

Gospels Greatest Paperback

Narrative gospels -- Sayings gospels -- Infancy gospels -- Fragmentary gospels -- Jewish Christian gospels -- Orphan sayings and other stories.

A collection of excerpts from Dostoyevsky's writings, demonstrating his spiritual thoughts and grouped under such headings as "Man's Rebellion Against God" and "Life in God."

"I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people" (Luke 2:10). The word "gospel" means "good news"--and who couldn't use some good news these days? The first four books of the New Testament, called the Gospels, contain the very best news ever heard: the message of how you can have eternal life. Features: Introduction by Ray Comfort Why Christianity? Common Questions About the Christian Faith Principles for Growth Understanding the Biblical Gospel With commentary adapted from The Evidence Study Bible (a finalist for the Gold Medallion Book Award), this pocket-sized edition is designed to carry in your pocket or purse to give to an unsaved person. In addition to the eyewitness accounts of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth--the greatest Person who ever lived--skeptics can find answers to commonly asked questions such as: How do you know God exists? Who made God? Why do bad things happen? How do you know the Bible is true? How could a loving God create Hell, and more. With a thorough gospel presentation and suggestions for Christian growth, this publication will help readers to understand why the gospel is indeed the very best news ever and how to grow in their new faith.

Norman Mailer fused fact and fiction to create indelible portraits of such figures as Marilyn Monroe, Gary Gilmore, and Lee Harvey Oswald. In *The Gospel According to the Son*, Mailer reimagines, as no other modern author has, the key character of Western history. Here is Jesus Christ's story in his own words: the discovery of his divinity and the painful, powerful journey to accepting and expressing it, "as if I were a man enclosing another man within." In its brevity and piercing simplicity, it may be Mailer's most accessible, direct, and heartfelt work. Praise for *The Gospel According to the Son* "Quietly penetrating . . . [Norman Mailer's] gospel is written in a direct, rather relaxed English that yet has an eerie, neo-Biblical dignity."—John Updike, *The New Yorker* "A book of considerable intellectual force . . . The writer's powerful mind works in a specialized way, not by theological argumentation but by telling or retelling a story."—*The New York Review of Books* "Challenges readers on the religious right and the atheist left with equally rich interpretive tasks."—*The Dallas Morning News* "An informed and believable work of fiction . . . of what may have been going through the mind of Jesus during his epic ministry."—*San Francisco Chronicle* Praise for Norman Mailer "[Norman Mailer] loomed over American letters longer and larger than any other writer of his generation."—*The New York Times* "A writer of the greatest and most reckless talent."—*The New Yorker* "Mailer is indispensable, an American treasure."—*The Washington Post* "A devastatingly alive and original creative mind."—*Life* "Mailer is fierce, courageous, and reckless and nearly everything he writes has sections of headlong brilliance."—*The New York Review of Books* "The largest mind and imagination [in modern] American literature . . . Unlike just about every American writer since Henry James, Mailer has managed to grow and become richer in wisdom with each new book."—*Chicago Tribune* "Mailer is a master of his craft. His language carries you through the story like a leaf on a stream."—*The Cincinnati Post*

Winner of the ECPA Book of the Year Award for Christian Living What is your calling as a parent? In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything "right" and raise up "good" children, it's easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents in the quest for practical tips and guaranteed formulas. In this life-giving book, Paul Tripp offers parents much more than a to-do list. Instead, he presents us with a big-picture view of God's plan for us as parents. Outlining fourteen foundational principles centered on the gospel, he shows that we need more than the latest parenting strategy or list of techniques. Rather, we need the rescuing grace of God—grace that has the power to shape how we view everything we do as parents. Freed from the burden of trying to manufacture life-change in our children's hearts, we can embrace a grand perspective of parenting overflowing with vision, purpose, and joy.

(Fake Book). Since the 1970s, *The Real Book* has been the most popular book for gigging jazz musicians. Hal Leonard is proud to publish completely legal and legitimate editions of the original volumes, as well as many exciting new editions to carry on the tradition to new generations of players in all styles of music! All the Real Books feature: hundreds of time-tested songs in extremely accurate arrangements; the famous large, easy-to-read, hand-written notation with no page turns; general tempo indications to assist with set selection; songs indexed alphabetically, by key, and by tempo. 200 outstanding worship songs for worship leaders or anyone who loves Christian music: *Awesome God * Beautiful One * Days of Elijah Forever * Hosanna * In Christ Alone * More Precious Than Silver * None but Jesus * Revelation Song * Shine, Jesus, Shine * There I a Redeemer * We Fall Down * You Are My King (Amazing Love) * and more.*

God once declared everything in the world "very good." Can you imagine it? A Vision of Hope for a Broken World Shalom is what God declared. Shalom is what the Kingdom of God looks like. Shalom is when all people have enough. It's when families are healed. It's when churches, schools, and public policies protect human dignity. Shalom is when the image of God is recognized in every single human. Shalom is our calling as followers of Jesus's gospel. It is the vision God set forth in the Garden and the restoration God desires for every relationship. What can we do to bring shalom to our nations, our communities, and our souls? Through a careful exploration of biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis, Lisa Sharon Harper shows us what "very good" can look like today, even after the Fall. Because despite our anxious minds, despite division and threats of violence, God's vision remains: Wholeness for a hurting world. Peace for a fearful soul. Shalom.

One of the greatest crimes of this generation of Christians is its neglect of the gospel, and it is from this neglect that all our other maladies spring forth. Absent from too many pulpits are the essential themes which make up the very core of the gospel—the justice of God, the radical depravity of man, the blood atonement. In *The Gospel's Power and Message*, Paul Washer addresses these essential elements of Christ's good news and provides a guide to help us rediscover the gospel in all its beauty, scandal, and saving power. May such a rediscovery transform your life, strengthen your proclamation, and bring the greatest glory to God.

Reproduction of the original: *A Harmony of the Gospels For Students of the Life of Christ* by A.T Robertson

(Easy Piano Songbook). This easy piano collection includes 74 great gospel songs: *Amazing Grace * Blessed Assurance * Do Lord * Give Me That Old Time Religion * His Eye Is on the Sparrow * How Great Thou Art * I Saw the Light * I'll Fly Away * Just a Closer Walk with Thee * The Old Rugged Cross * Peace in the Valley * Precious Lord, Take My Hand * 'Til the Storm Passes By * Turn Your Radio On * When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder * Why Me? * Will the Circle Be Unbroken * and more.*

Historically, the church's ministry of grounding new believers in the essentials of the faith has been known as catechesis--systematic instruction in faith foundations, including what we believe, how we pray and worship, and how we conduct our lives. For most evangelicals today, however, this very idea is an alien concept. Packer and Parrett, concerned for the state of the church, seek to inspire a much needed evangelical course correction. This new book makes the case for a recovery of significant catechesis as a

nonnegotiable practice of churches, showing the practice to be complementary to, and of no less value than, Bible study, expository preaching, and other formational ministries, and urging evangelical churches to find room for this biblical ministry for the sake of their spiritual health and vitality.

(Fake Book). A beginning fake book for players new to "faking"! This great collection contains over 100 favorite gospel songs all in the key of C. Each song features lyrics and simplified chords that remain true to each original tune, with large, easy-to-read music notation. Includes: Amazing Grace * At Calvary * Because He Lives * Blessed Assurance * Church in the Wildwood * Do Lord * Give Me That Old Time Religion * He Touched Me * Higher Ground * His Eye Is on the Sparrow * His Name Is Wonderful * How Great Thou Art * I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy * I Saw the Light * I'll Fly Away * In the Garden * Just a Closer Walk with Thee * Mansion over the Hilltop * More Than Wonderful * The Old Rugged Cross * Precious Lord, Take My Hand * Precious Memories * Put Your Hand in the Hand * Rock of Ages * Shall We Gather at the River? * Sweet By and By * Turn Your Radio On * Upon This Rock * When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder * Whispering Hope * Will the Circle Be Unbroken * Wings of a Dove * and dozens more!

Previously published in hardcover as King's Cross The most influential man to ever walk the earth has had his story told in hundreds of different ways for thousands of years. Can any more be said? Now, Timothy Keller, New York Times bestselling author of The Prodigal Prophet and the man Newsweek called a "C. S. Lewis for the twenty-first century," unlocks new insights into the life of Jesus Christ as he explores how Jesus came as a king, but a king who had to bear the greatest burden anyone ever has. Jesus the King is Keller's revelatory look at the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark. In it, Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. It is an unforgettable look at Jesus Christ, and one that will leave an indelible imprint on every reader.

"Utterly fresh and innovative. . . . Thiessen summons his reader to nothing less than a radical reimagining of Christian origins."--Paula Fredriksen, Review of Biblical Literature Although most people acknowledge that Jesus was a first-century Jew, interpreters of the Gospels often present him as opposed to Jewish law and customs--especially when considering his numerous encounters with the ritually impure. Matthew Thiessen corrects this popular misconception by placing Jesus within the Judaism of his day. Thiessen demonstrates that the Gospel writers depict Jesus opposing ritual impurity itself, not the Jewish ritual purity system or the Jewish law. This fresh interpretation of significant passages from the Gospels shows that throughout his life, Jesus destroys forces of death and impurity while upholding the Jewish law.

Christopher Hitchens, described in the London Observer as "one of the most prolific, as well as brilliant, journalists of our time" takes on his biggest subject yet--the increasingly dangerous role of religion in the world. In the tradition of Bertrand Russell's Why I Am Not a Christian and Sam Harris's recent bestseller, The End Of Faith, Christopher Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion. With a close and erudite reading of the major religious texts, he documents the ways in which religion is a man-made wish, a cause of dangerous sexual repression, and a distortion of our origins in the cosmos. With eloquent clarity, Hitchens frames the argument for a more secular life based on science and reason, in which hell is replaced by the Hubble Telescope's awesome view of the universe, and Moses and the burning bush give way to the beauty and symmetry of the double helix.

The gospel provides for our eternal salvation, but how does it benefit us day to day? Find out from Navigator author Jerry Bridges how the gospel transforms you daily into Christlikeness. Learn more about the character of God and the character of Jesus as you explore this book on your own or with a discipleship partner. Includes study guide with discussion questions.

In A City Called Heaven, gospel announcer and music historian Robert Marovich shines a light on the humble origins of a majestic genre and its indispensable bond to the city where it found its voice: Chicago. Marovich follows gospel music from early hymns and camp meetings through the Great Migration that brought it to Chicago. In time, the music grew into the sanctified soundtrack of the city's mainline black Protestant churches. In addition to drawing on print media and ephemera, Marovich mines hours of interviews with nearly fifty artists, ministers, and historians--as well as discussions with relatives and friends of past gospel pioneers--to recover many forgotten singers, musicians, songwriters, and industry leaders. He also examines how a lack of economic opportunity bred an entrepreneurial spirit that fueled gospel music's rise to popularity and opened a gate to social mobility for a number of its practitioners. As Marovich shows, gospel music expressed a yearning for freedom from earthly pains, racial prejudice, and life's hardships. In the end, it proved to be a sound too mighty and too joyous for even church walls to hold.

Do Work That Matters Productivity isn't just about getting more things done. It's about getting the right things done--the things that count, make a difference, and move the world forward. In our current era of massive overload, this is harder than ever before. So how do you get more of the right things done without confusing mere activity for actual productivity? When we take God's purposes into account, a revolutionary insight emerges. Surprisingly, we see that the way to be productive is to put others first--to make the welfare of other people our motive and criteria in determining what to do (what's best next). As both the Scriptures and the best business thinkers show, generosity is the key to unlocking our productivity. It is also the key to finding meaning and fulfillment in our work. What's Best Next offers a practical approach for improving your productivity in all areas of life. It will help you better understand: • Why good works are not just rare and special things like going to Africa, but anything you do in faith even tying your shoes. • How to create a mission statement for your life that actually works. • How to delegate to people in a way that actually empowers them. • How to overcome time killers like procrastination, interruptions, and multitasking by turning them around and making them work for you. • How to process workflow efficiently and get your email inbox to zero every day. • How your work and life can transform the world socially, economically, and spiritually, and connect to God's global purposes. By anchoring your understanding of

productivity in God's purposes and plan, What's Best Next will give you a practical approach for increasing your effectiveness in everything you do.

From Africa through the spirituals, from minstrel music through jubilee, and from traditional to contemporary gospel, "People Get Ready!" provides, for the first time, an accessible overview of this musical genre.

"Based on the ESV Bible, this unique, illustrated Bible storybook uses 156 stories to present God's plan of salvation in Christ from its opening narrative in Genesis to its finale in Revelation."--Provided by publisher.

(Lillenas Publications). A great all-around collection for those who enjoy southern gospel music. Includes southern gospel classics and more recent favorites, arranged for the medium voice. Piano parts are comfortable yet satisfying, and fun to play, and the melody is always included in the piano part. Perfect for personal enjoyment, vocal solos, or piano performance! Large folio size. Contents: All Because of God's Amazing Grace * All in the Name of Jesus * At the Crossing * Champion of Love * Do You Know My Jesus? * Down on My Knees * God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It * Goodby, World, Goodby * He Is Here * He Knows Just What I Need * He Looked Beyond My Fault * He Will Pilot Me * Heaven for Me * Heavenly Love * His Grace Is Sufficient for Me * Holy Ground * How Long Has It Been? * I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary * I Bowed on My Knees and Cried, "Holy!" * I Won't Turn Back * I'll Fly Away * I'm Bound for the Kingdom * I'm Climbing Up the Mountain * I'm Feeling Fine * I've Been Changed * If You Believe * Jesus Holds the Keys * Learning to Lean * Led by the Master's Hand * Let Me Touch Him * Love Is Why * Restore My Soul * Stand Still and See His Glory * Sweet Beulah Land * Tears Are a Language * Ten Thousand Angels * The Eastern Gate * The Happy Jubilee * The King and I * The Longer I Serve Him * The Man on the Middle Cross * The Meeting in the Air * The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference * Then I Met the Master * 'Til the Storm Passes By * We Shall Behold Him * What a Day That Will Be * Where No One Stands Alone * Where the Spirit of the Lord Is * While Ages Roll.

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Songbook). An invaluable collection of 125 favorite hymns, including: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name * Battle Hymn of the Republic * Blessed Assurance * For the Beauty of the Earth * Holy, Holy, Holy * It Is Well with My Soul * Just as I Am * A Mighty Fortress Is Our God * The Old Rugged Cross * Onward Christian Soldiers * Rock of Ages * Sweet By and By * What a Friend We Have in Jesus * Wondrous Love * and more.

How does the church portray the beauty of Christ? The gospel is the greatest message of all time addressing the greatest need of all people. However, the good news about Jesus does more than just promise eternal life to all who believe. In the latest addition to the 9Marks: Building Healthy Churches series, pastor Ray Ortlund explains the gospel's power to transform individuals from the inside out and create beautiful human relationships. This short book helps readers experience the power of God as they are encouraged to trust in Christ and allow him to transform their beliefs, perspectives, and practices. For everyone who wants to be true to the Bible and honest with themselves, this book offers a practical guide to the fundamental teachings of the gospel and how they affect our relationships with others.

An analysis of the historical events surrounding Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address challenges popular myths while discussing how several of the president's remarks took on new meanings throughout subsequent decades. By the author of The Lincoln Enigma. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

(Fake Book). This excellent resource for Gospel titles features 449 songs, including: Amazing Grace * At the Cross * Because He Lives * Behold the Lamb * Blessed Assurance * Church in the Wildwood * The Day He Wore My Crown * Give Me That Old Time Religion * He Looked Beyond My Fault * He Touched Me * Heavenly Sunlight * His Eye Is on the Sparrow * Holy Ground * How Great Thou Art * I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy * I Saw the Light * I'd Rather Have Jesus * In the Garden * Joshua (Fit the Battle of Jericho) * Just a Little Talk with Jesus * Lord, I'm Coming Home * Midnight Cry * Morning Has Broken * My Tribute * Near the Cross * The Old Rugged Cross * Precious Memories * Rock of Ages * Shall We Gather at the River? * There Is Power in the Blood * We Shall Wear a Crown * What a Friend We Have in Jesus * and hundreds more!

Skelton leads the reader through fast-paced discussions of such striking phenomena as the influence of Christ's life on superheroes, and the similarities between the devil and comic book protagonists.

(Paperback Songs). An outstanding collection of 120 timeless gospel classics, all in one convenient paperback! Includes: Amazing Grace * Because He Lives * Get All Excited * He Touched Me * Higher Ground * His Eye Is on the Sparrow * How Great Thou Art * I Saw the Light * Mansion over the Hilltop * My Tribute * Rise Again * Soon and Very Soon * Turn Your Radio On * Unclouded Day * Victory in Jesus * We Shall Behold Him * When the Roll Is Called up Yonder * more! Includes a section of guitar chord diagrams.

The Gospels Today discusses and challenges popular interpretations of familiar gospel texts and themes and quickly presents overviews of important controversies and debates. Does it matter whether Jesus was born in Bethlehem, or that he is understood as a prophet? What do the expressions "Son of Man" and "Son of God" really mean? Is there more to Jesus' words about the Bread of Life than meets the eye? How differently might we understand the stilling of the storm if we considered it as having to do with ancient near eastern creation myths rather than an account of a miracle? Throughout, we are invited by Need to join scholars in the stimulating and constructive work of learning how to critique familiar interpretations of the Bible.

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, Cold-Case Christianity examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a "cold case": it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In Cold-Case Christianity, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, Cold-Case Christianity inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

Restores to the forefront of the Christian tradition the importance of the divine feminine • The first complete English-language translation of the original Coptic Gospel of Mary, with line-by-line commentary • Reveals the eminence of the divine feminine in Christian thought • Offers a new perspective on the life of one of the most controversial figures in the Western spiritual tradition Perhaps no figure in biblical scholarship has been the subject of more controversy and debate than Mary Magdalene. Also known as Miriam of Magdala, Mary Magdalene was considered by the apostle John to be the founder of

Christianity because she was the first witness to the Resurrection. In most theological studies she has been depicted as a reformed prostitute, the redeemed sinner who exemplifies Christ's mercy. Today's reader can ponder her role in the gospels of Philip, Thomas, Peter, and Bartholomew--the collection of what have come to be known as the Gnostic gospels rejected by the early Christian church. Mary's own gospel is among these, but until now it has remained unknown to the public at large. Orthodox theologian Jean-Yves Leloup's translation of the Gospel of Mary from the Coptic and his thorough and profound commentary on this text are presented here for the first time in English. The gospel text and the spiritual exegesis of Leloup together reveal unique teachings that emphasize the eminence of the divine feminine and an abiding love of nature over the dualistic and ascetic interpretations of Christianity presented elsewhere. What emerges from this important source text and commentary is a renewal of the sacred feminine in the Western spiritual tradition and a new vision for Christian thought and faith throughout the world.

The first true gospel music encyclopedia, *Uncloudy Days* explores the artists who profoundly influenced early rock 'n' roll and soul music and provided inspiration for millions of the faithful."--BOOK JACKET. The *Very Best Story Ever Told* shares the essence of the Gospel story in a unique and creative way, from God's love for the world to Jesus' life to the Spirit surrounding us today. Each line of this rhyming story includes important words reinforced with American Sign Language signs to engage the whole child. All three ways of learning: visual, auditory and kinesthetic are fully engaged. Perfect for 3-5 year olds. *World's Greatest Gospel Songs* contains some of the most uplifting, powerful and emotionally charged songs of all time. Each piece has been carefully arranged with a very accessible approach and features: a vocal line for solo or group singing; an appropriately selected key to accommodate a comfortable vocal range; up to three verses of lyrics; first and second endings with a "turnaround" plus a final ending; guitar chords; dynamics; a piano accompaniment that is complete in itself for solo performance.

From the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author comes the gripping true story of a sensational religious forgery and the scandal that shook Harvard. In 2012, Dr. Karen King, a star religion professor at Harvard, announced a breathtaking discovery just steps from the Vatican: she'd found an ancient scrap of papyrus in which Jesus calls Mary Magdalene "my wife." The mysterious manuscript, which King provocatively titled "The Gospel of Jesus's Wife," had the power to topple the Roman Catholic Church. It threatened not just the all-male priesthood, but centuries of sacred teachings on marriage, sex, and women's leadership, much of it premised on the hallowed tradition of a celibate Jesus. Award-winning journalist Ariel Sabar covered King's announcement in Rome but left with a question that no one seemed able to answer: Where in the world did this history-making papyrus come from? Sabar's dogged sleuthing led from the halls of Harvard Divinity School to the former headquarters of the East German Stasi before landing on the trail of a Florida man with an unbelievable past. Could a motorcycle-riding pornographer with a fake Egyptology degree and a prophetess wife have set in motion one of the greatest hoaxes of the century? A propulsive tale laced with twists and trapdoors, *Veritas* is an exhilarating, globe-straddling detective story about an Ivy League historian and a college dropout—and how they worked together to pass off an audacious forgery as a long-lost piece of the Bible.

Compiles and categorizes all the statements of Jesus in the Bible.

Millions of church kids are growing up and deciding to leave the church. They listened attentively in Sunday school, made friends, and seemed committed. But one day, they quit. What happened? The Bible says we love God because he first loved us. So if we are not primarily teaching our kids about God's love for us in Christ, we may miss our opportunity to capture their hearts. But what does it look like to teach a gospel-centered lesson? *Show Them Jesus* is an instruction manual for teachers of kids and teens written by a lay Bible teacher with 30 years' experience. With a simple framework and lots of real-life examples, Klumpenhower's book helps teachers to identify and communicate the heart of the gospel to each child in each lesson. Conventional wisdom says, "Make class more fun!" Or just, "Make it easier!" But *Show Them Jesus* challenges the culture of low-stakes, low-expectations teaching and invites teachers to do nothing less than teach and treasure the good news of Jesus in every lesson. *Show Them Jesus's* how-to approach will complement and enrich existing lessons or teaching materials and is appropriate for teachers of children and teens in any setting.

This textbook on how to read the Gospels well can stand on its own as a guide to reading this New Testament genre as Scripture. It is also ideally suited to serve as a supplemental text to more conventional textbooks that discuss each Gospel systematically. Most textbooks tend to introduce students to historical-critical concerns but may be less adequate for showing how the Gospel narratives, read as Scripture within the canonical framework of the entire New Testament and the whole Bible, yield material for theological reflection and moral edification. Pennington neither dismisses nor duplicates the results of current historical-critical work on the Gospels as historical sources. Rather, he offers critically aware and hermeneutically intelligent instruction in reading the Gospels in order to hear their witness to Christ in a way that supports Christian application and proclamation.

Even in churches and movements founded on the truths of the Bible, man-centered approaches have often quickly eclipsed the simple power of the Gospel. The result is spiritual infertility and weariness in religion. The burnout and ineffectiveness of most evangelical churches is proof enough of the problem. J.D. Greear's new book, simply titled *Gospel*, cuts through the superficiality of religion and reacquaints readers with the revolutionary truth of the Gospel. If we can ever just grasp what the Gospel shows us about God, that will lead us from a life of self-involvement to one of joy, freedom, love, and radical generosity. We are freed from meaninglessness and selfishness by the beautiful truth about Jesus. Most effectively, Greear anchors the mission and theology within the writing here with a disciplined daily "gospel prayer" he wrote celebrating God's faithfulness, presence, love, and promise. It begins to give readers an applicable, exciting vision of how God might use them to bring His healing to this world.

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Songbook). This collection includes 54 gospel favorites arranged for piano and 4-part vocal in hymnal style. Features shape notes, and these songs: Bring Me Out of Desert * Broken Rose * Canaanland Is Just in Sight * Empty Vessel * God Bless the U.S.A. * Good Old Boys * He Speaks to Me * I Bowed on My Knees * I'm a Jesus Fan * Jericho * New Grace * Somebody Touched Me * Walking on the Water * more.

The birth of Jesus has been well chronicled, as have his glorious teachings, acts, and divine sacrifice after his thirtieth birthday. But no one knows about the early life of the Son of God, the missing years -- except Biff, the Messiah's best bud, who has been resurrected to tell the story in the divinely hilarious yet heartfelt work "reminiscent of Vonnegut and Douglas Adams" (Philadelphia Inquirer). Verily, the story Biff has to tell is a miraculous one, filled with remarkable journeys, magic, healings, kung fu, corpse reanimations, demons, and hot babes. Even the considerable wiles and devotion of the Savior's pal may not be enough to divert Joshua from his tragic destiny. But there's no one who loves Josh more -- except maybe "Maggie," Mary of

Magdala -- and Biff isn't about to let his extraordinary pal suffer and ascend without a fight.

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