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What Is the Story of Dracula? Penguin

Assuming that God exists and you were to meet Him face to face, what one question would you ask Him if you had the chance? This was the premise upon which this book was written. Atheists, agnostics, and theists contributed by submitting questions that they would ask God if they had the opportunity. Each question is answered and probes the depths of God's word. Although this is not a doctrinal book, it is written from a Christian perspective. The goal of this book is to initiate a conversation that accepts the existence of God and offers a perspective that looks at personal experiences from a different angle. If you have ever wondered how God might address your question, this book offers you the chance to consider how He might respond. Regardless of your system of belief, you will gain new insight into how the events of your life can be viewed and how that new perspective can enrich your life.

The Summer Tree Seal Press

Skin-clad barbarians ransacking Rome remains a popular image of the "decline and fall" of the Roman Empire, but why, when, and how the Empire actually fell are still matters of debate among students of classical history. In this pioneering study, Ralph W. Mathisen examines the "fall" in one part of the western Empire, Gaul, to better understand the shift from Roman to Germanic power that occurred in the region during the fifth century AD. Mathisen uncovers two apparently contradictory trends. First, he finds that barbarian settlement did provoke significant changes in Gaul, including the disappearance of most secular offices under the Roman imperial administration, the appropriation of land and social influence by the barbarians, and a rise in the overall level of violence. Yet he also shows that the Roman aristocrats proved remarkably adept at retaining their rank and status. How did the aristocracy hold on? Mathisen rejects traditional explanations and demonstrates that rather than simply opposing the barbarians, or passively accepting them, the Roman aristocrats directly responded to them in various ways. Some left Gaul. Others tried to ignore the changes wrought by the newcomers. Still others directly collaborated

with the barbarians, looking to them as patrons and holding office in barbarian governments. Most significantly, however, many were willing to change the criteria that determined membership in the aristocracy. Two new characteristics of the Roman aristocracy in fifth-century Gaul were careers in the church and greater emphasis on classical literary culture. These findings shed new light on an age in transition. Mathisen's theory that barbarian integration into Roman society was a collaborative process rather than a conquest is sure to provoke much thought and debate. All historians who study the process of power transfer from native to alien elites will want to consult this work.

[The History of the Rifle Brigade \(the Prince Consort's Own\) Formerly the 95th](#) Dell
 Her reign of 63 years and seven months is known as the Victorian Era, a period of industrial, cultural, scientific, and political change that was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire. But Victoria was raised under close supervision and near isolation until she became Queen of the United Kingdom at the young age of 18. She married her first cousin, Albert, and had nine children who married into families across Europe. By the time she had earned the nickname "The

Grandmother of Europe” and the title “Empress of India” it was indeed true that the sun never set on the British Empire. Publicly, she became a national icon, but privately, Who Was Queen Victoria?

[The Australian Official Journal of Trademarks](#) Ilvie Little & Friends GmbH

A magnificent epic tale of devotion, possession, obsession, and strange destiny from the author of the Hugo Award-winning *Paladin of Souls* Lois McMaster Bujold The half-mad Prince Boleso has been slain by a noblewoman he had intended to defile -- and Lord Ingrey kin Wilfluff must transport the body to its burial place and the accused killer, the Lady Ijada, to judgment. With the death of the old Hallow King imminent and the crown in play, the road they must travel together is a dangerous one. And though he is duty-bound to deliver his prisoner to an almost certain death, Ijada may be the only one Ingrey dares trust. For a monstrous malevolence holds the haunted lord in its sway -- and a great and terrible destiny has been bestowed upon him by the gods, the damned, and the dead.

[The Ancient Régime](#) Penguin

The wives of the Robertsons all came into the family the same way: they fell in love with one of the Robertson boys. Now, learn surprising insights about the women behind these famous bearded men and what makes their family work. In the *Duck Dynasty* TV series, the women often come into their own when the whole family gathers around the table together to eat dinner, and fans of the show get a good glimpse into their lives, but that is hardly the whole story, which is why they decided to write this book... In *The Women of Duck Commander*, the wives show how they have worked together to help one another and to support the family in all its work and its happiness. They are committed to timeless values, and in the book they share the insights, stories, and experiences that have made them who they are. The appeal of the *Duck Dynasty* comes, not because they are showing us anything new, but they are reminding us of the values our culture is in danger of losing.

[The Women of Duck Commander](#) Simon and Schuster

December Caravan is a collection of personal short stories, encouragement, and inspiration on the concept of hope and an ever-present God despite difficult circumstances. Throughout the book, Rebecca shares stories from her life, specifically over a five-year period that started in 2008, when her world crumbled after her fiancé walked out on their relationship and their wedding, which was to take place a few months later. Within the next months and years, Rebecca experienced extremely difficult circumstances of loss, including finding out that her health was deteriorating due to advanced late-stage Lyme disease and cancer. *December Caravan* tells the stories of trials and hope despite many difficult situations. Rebecca shares her foundation of hope for those who are hurting and the beautiful knowledge of learning the Lord's constant love despite heartbreak and loss. *December Caravan* will encourage you to run back to the heart of God and to find hope and joy in His word

[Report of the Chief of Engineers U.S. Army](#) University of Texas Press

The West, especially the Intermountain states, ranks among the whitest places in America, but this fact obscures the more complicated history of racial diversity in the region. In *Making the White Man's West*, author Jason E. Pierce argues that since the time of the Louisiana Purchase, the American West has been a racially contested space. Using a nuanced theory of historical “whiteness,” he examines why and how Anglo-Americans dominated the region for a 120-year period. In the early nineteenth century, critics like Zebulon Pike and Washington Irving viewed the West as a “dumping ground” for free blacks and Native Americans, a place where they could be segregated from the white communities east of the Mississippi River. But as immigrant populations and industrialization took hold in the East, white Americans began to view the West as a “refuge for real whites.” The West had the most diverse population in the nation with substantial numbers of American Indians, Hispanics, and Asians, but Anglo-Americans could control these mostly disenfranchised peoples and enjoy the privileges of power while celebrating their presence as providing a unique regional character. From this came the belief in a White Man's West, a place ideally suited for “real” Americans in the face of changing world. The first comprehensive study to examine the construction of white racial identity in the West, *Making the White Man's West* shows how these two visions of the West—as a racially diverse holding cell and a white refuge—shaped the history of the region and influenced a variety of contemporary social issues in the West today. [The Hallowed Hunt](#) Harper Collins

The instant #1 NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller "A must read for anyone hoping to live a creative life...

I dare you not to be inspired to be brave, to be free, and to be curious.” —PopSugar From the worldwide bestselling author of *Eat Pray Love* and *City of Girls*: the path to the vibrant, fulfilling life you’ve dreamed of. Readers of all ages and walks of life have drawn inspiration and empowerment from Elizabeth Gilbert’s books for years. Now this beloved author digs deep into her own generative process to share her wisdom and unique perspective about creativity. With profound empathy and radiant generosity, she offers potent insights into the mysterious nature of inspiration. She asks us to embrace our curiosity and let go of needless suffering. She shows us how to tackle what we most love, and how to face down what we most fear. She discusses the attitudes, approaches, and habits we need in order to live our most creative lives. Balancing between soulful spirituality and cheerful pragmatism, Gilbert encourages us to uncover the “strange jewels” that are hidden within each of us. Whether we are looking to write a book, make art, find new ways to address challenges in our work, embark on a dream long deferred, or simply infuse our everyday lives with more mindfulness and passion, *Big Magic* cracks open a world of wonder and joy.

[Dashing Dish](#) Hachette UK

Immerse Yourself in the Wisdom and Healing Power of the Elements All five elements live within you, and experiences like heartache, anxiety, and procrastination are signs that one of them is out of balance. This beginner-friendly book introduces you to each of the elements—Water, Wood, Fire, Earth, and Metal—and shows you how to use them to improve your mental, emotional, and spiritual health. In *Our Element* weaves together Eastern medicine, Western psychology, Indigenous traditions, and African ancestral principles of spirituality. With a practical approach that incorporates journal prompts, flower essences, yoga poses, and music, Lindsay Fauntleroy teaches you how to tap into the five elements for a balanced and empowered life that aligns with your soul's calling.

[Holy Blood, Holy Grail](#) Lulu.com

Who HQ brings you the stories behind the most beloved--and frightening!--characters of our time. Find out how Dracula--a smooth-talking count with a dark secret--became the infamous creature we all know and fear. From appearances in films and animated features to interpretations as a Muppet and breakfast cereal mascot, Dracula has been the inspiration for many other fictional vampires and is now an established figure in pop culture. Created by Bram Stoker in his 1897 Gothic horror novel, *Count Dracula* is a nobleman who uses his powers as a vampire to dominate his victims. Even though Dracula didn't succeed in the novel, the fictional character has lived on to dominate the real world as one of its most popular supernatural villains. Author Michael Burgen explores Dracula's mysterious origins in the historical figures who might have shaped the character, as well as the films and actors that cemented Dracula's place in cinematic history.

[In Our Element](#) A&C Black

The multiple award-winning fantasy author of *The Fionavar Tapestry* brings his extraordinary imagination to a tale of mythic figures in contemporary times... Ned Marriner is in France with his father, a celebrated photographer shooting the Saint-Sauveur Cathedral of Aix-en-Provence. While exploring the cathedral, Ned meets Kate, an American exchange student with a deep knowledge of the area's history. But even Kate is at a loss when she and Ned surprise a scar-faced stranger, wearing a leather jacket and carrying a knife. "I think you ought to go now," he tells them. "You have blundered into a corner of a very old story..." In this ancient place, where the borders between the living and the long-dead are thin, Ned and his family are about to be drawn into a haunted story, as mythic figures from conflicts of long ago erupt into the present, changing—and claiming—lives.

[House documents](#) Tyndale House Publishers

The Number One international bestseller, *Eat, Pray Love* is a journey around the world, a quest for spiritual enlightenment and a story for anyone who has battled with divorce, depression and heartbreak.

[Who Was Queen Victoria?](#) CreateSpace

A lawyer with a well-stamped passport and a passion for human rights, Lisa-Jo Baker never wanted to be a mom. And then she had kids. Having lost her own mother to cancer as a teenager, Lisa-Jo felt lost on her journey to womanhood and wholly unprepared to raise children. Surprised by Motherhood is Lisa-Jo's story of becoming and being a mom, and in the process, discovering that all the "what to expect" and "how to" books in the world can never truly prepare you for the sheer exhilaration, joy, and terrifying love that accompanies motherhood. Set partly in South Africa and

partly in the US (with a slight detour to Ukraine along the way), *Surprised by Motherhood* is a poignant memoir of one woman's dawning realization that being a mom isn't about being perfect-- it's about being present.

[All the Seas of the World](#) Explore Your World

Indianapolis Monthly is the Circle City's essential chronicle and guide, an indispensable authority on what's new and what's news. Through coverage of politics, crime, dining, style, business, sports, and arts and entertainment, each issue offers compelling narrative stories and lively, urbane coverage of Indy's cultural landscape.

[The George Sand-Gustave Flaubert Letters](#) Penguin

Award-winning author Guy Gavriel Kay evokes the dazzling Tang Dynasty of 8th-century China in an masterful story of honor and power. It begins simply. Shen Tai, son of an illustrious general serving the Emperor of Kitai, has spent two years honoring the memory of his late father by burying the bones of the dead from both armies at the site of one of his father's last great battles. In recognition of his labors and his filial piety, an unlikely source has sent him a dangerous gift: 250 Sardinian horses. You give a man one of the famed Sardinian horses to reward him greatly. You give him four or five to exalt him above his fellows, propel him towards rank, and earn him jealousy, possibly mortal jealousy. Two hundred and fifty is an unthinkable gift, a gift to overwhelm an emperor. Wisely, the gift comes with the stipulation that Tai must claim the horses in person. Otherwise he would probably be dead already...

[Equally Wed](#) Thomas Nelson

Cincinnati Magazine taps into the DNA of the city, exploring shopping, dining, living, and culture and giving readers a ringside seat on the issues shaping the region.

[God, I Was Wondering...](#) Penguin

The *Dashing Dish* is an inspirational cookbook full of healthy, innovative and simple recipes, most of which are gluten-free, sugar-free, and abundant in whole grains. Like many of us, chef and author Katie Farrell has struggled with her weight and healthy eating. As a teen, she went through yo-yo dieting and was prone to eating disorders. However, through God and a passion for cooking, she hit upon the formula that would transform her from unhealthy girl to confident woman. In warm, accessible language and beautiful photographs, Katie shares 100 recipes for clean eating. Every recipe is simple to make and delicious to eat. Katie uses gluten-free oat flour in place of wheat flour, cottage cheese and yogurt in place of fat, and Stevia in place of sugar. In *The Dashing Dish*, you will find: 100 healthy and wholesome dishes Nutritional information Simple and kid-friendly recipes Helpful tips and tricks *The Dashing Dish* is filled with one hundred healthy recipes that let you eat some of your most craved comfort foods in a healthy way. Her tips are practical, her tone inspirational. Anyone looking to eat better for the rest of their life will want to own this book.

[Eat, Pray, Love](#) AuthorHouse

Is the traditional, accepted view of the life of Christ in some way incomplete? • Is it possible Christ did not die on the cross? • Is it possible Jesus was married, a father, and that his bloodline still exists? • Is it possible that parchments found in the South of France a century ago reveal one of the best-kept secrets of Christendom? • Is it possible that these parchments contain the very heart of the mystery of the Holy Grail? According to the authors of this extraordinarily provocative, meticulously researched book, not only are these things possible — they are probably true! so revolutionary, so original, so convincing, that the most faithful Christians will be moved; here is the book that has sparked worldwide controversy. "Enough to seriously challenge many traditional Christian beliefs, if not alter them." — Los Angeles Times Book Review "Like Chariots of the Gods?...the plot has all the elements of an international thriller." — Newsweek

[December Caravan](#) Tate Publishing & Enterprises

Examines why rivers and streams important to life on Earth, including the relationships among rivers, humans, aquatic animals, and the rest of natural world.--

ARCHAEOLOGY OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA; Fordham Univ Press

Taken to a realm of magic and war, five men and women from our world embark on an epic journey in the first novel in Guy Gavriel Kay's classic, critically acclaimed fantasy trilogy, *The Fionavar Tapestry*. It begins with a chance meeting that introduces the five to a man who will change their lives: a mage who brings them to the first of all worlds, Fionavar. In this land of gods and myth, each of them is forced to discover what they are and what they are willing to do, as Fionavar stands on the brink of a terrifying war against a dark, vengeful god...

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