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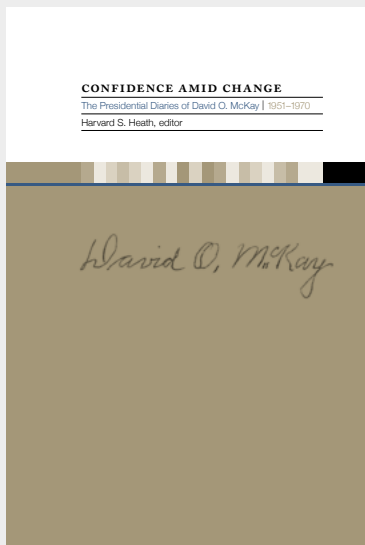
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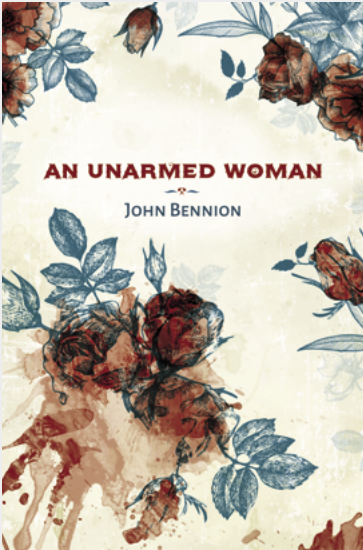
Charismatic and a polished public speaker, LDS President David O. McKay instilled devotion in church members around the globe. An avowed optimist, he maintained a lifelong “faith in mankind; they are God’s children.” His desire to share the Mormon gospel coincided with a deep need to protect the church from outside social pressures, leading him to adopt a nuanced yet politically conservative public image.

Though his genial personality aided him in unifying church leadership, McKay’s dislike of interpersonal conflict allowed strong-willed colleagues to sometimes overshadow him. He personally disagreed with apostle Ezra Taft Benson’s advocacy for the right-wing John Birch Society, yet permitted Benson and others to promote a conservative political agenda in religious settings.

Similar hesitancy existed in McKay’s failure to lift the priesthood and temple ban against African-American Mormons. Governing during the height of the Civil Rights movement, he never fully reconciled his belief in human spiritual equality with the racism of his era.

The voice of his dedicated secretary, Clare Middlemiss, often guides the diary’s narratives, revealing not only the personal musings of the church prophet but tracking the development of the modern LDS Church as a social, political, and economic entity.

Harvard S. Heath is former curator of the Utah and American West Archives at the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, where he earned his PhD. He is the editor of *In the World: The Diaries of Reed Smoot* and a contributor to the modern edition of James E. Talmage’s 1911 *House of the Lord: A Study of Holy Sanctuaries Ancient and Modern*. He was also a lead researcher for BYU President Ernest L. Wilkinson’s four-volume *Brigham Young University: The First One Hundred Years*.



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John Bennion is a six-generation native of Utah's western desert. He is associate professor of English at Brigham Young University, where he teaches creative writing and British literature. He is the author of *Breeding Leah* (1991) and *Falling Toward Heaven* (2000). He has published short work in *AWP Chronicle*, *Best of the West II*, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, *English Journal*, *High Country News*, *Hotel Amerika*, *Journal of Mormon History*, *Southwest Review*, *Utah Historical Quarterly*, and elsewhere. He lives in Utah Valley with his wife, a psychotherapist. They are the parents of five children.

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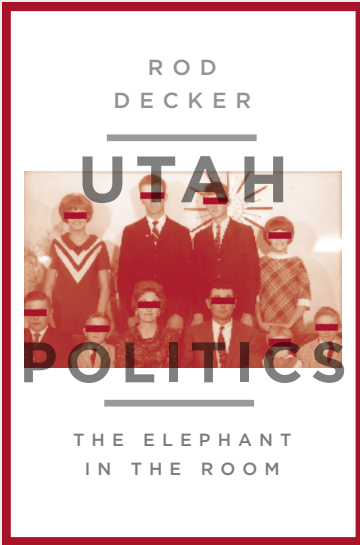
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Evan Hadingham is the Senior Science Editor of the PBS NOVA series produced at WGBH, Boston. He has an MA in Prehistory and Archaeology from the University of Sheffield (United Kingdom). His popular books on archaeology include *Circles and Standing Stones*, *Secrets of the Ice Age*, *Early Man and the Cosmos*, and *Lines to the Mountain Gods*. His feature articles have appeared in *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *The Atlantic*, *Discover*, and elsewhere. At NOVA, he is responsible for the editorial accuracy of the science content in the award-winning series.



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Known for his reporting on Utah's KUTV Channel 2, as well as for his column and editorials in the *Deseret News*, Rod Decker understands the complexity of Utah culture, politics, and faith like few others. A graduate of the University of Utah, Decker attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and spent a year at Harvard as a Nieman Fellow before enlisting as a military intelligence officer during the Vietnam War. His first book, *An Environment for Murder*, turned his intimate acquaintance with sagebrush politics into a page-turning mystery.

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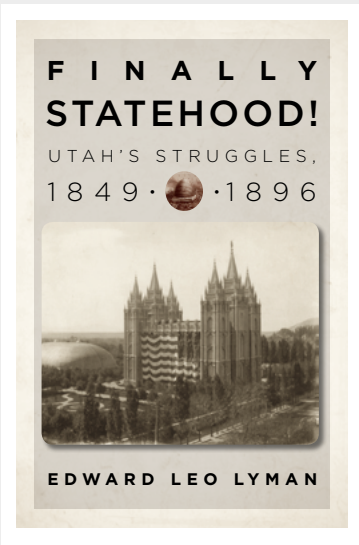
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Beginning in the spring of 1969, Huckleberry Finn inspired a question: Could you build a raft, float down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, and on the way learn something about America and its peoples? Will Bagley, a vagrant longhair and future prize-winning western historian, and his friends could, and did. Now, a half century after the adventure, Bagley tells his story.

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Will Bagley has a degree in history from the University of California at Santa Cruz (1971). Following several jobs, Bagley turned to history full time in 1995. He has since become the author or editor of twenty-plus books, including *Blood of the Prophets: Brigham Young and the Mountain Meadows Massacre*. For his historical studies, he has received awards from the Mormon History Association, the Utah Arts Council, the John Whitmer Historical Association, the Western Writers of America, and Westerners International, among others. He is the series editor of *Kingdom in the West: The Mormons and the American Frontier*. In 2014, he was named a lifetime Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society. He resides in Salt Lake City.



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Utah's quest for statehood lasted longer, involved more political intrigue, and garnered more national attention than any other US territory. While Utahns—especially the Mormon population—hoped statehood would grant them increased political autonomy, the several decades of refusal by LDS Church leadership to denounce polygamy stalled even the most carefully executed political schemes.

Even without the albatross of polygamy, the territory presented a unique set of challenges. Lingering distrust toward the federal government blurred the lines separating church and state. LDS leaders considered themselves anointed by God to lead the government. Officials sent from Washington to dilute LDS control found themselves in hostile, dangerous terrain.

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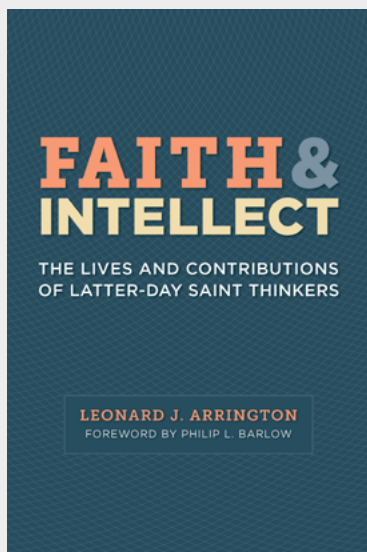
Edward Leo Lyman is a professor of history at Dixie State University in St. George, Utah, and formerly at California Polytechnic University and California State University San Bernardino. He is the author of *The Arduous Journey: Salt Lake to Los Angeles*; *A History of Millard County, Utah*; *Political Deliverance: The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood*; and *San Bernardino: The Rise and Fall of a California Community*. He has had articles published in *Arizona and the West*, *Brigham Young University Studies*, *California History*, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, *Idaho Yesterdays*, *Southern California Quarterly*, and the *Utah Historical Quarterly*.

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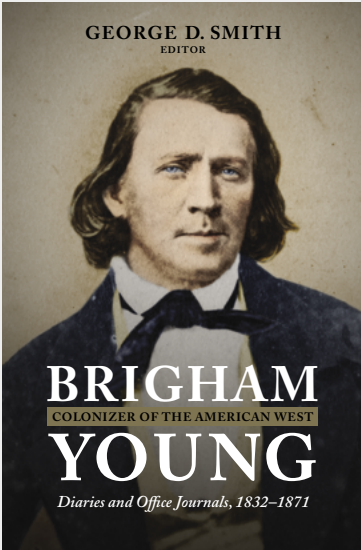
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Leonard J. Arrington was the foremost LDS historian of the twentieth century. He authored hundreds of articles and books, including the path-breaking *Great Basin Kingdom* and *Brigham Young: American Moses*. During the 1970s, he served as the first academically trained official historian of the LDS Church and is widely recognized as the father of the New Mormon History. At the time of his death in 1999, he had completed his final work, a celebration of faith and intellect in the lives of Latter-day Saints, here published for the first time.

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Leonard J. Arrington served as the first-ever academically credentialed Church Historian of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1972 to 1982. Among his many books are *Great Basin Kingdom: An Economic History of the Latter-day Saints* (1958) and *Brigham Young: American Moses* (1985), which won the Evans Biography Award. He is co-author with Davis Bitton of *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints* (1979). Arrington is the recipient of awards from the Mormon History Association and the Western History Association and taught at North Carolina State University, University of California at Los Angeles, Utah State University, and Brigham Young University. During his tenure at BYU, he was Lemuel Redd Professor of Western History and also director of the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History.



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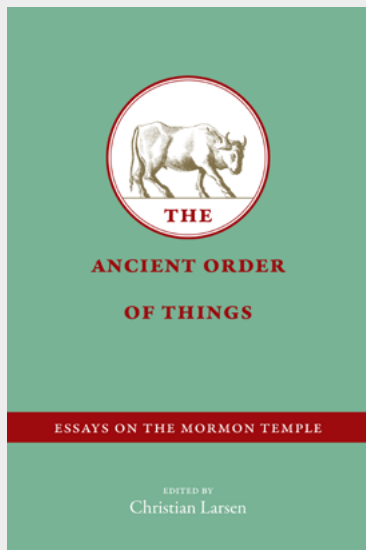
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George D. Smith is a political science graduate of Stanford University, with an MBA from New York University. In 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities from the University of Utah. Throughout his career, Smith has served on the boards of several civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Commonwealth Club of California and National Public Radio. In addition to articles on Mormon history, he is the author of the award-winning, *Nauvoo Polygamy*, and edited *An Intimate Chronicle: The Journals of William Clayton*, and *Religion, Feminism, and Freedom of Conscience*.

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Christian Larsen holds a master’s degree in publishing from George Washington University and a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Utah. A student of Mormon history, he is currently working on an edition of the diaries of LDS Church general authority Charles W. Penrose.



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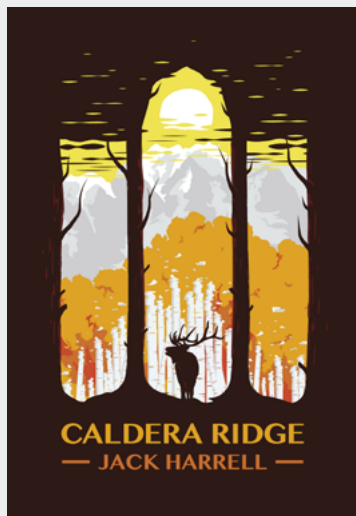
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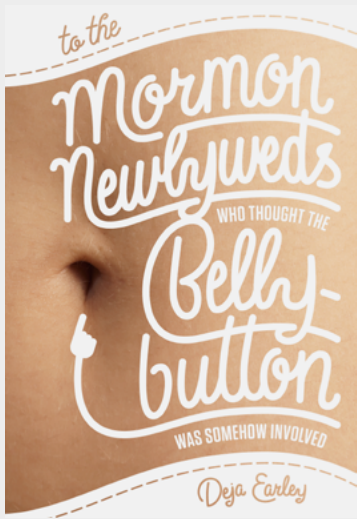
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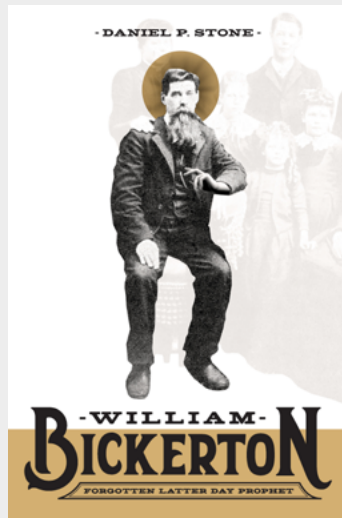
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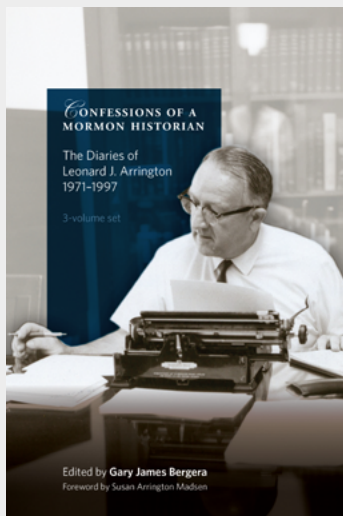
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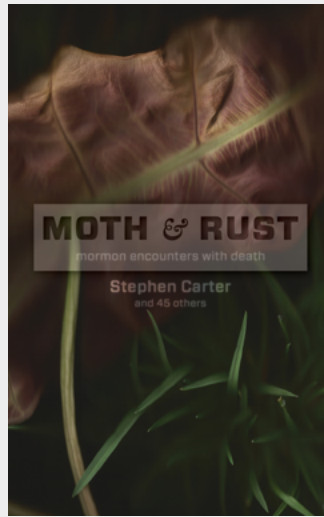
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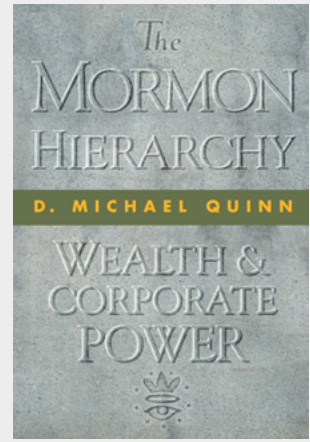
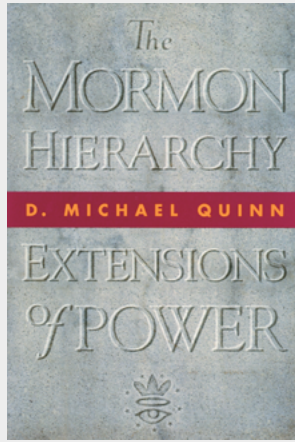
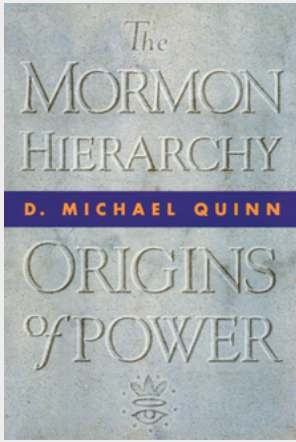
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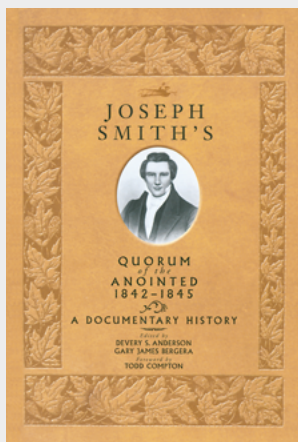
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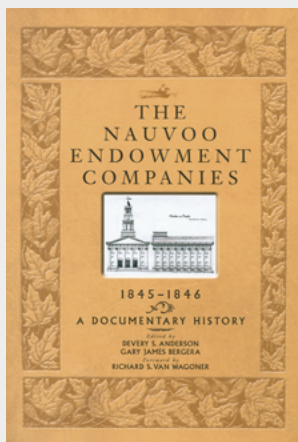
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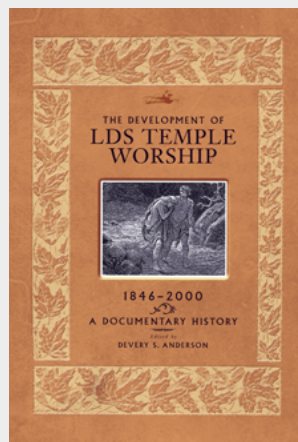


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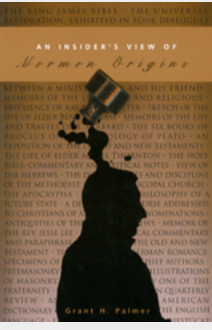
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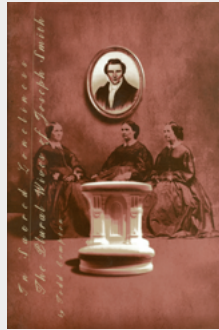
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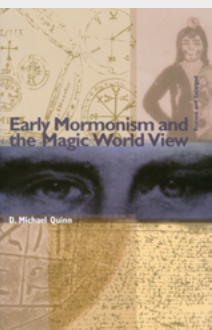
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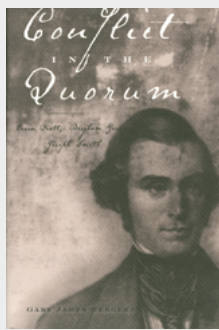
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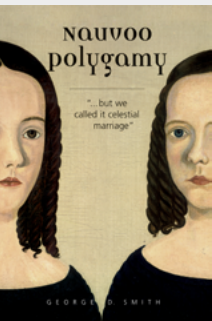
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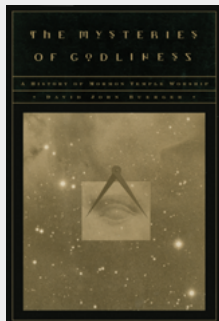
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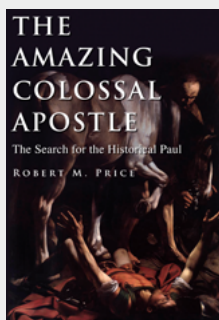
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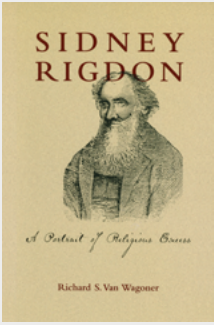
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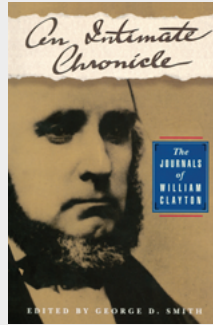


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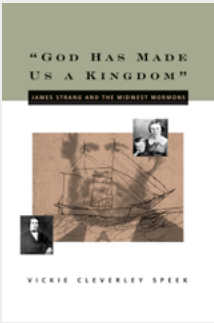


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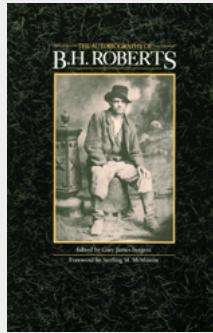


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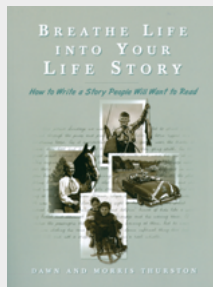


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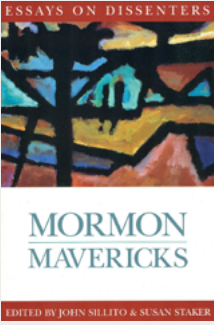
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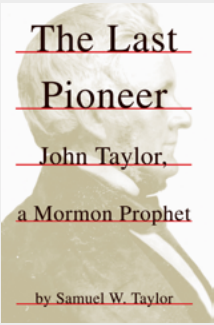
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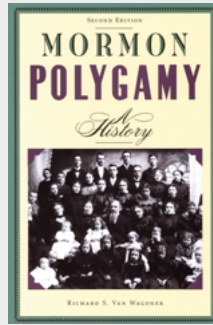
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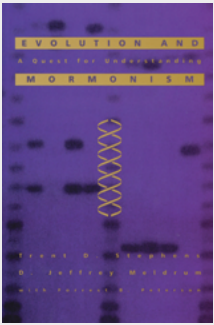
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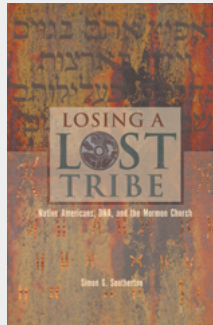
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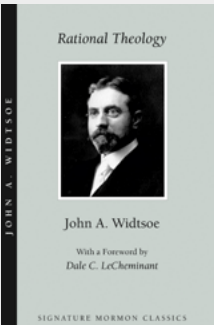
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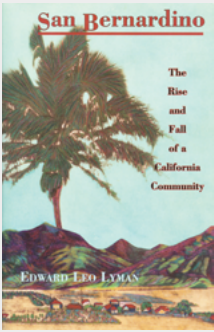
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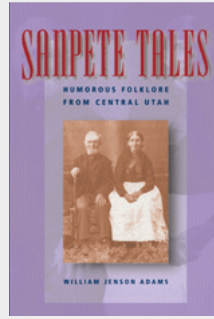


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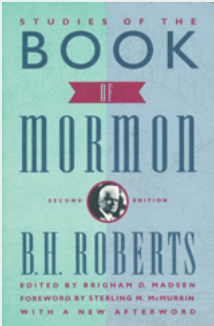


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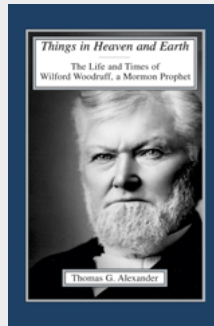
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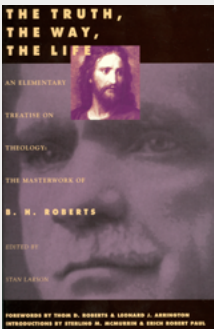


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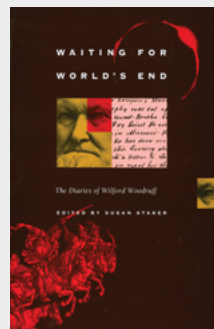


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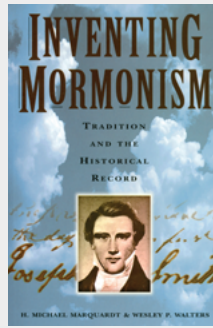
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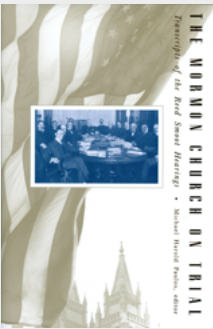
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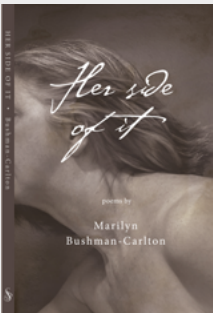
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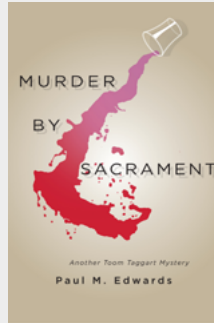
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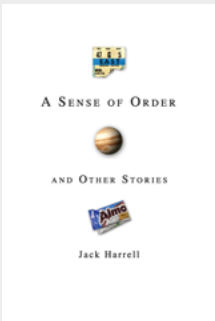
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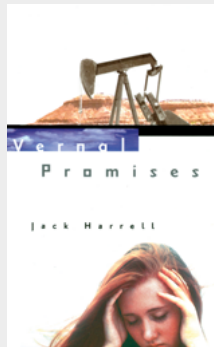
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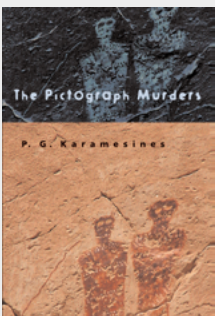
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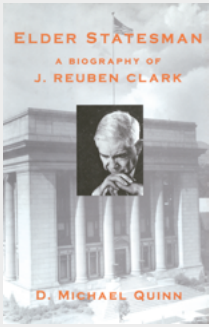
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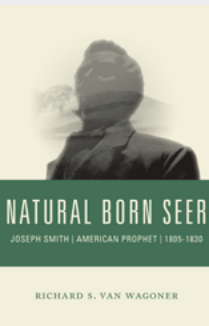
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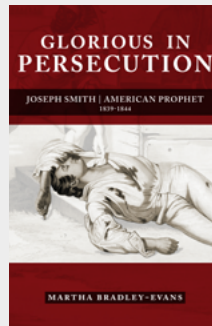
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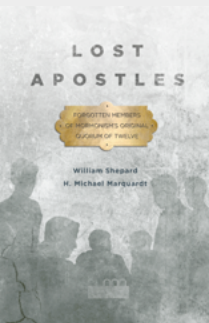
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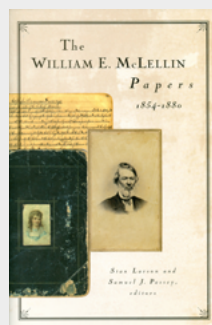
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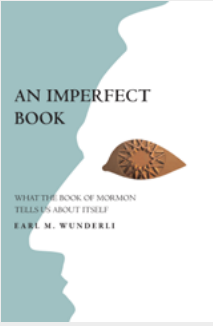
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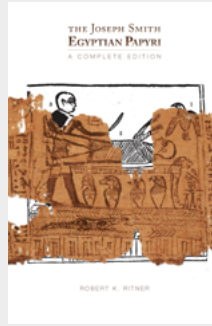
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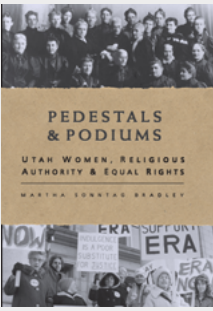
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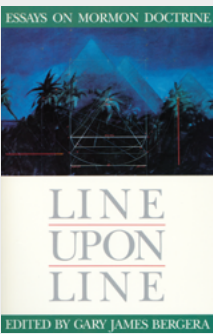
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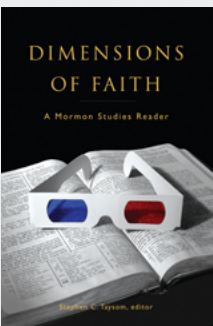
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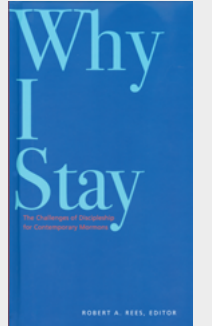
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