanic cults, TM, and Eastern religions, along with a renaissance of occult arts clashed harshly with the old time religion of Jesus Christ and the Bible. In the ensuing intense spiritual warfare, battles were won and lost, yet a form of Christianity took hold with a likeness to the primitive days of the first century Christian Church. New music and new evangelistic techniques invaded local churches, and everyone was talking about Jesus. Contents include 45 chapters, 36 biographies, and 66 photos - a primary source document for researchers on the Jesus People Movement, an American awakening from 1967 to 1972.

Jesus Freak Aug 23 2022 Jesus tells his followers to feed the hungry, heal the sick, raise the dead, but often we've tamed this calling. Sara Miles, a passionate, funny, undomesticated Christian, tells what happened when she decided to follow Jesus into the messy diversity of human life and do exactly what he asked.

How Jesus Became Christian Dec 23 2019 How the early Christians rewrote history, turning a Jewish teacher and messiah into a 'Christian' man-deity, bringing eternal life to all who believe We often forget the undeniable fact that Jesus was Jewish. He lived and died a Jew, teaching the religion of his forbears and living by the Torah. After his death there was a 'Jesus movement' led by Jesus' brother James in Jerusalem and a 'Christ movement' led by Paul (who never met Jesus) in the Diaspora. The Christ movement deliberately sought to replace and destroy the Jesus movement. The battles of the Jewish community against the Romans, and the chaos after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70, helped Paul and his party to seduce Jesus' followers away from the strictures of Judaism. Having killed off the historical Jesus, the new Christians turned the religion away from a traditional emphasis on behaviour into the most successful personality cult in recorded history.

Revelation Jul 10 2021 The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerical predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

God, Technology, and the Christian Life Jul 18 2019 "Articulates a true biblical theology of technology, weaving extensive biblical texts together with the history and

philosophy behind the major technological innovations of history"--

A Christian Field Guide to Technology for Engineers and Designers Nov 02 2020 Technology and its power are both old and new—as is the wisdom needed to envision, design, and use it well. In this field guide for Christians studying and working in technology, case studies, historical examples, and personal stories encourage readers to ask harder questions, aspire to more noble purposes, and live a life consistent with their faith as they engage with technology.

Lit! Oct 13 2021 I love to read. I hate to read. I don't have time to read. I only read Christian books. I'm not good at reading. There's too much to read. Chances are, you've thought or said one of these exact phrases before because reading is important and in many ways unavoidable. Learn how to better read, what to read, when to read, and why you should read with this helpful guide from accomplished reader Tony Reinke. Offered here is a theology for reading and practical suggestions for reading widely, reading well, and for making it all worthwhile.

Hearts of Fire Mar 06 2021 Eight women from eight very different backgrounds. Yet the struggles they each faced rang with eerie similarity. These courageous women from across the globe—Pakistan, India, Romania, Former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia—shared similar experiences of hardship, subjugation, and persecution, all because of their faith in Christ. Yet all of these women have emerged from adversity as leaders and heroines. The eight modern-day pilgrims featured in Hearts of Fire are the hidden jewels in the church universal. They are worthy role models of faith and passion, and women of every age will gain new strength and hope for their own times of crisis and trial as they read these inspiring stories. Each story concludes with thoughtful self-reflection questions for the reader.

The Idea of a Christian College Jan 04 2021 More than ten years after its publication in 1975, *The Idea of a Christian College* has become, in the prophetic words of Nicholas Wolterstorff, "a classic, a standard." Widely used by students, lay readers, teachers, and administrators, it provides a concise case for the Christian college and defines its distinctive mission and contribution. This revised edition is Holmes' response to the many professors and students who have read the work enthusiastically and urged the author to clarify certain ideas and to address further aspects of the overall subject. The author has extensively revised several chapters, has eliminated one-gender language, and has included two new chapters: "Liberal Arts as Career Preparation" and "The Marks of an Educated Person."--Back cover.

Letter to a Christian Nation Sep 12 2021 From the new afterword by the author: Humanity has had a long fascination with blood sacrifice. In fact, it has been by no means uncommon for a child to be born into this world only to be patiently and lovingly reared by religious maniacs, who believe that the best way to keep the sun on its course or to ensure a rich harvest is to lead him by tender hand into a field or to a mountaintop and bury, butcher, or burn him alive as offering to an invisible God. The notion that Jesus Christ died for our sins and that his death constitutes a successful propitiation of a "loving" God is a direct and undisguised inheritance of the superstitious bloodletting that has plagued bewildered people throughout history. . . .

The Christian Book of Why Dec 15 2021 A Lutheran minister concisely and straightforwardly answers more than five hundred questions relating to Christian belief and ritual. This is a must for pastors, students, teachers—anyone interested in understanding why Christians of all denominations live and worship as they do.

Now That I'm a Christian Nov 21 2019 How do we help our friends who have just become Christians or are young in the faith? In this concise and accessible book, Mike Patton unpacks the basics of the Christian faith, helping new believers think rightly about God and live fully for God as they begin their new life in Christ. In ten easy-to-read chapters, Patton introduces readers to the foundational teachings and life-giving practices of Christianity—from the doctrine of the Trinity to reading and understanding the Bible. Designed for individual use or small group discussion, this handbook on the Christian faith has the potential to become the go-to guide for new believers wanting to follow Jesus with their heads and their hands.

dc Talk's Jesus Freak May 20 2022 Late in the Reagan years, three young men at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University formed the Christian rap group dc Talk. The trio put out a series of records that quickly secured their place at the forefront of contemporary Christian music. But, with their fourth studio album *Jesus Freak* (1995), dc Talk staked a powerful claim on the worldly market of alternative music, becoming an evangelical group with secular selling power. This book sets out to study this mid-90s crossover phenomenon—a moment of cultural convergence between Christian and secular music and an era of particular political importance for American evangelicalism. Written by two queer scholars with evangelical pasts, *Jesus Freak* explores the importance of a multifarious album with complex ideas about race, sexuality, gender, and politics—an album where dc Talk wonders, "What will people do when they hear that I'm a Jesus freak?" and evangelical fans stake a claim for Christ-like coolness in a secular musical world.

Why Should the Devil Have All the Good Music? May 28 2020 The riveting, untold story of the "Father of Christian Rock" and the conflicts that launched a billion-dollar industry at the dawn of America's culture wars. In 1969, in Capitol Records' Hollywood studio, a blonde-haired troubadour named Larry Norman laid track for an album that would launch a new genre of music and one of the strangest, most interesting careers in modern rock. Having spent the bulk of the 1960s playing on bills with acts like the Who, Janis Joplin, and the Doors, Norman decided that he wanted to sing about the most countercultural subject of all: Jesus. Billboard called Norman "the most important songwriter since Paul Simon," and his music would go on to inspire members of bands as diverse as U2, The Pixies, Guns 'N Roses, and more. To a young generation of Christians who wanted a way to be different in the American cultural scene, Larry was a godsend—spinning songs about one's eternal soul as deftly as he did ones critiquing consumerism, middle-class values, and the Vietnam War. To the religious establishment, however, he was a thorn in the side; and to secular music fans, he was an enigma, constantly offering up Jesus to problems they didn't think were problems. Paul McCartney himself once told Larry, "You could be famous if you'd just drop the God stuff," a statement that would foreshadow Norman's ultimate demise. In *Why Should the Devil Have all the Good Music?*, Gregory Alan Thornbury draws on unparalleled access to Norman's personal papers and archives to narrate the conflicts that defined the singer's life, as he crisscrossed the developing fault lines between Evangelicals and mainstream American culture—friction that continues to this day. What emerges is a twisting, engrossing story about ambition, art, friendship, betrayal, and the turns one's life can take when you believe God is on your side.

Jesus Freaks Jul 22 2022 In the tradition of Jon Krakauer's *Under the Banner of Heaven*, Don Lattin's *Jesus Freaks* is the story of a shocking pilgrimage of revenge that left two people dead and shed new light on The Family International, one of the most controversial religious movements to emerge from the spiritual turmoil of the sixties and seventies. Some say The Family International—previously known as the Children of God—began with the best intentions. But their sexual and spiritual excesses soon forced them to go underground and follow a dark and dangerous path. Their charismatic leader, David "Moses" Berg, preached a radical critique of the piety and hypocrisy of mainstream Christianity. But Berg's message quickly devolved into its own web of lies. He lusted for power and unlimited access to female members of his flock—including young girls and teenagers—and became a drunken tyrant, setting up re-indoctrination camps around the world for rebellious teenagers under his control. Thousands of children raised in The Family would defect and try to live normal lives, but the prophet's heir apparent, Ricky "Davidito" Rodriguez, was unable to either bear the excesses of the cult or fit into normal society. Sexually and emotionally abused as a child, Ricky left the fold and began a crusade to destroy the only family he ever knew, including a plot to kill his own mother. Veteran journalist Don Lattin has written a powerful, engrossing book about this uniquely American tragedy. *Jesus Freaks* is a cautionary tale for those who fail to question the prophecies and proclamations of anyone who claims to speak for God.

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