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The Complete Heretics' Guide to Western Religion Book One: The Mormons The next time that squeaky clean pair of LDS elders comes knocking on your door, they're in for a surprise! Find out the secrets the Mormon Church would rather you didn't know (and for which they paid plenty of money to keep hushed up - unsuccessfully!) In this first book of The Complete Heretic's Guide to World Religion series, historian and award-winning atheist author Dave Fitzgerald takes us behind the Salt Lake Curtain for a glimpse at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and answers your questions: Where did this multi-billion dollar tax-exempt corporation come from? Did Joseph Smith really sleep with all those women? Are the Mormons going to take over the whole world, and if so, is there any way to stop them? But that's not all! Learn about the bizarre, oxymoronic world of Mormon Archeology and discover their strange beliefs, not just all the crazy stuff you already know, but all the truly twisted things you never even suspected - including the astounding shocking skeletons rattling around in the closet of the Mormon church hierarchy. Don't miss out on this fun, informative and painstakingly researched historical romp by the highly praised and award-winning author of Nailed: Ten Christian Myths That Show Jesus Never Existed At All. So when the missionaries show up on your doorstep, you'll have plenty to discuss with them... Later days, Saints! The Complete Heretic's Guide to Western Religion. Because Religion isn't just wrong. It's hilarious.

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James Christensen says

Awesome! Really the best book I've read on the subject.

Michael Tallman says

A very interesting account of an often misunderstood religion.

Marc Mims says

Well written, informative, and entertaining. This is the best and most complete discussion of Mormonism I've read. It lays bare and debunks the beliefs of this American religion. As a former Mormon, myself, I was surprised by how much I learned, here.

Highly recommended for anyone who wants to understand Mormons and their religion and for Mormons willing to fact check their own beliefs. Though most Mormons will find the treatment of their beliefs harsh and disrespectful---until the final chapter.

The final chapter is a gem. Fitzgerald provides a very empathetic view of what it is like to be a Mormon, and particularly a Mormon missionary. He gives solid advice on how to talk to Mormons about their religion without being offensive. I couldn't put this book down, and I'm glad I didn't, because the last chapter was a great way to end it.

Bruce Mcneely says

Exmormon here.

No long review. The book speaks for itself. I just wanted to thank Fitzgerald for writing it and putting so much good information in it. I have been out awhile. I was a convert at about 18, served a two year mission. Married in the Temple, the whole 9yards. Just has the book says, leaving was a process. Thankfully since I was a convert I didn't have a whole network of family to hold on to. I can really feel for those who do. To those readers I wish them the best. Trust your mind, hold on to a search for truth and you will find it.....eventually. Thanks again David.

Jeff Schwartz says

I find this an excellent book points out not only the explains the mythology, history, points out the fallacies

and the hypocrisy as well as the evil deeds of the LDS church but also goes on to very succinctly explain how to engage LDS followers without offending/alienating them. He points out that it is all too easy to point out the absurdities in the belief system rather than helping them learn for themselves.

Simon says

Once again Fitzgerald blends his talents for mixing well-thought-out analysis, exhaustive research, and incisive wit. This particular volume was made all the more enjoyable in that i helped in a small way with the research, and he felt it merited mention in his acknowledgements...

Gustavo Eulalio says

You don't know how gullible people can be until you get to know the history of the Mormon (LDS) church. You don't know how dangerous religion can be until you get to know the history of the Mormon church.

Jc says

A very thorough, and seemingly well researched, overview of the history, beliefs, politics, and affect on American history of the Mormon religion. I am hoping that Mr. Fitzgerald continues developing his "Complete Heretic's Guide to Western Religion" series -- there are so many other odd religious movements and cults that need this level of discussion.

Rachel says

I had trouble putting this down... All the while thinking of the catchy tune from South Park (Dumb dumb dumb dumb dumb!)

Seriously though, I found this book to be an informative and honest telling of Mormon history and I enjoyed it thoroughly! I'd recommend it to anyone curious about this peculiar little religion.

Kristen says

Very rarely do I read the same book twice even a good book but as soon as I finished this enthralling, informative, and crazy funny book I turned around and started reading it again the same day! I can't wait to read more from this author.

Jim Whitefield says

David Fitzgerald's style of writing is light, engaging and enthralling to read. His research is extensive, accurate, interestingly integrated into a compelling sequence, succinctly related and never ever boring.

As an exMormon (forty-three years a member) and author of five books in 'The Mormon Delusion' series, I know a thing or two about the truth behind the Mormon hoax. My final analysis of David Fitzgerald's 'The Mormons', is that it more than captures the most important aspects concerning the truth that any inquirer would ever need to know, in one simple fun-to-read volume. As I know a lot about Mormonism, I didn't really expect to learn anything new to me – but I was delighted that I actually did, and I loved reading every word.

Fitzgerald covers not just Mormon history, doctrine, schisms and insurmountable problems that apologists simply cannot rationalise, but also how some supposedly faithful members behave today. I was amazed to discover how many Mormons, including several Bishops, particularly in Utah, have been jailed or are awaiting trial for running massive investment scams or Ponzi schemes, defrauding hundreds of fellow Mormons out of hundreds of millions of dollars; and how the Church, most unusually, refunded hundreds of thousands of dollars paid in tithing by one perpetrator, presumably to assist in repaying duped investors. It seems the Mormon Church is not short of a few criminals – or plenty of gullible members. But that was just an interesting aside to all the factual evidence against Joseph Smith and his hoax.

I enjoyed the way Fitzgerald so eloquently covered each aspect in his work. It was a refreshing change to many other books on the subject of Mormonism – vibrant and entertaining from beginning to end.

My only criticism (if you could call it that) is that where Hebrew words are included, in the Kindle version, the letters just appear as a series of boxes rather than Hebrew text. I had this problem at first in my own books but it can be fixed, so hopefully an update will take care of this (minor) problem at some stage.

I know very little about other similar religions and eagerly anticipate promised further works by Fitzgerald in this series. If they are as well researched and the information is as reliable and interesting as in this book, we are in for some more real treats.

A resounding 'well done' from me – five star stuff! This book is a 'must read'.

(Although David Fitzgerald recommends my own books in his 'Select Bibliography' and 'Further Resources', this review is entirely unsolicited and provided out of sheer admiration for an excellent publication by a very talented author.)

Jim Whitefield – author of 'The Mormon Delusion' series. See: www.themormondelusion.com

Destiny says

This book was a really well-researched example of Mormon history. As a Christian, there were several aspects I disagreed with - as the text leans toward a non-religious bias. Overall, the facts are able to speak for themselves and tell the story of a very misunderstood religious group.

Fitzgerald does a phenomenal job of clearing up popular misconceptions regarding the Mormon Church and backs up each statement with historical events that are indisputable. The writing is light, easy, and engaging,

making it difficult to put down - even from the perspective of a pretty hardcore raised Southern Baptist.

The writing and historical evidence is solid, the writing impressive, and leads to one hell of an interesting read! I would recommend this title to anyone looking for a good book on religious history, someone who is considering the Mormon religion, or someone looking further into organized religion.

Ken Smith says

Interesting read with plenty of additional reference material noted if one is interested in more detail of LDS history. Definitely no shortage of moments when you'll feel like you're in an SNL skit asking, "really?".

Melissa says

After reading this book I think I have learned as much as I wanted to know about the Mormons. Some parts were a bit depressing but other parts had me laughing out loud. David Fitzgerald has written another insightful read which I would recommend to anybody who wants to learn about Mormons.

Nicole Sawyer says

I think it was a entertaining book and an easy read.

It was for the most part well researched.

But I also thought it was very biased towards the negative aspects of the history.
