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### **Federal Supplement** Simon and Schuster

Emily B. Baran offers a gripping history of how a small, American-based religious community, the Jehovah's Witnesses, found its way into the Soviet Union after World War II, survived decades of brutal persecution, and emerged as one of the region's fastest growing religions after the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991. In telling the story of this often misunderstood faith, Baran explores the shifting boundaries of religious dissent, non-conformity, and human rights in the Soviet Union and its successor states. Soviet Jehovah's Witnesses are a fascinating case study of dissent beyond urban, intellectual nonconformists. Witnesses, who were generally rural, poorly educated, and utterly marginalized from society, resisted state pressure to conform. They instead constructed alternative communities based on adherence to religious principles established by the Witnesses' international center in Brooklyn, New York. The Soviet state considered Witnesses to be the most reactionary of all underground religious movements, and used extraordinary measures to try to eliminate this threat. Yet Witnesses survived, while the Soviet system did not. After 1991, they faced continuing challenges to their right to practice their faith in post-Soviet states, as these states struggled to reconcile the proper limits on freedom of conscience with European norms and domestic concerns. *Dissent on the Margins* provides a new and important perspective on one of America's most understudied religious movements.

### **Dissent on the Margins** Oxford University Press

A Scotsman Book to Watch for 2022 It is 1982 and in the Kingdom Hall we are Jehovah's Witnesses. The state of the world shows us the end is close, and Satan is like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us. Ali Millar is waiting for Armageddon. Born into the Jehovah's Witnesses in a town in the Scottish Borders, her childhood revolves around regular meetings in the Kingdom Hall, where she is haunted by vivid images of the Second Coming, her mind populated by the bodies that will litter the earth upon Jehovah's return. In this frightening, cloistered world Ali grows older. As she does, she starts to question the ways of the Witnesses, and their control over the most intimate aspects of her life. As she marries and has a daughter within the religion, she finds herself pulled deeper and deeper into its dark undertow, her mind tormented by one question: is it possible to escape the life you are born into? A tale of love and darkness, of faith and absolution, *The Last Days* is an unforgettable memoir of one woman's courageous journey to freedom.

### **Armed with the Constitution** Bold Type Books

Jehovah's Witnesses have a unique vocabulary incomprehensible to outsiders. They also use familiar Christian terms to mean something different from standard usage. This book is a dictionary of such "J.W.ese" language. Moreover, it explains how JWs engage in doubletalk when speaking with outsiders, and tells the reader how to break through that doubletalk to share the Gospel of Christ with those trapped inside the cult. Reed is the author of "Answering Jehovah's Witnesses Subject by

Subject" and the popular book "Jehovah's Witnesses Answered Verse by Verse." This "Dictionary of J.W.ese" was originally published in 1997 under the title "Jehovah-Talk" by Baker Book House. This volume is the 2010 Lulu edition.

### **Armageddon Around the Corner** AuthorHouse

This book is very easy to read and understand for everyone. In our book I refer to the family members of the drug & alcohol addicted person as the victims of the addiction. This book goes into detail about how the addiction affects each family member and how the family can go into treatment as a family, regain the family unity and love they once knew. This book will show you what a child goes through from birth on into adulthood that was born into a family unit that has been afflicted with drug and alcohol addiction. In this book there is up-to-date information on all the street drugs, how to look for alcohol and drug use in the work place, and the medical illnesses related to heavy drug and alcohol addiction. You will learn about the three levels of addiction, the long road home, the intervention into the family unit, and much more. This book also goes into detail about the long process of addiction and how it brings a person to the point of death or to the lowest levels of life. You will learn about the whole process from detoxification through the treatment of the addiction. I am sure there is knowledge in this book that you have never seen before in any other book on this subject. We have tried to take every issue related to addiction and the family to its core. A counselor must have hope and faith in their skills, knowing that they can help someone turn their life around and achieve sobriety. Every counselor is always looking for that light to start shining in their client because that moment that client's light starts to shine is their "Dawn of Recovery."

### **Apostles of Denial** Ballantine Books

George N. H. Peters (1825 - 1909) was an American Lutheran minister whose life work, this three-volume defense of non-dispensational premillennial theology, was published in 1884. Wilbur E. Smith calls it "the most exhaustive, thoroughly annotated and logically arranged study of Biblical prophecy that appeared in our country during the nineteenth century."

### **Historical Dictionary of Jehovah's Witnesses** Page Publishing Inc

What if you belonged nowhere and to no one? What if you learned as a teenager that the father who had mistreated you for years wasn't your father at all—and that you were actually born to the mistress of a Greek gangster? And what if the only way to connect with your real father was to become his fiercest rival? Kevin Cunningham grew up in Tarpon Springs, Florida, just another kid from the wrong side of the tracks. But from his first days, Kevin gravitated toward power, and in Tarpon Springs that meant local crime boss Lukie Pappas. As a boy, Kevin hung out at the Pappas Restaurant, and he saw how the townspeople approached Lukie. How they respected him. How they came to him for help. How they called him nouns—Greek for "godfather." From the shadows, Kevin admired it all. When he turned seventeen, Kevin's world flipped upside down. His dying father confessed that Kevin was the son of another man—and not just any man. He was the son of Lukie Pappas. Suddenly, Kevin's destiny was clear. His lineage became his fate. His rightful place was beside the Greek godfather who ruled his hometown. But Lukie coldly rejected him, as both a son

and a colleague. Fueled by rage and pride, Kevin claimed the Pappas name as his own and embarked on his own criminal enterprise. From two-bit swindling he rose quickly to high-stakes drug trafficking. Money laundering, gunrunning, and racketeering polished his underworld résumé, even as they placed him squarely in the crosshairs of every federal agency with three initials and a most-wanted list. And when he got caught, Kevin's time behind bars only honed his criminal instinct, hardened his resolve, and cemented his reputation as a larger-than-life outlaw who sometimes went down but could never be taken out. Still in his early twenties but as powerful as any crime boss, Kevin surrounded himself with an elite group, a posse that called itself the Band of Five. Flush with fast cars, boats, planes, and women, they wanted for nothing, but their antics invited violent attempts to bring Kevin to his senses—or at least to his knees. More than a gripping tale, *Godfather of Night* unveils the Greek American crime syndicate and its close alignment to power and takes readers to a dark place where family secrets collide with high-level crime and corruption. Kevin Pappas's story is a true-crime epic for a new generation of wiseguys—full of the harrowing war stories and hard-won wisdom of a man who lived by his own rules, broke everyone else's, and dared the world to try to stop him. From the Hardcover edition.

*JOURNEY TO THE CREST (OF THE CRESCENT CITY)* Macmillan

From a leading prison abolitionist, a moving memoir about coming of age in Brooklyn and surviving incarceration—and a call to break free from all the cages that confine us. Marlon Peterson grew up in 1980s Crown Heights, raised by Trinidadian immigrants. Amid the routine violence that shaped his neighborhood, Marlon became a high-achieving and devout child, the specter of the American dream opening up before him. But in the aftermath of immense trauma, he participated in a robbery that resulted in two murders. At nineteen, Peterson was charged and later convicted. He served ten long years in prison. While incarcerated, Peterson immersed himself in anti-violence activism, education, and prison abolition work. In *Bird Uncaged*, Peterson challenges the typical “redemption” narrative and our assumptions about justice. With vulnerability and insight, he uncovers the many cages—from the daily violence and trauma of poverty, to policing, to enforced masculinity, and the brutality of incarceration—created and maintained by American society. *Bird Uncaged* is a twenty-first-century abolitionist memoir, and a powerful debut that demands a shift from punishment to healing, an end to prisons, and a new vision of justice.

**The New Yorker** WestBow Press

Originating from a small group of Bible students who met under Charles Taze Russell's leadership and grew into an international Society, to which the second leader Joseph Franklin Rutherford and gave the name 'Jehovah's Witnesses'. Two World Wars shaped Watch Tower attitudes to civil government, armed conflict, and medical innovations such as blood transfusion, as well as to mainstream churches. The twenty-first century has seen some important changes in the Watch Tower organization, and coverage is given to changes in organizational structure, its use of the World Wide Web, and its major relocation from Brooklyn to Warwick. This updated second edition of *Historical Dictionary of Jehovah's Witnesses* contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 300 cross-referenced entries on key concepts, themes, and people relating to Jehovah's Witnesses. This book is an excellent resource for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about Jehovah's Witnesses.

*The Last Days* AuthorHouse

Scripture-based denial of the doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

**United States of America V. Close** Simon and Schuster

History and teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses organization.

**Witness Tampering** Freeminds

*Essentials of Autopsy Practice* updates the modern pathologist on issues related to the autopsy. This volume contains topical chapters on the pathology of shock, religious attitudes to death, incised wounds, radiological investigations, metabolic disorders in childhood, maternal deaths, body alterations and piercings which are comprehensive, unique and educational. It brings the literature together into a modern, up-to-date review of the subject, each authored by experts in their field. It comprises the most recent developments in current autopsy practice making the book unique and exceptional - a valuable aid for the bench top, autopsy suite, laboratory or library. A hands-on reference book, *Essentials of Autopsy Practice* is of interest to both trainees and consultants in all sub-branches of pathology including forensic pathology. It can also be used by non-medical staff involved in the dead, such as nurses, police, lawyers and bereavement officers.

**The Theocratic Kingdom** Prometheus Books

This book seeks to acknowledge the Witness contribution in an in-depth study of two key U.S. Supreme Court decisions born of the Witness struggle in Alabama between 1939 and 1946, *Jones v. Opelika* and *Marsh v. Alabama*.

*Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching* Rowman & Littlefield

"Arlo Dilly is young, handsome and eager to meet the right girl. He also happens to be DeafBlind, a Jehovah's Witness, and under the strict guardianship of his controlling uncle. His chances of finding someone to love seem slim to none. And yet, it happened once before: many years ago, at a boarding school for the Deaf, Arlo met the love of his life—a mysterious girl with onyx eyes and beautifully expressive hands which told him the most amazing stories. But tragedy struck, and their love was lost forever. Or so Arlo thought. After years trying to heal his broken heart, Arlo is assigned a college writing assignment which unlocks buried memories of his past. Soon he wonders if the hearing people he was supposed to trust have been lying to him all along, and if his lost love might be found again. No longer willing to accept what others tell him, Arlo convinces a small band of misfit friends to set off on a journey to learn the truth. After all, who better to bring on this quest than his gay interpreter and wildly inappropriate Belgian best friend? Despite the many forces working against him, Arlo will stop at nothing to find the girl who got away and experience all of life's joyful possibilities"--

*A People for His Name* Рипол Классик

Barry Grant Marsh, who was a third-generation Jehovah's Witness, seeks to help others struggling to leave behind the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society dogma in this memoir that looks at Jesus Christ in a new light. He reveals the powerful training methods employed by Jehovah's Witnesses to manipulate and control their followers—as well as steps you can take as a Christian that will protect you from falling victim to this cult. Moreover, he provides tips on reaching out to loved ones who are members and advice on responding to Witnesses who knock on your door. Marsh also shares details from his own journey of finding Jesus, which took more than thirty years and was dominated by his

dedication to an organization that brought him difficulty, disillusion, and disappointment. In the end, he realized that the Holy Spirit was there to lead him through it all. Join Marsh on a compelling and heartfelt journey toward biblical truth, and start your own walk toward Christ with this incredible story.

Zion's Watch Tower and Herald of Christ's Presence Garland Publishing

A Jehovah's Witness' Painful but Liberating Realization that She Must Give Up Her Faith "An inherently compelling and candidly revealing memoir . . . an extraordinary, riveting and unreservedly recommended read from first page to last." —Midwest Book Review Linda Curtis was raised as a Jehovah's Witness and is an unquestioning true believer who has knocked on doors from the time she was nine years old. Like other Witnesses, she has been discouraged from pursuing a career, higher education, or even voting, and her friendships are limited to the Witness community. Then one day, at age thirty-three, she knocks on a door—and a coworker she deeply respects answers the door. To their mutual consternation she launches into her usual spiel, but this time, for the first time ever, the message sounds hollow. In the months that follow, Curtis tries hard to overcome the doubts that spring from that doorstep encounter, knowing they could upend her "safe" existence. But ultimately, unable to reconcile her incredulity, she leaves her religion and divorces her Witness husband—a choice for which she is shunned by the entire community, including all members of her immediate family. Shunned follows Linda as she steps into a world she was taught to fear and discovers what is possible when we stay true to our hearts, even when it means disappointing those we love. ". . . a moving portrait of one woman's life as a Jehovah's Witness and her painful but liberating realization that she must give up her faith." —Publishers Weekly "Curtis's story reads as true to life . . . it will resonate across faith lines." —Foreword Reviews "A profound, at times fascinating, personal transformation told with meticulous detail." —Kirkus Reviews "...a riveting story, a page-turner, a magnificent contribution, and a book you will never forget." —Lynne Twist, global activist and author of *The Soul of Money* "A wonderful book that is about so much more than the Jehovah's Witnesses." —Adair Lara, longtime columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle* "...brilliant, respectful, insightful and most of all hopeful." —Openly Bookish Readers of *Educated* and *Leaving the Witness* will resonate with Linda Curtis' moving and courageous account of personal transformation. Order your copy today and begin reading this disturbing, heartbreaking, and ultimately inspiring memoir.

**The Finished Mystery** Ravenio Books

A Catholic Response to the Jehovahs Witnesses is a departure from the authors usual subject of books and articles on aspects of Catholic spirituality. Having met with many Witnesses over the years, she was prompted to write the book as a response to them. It also addresses the concern many Catholics have as to how to engage with Witnesses and how they might evaluate their teachings. It is written in an informal style to introduce readers to the various aspects of the doctrines of the Jehovahs Witnesses, and how a Catholic might respond to them from their own tradition and the theology of the Catholic Church.

California. Court of Appeal (4th Appellate District). Division 2. Records and Briefs Lulu.com

The captivating story of a young, black male growing up in New Orleans, LA in the 80s and 90s. The author provides a vivid description of how he navigated the obstacles of being raised in a poor,

single-parent household. In addition, he narrates how his mom found refuge within the Jehovah's Witness religion and how he had a sexual relationship with one of the Elders in his congregation when he was a minor. More light is shed on how this religion (and many organized religions) decided to discipline this leader. He paints a very vivid story of how low his life was during and after this period because of his struggle with accepting the fact that he is gay and the fact that his mother and no one close to him will accept this truth. After relocating from his hometown, he is faced with the horrible news of his mother's terminal illness and is challenged with caring for her with virtually no help from his family members. This story will have you take a deeper look at what faith and family means. It's a heartbreaking story that will leave you speechless at points, crying at others, and laughing in-between. It's also a beautiful story of how a young man with all of the odds stacked against him learned how to reconcile his faith/spirituality with who he is and how he learned to appreciate how blessed he is.

**Love, Daddy** Springer Science & Business Media

The Recollections of John Brown: in Short Stories and a Few Poems is the author's first release. It chronicles segments of his life written in short stories. Boyhood, Teens, Young Man, and The Poet are the four sections of the book. The Recollections take the reader on an emotional journey through the individual eyes of, first, a young boy; then a teenager; and finally, a young man growing up in America during a period that spans the decades of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. The stories are quirky, humorous, serious, and enduring--drawing the reader into moments in time that not only shaped one man's life, but also defined his generation. "Boy, Don't Jump" starts the adventure in the first section titled Boyhood, recalling how an episode of the Adventures of Superman convinces a young boy that with the simple addition of a towel tied around his neck, he can take off from the second-floor awning and fly, but after reality kicks in, he rethinks his fantasy and is saved by his aunt who is babysitting him and his siblings. The reader will also be drawn back to their own childhood through stories like "Laundry Day," "Big Kickball Game," and "Playing in the Rain." The section wraps up with two enduring stories: "A Walk with Momma" and "Momma Takes Us to Six Flags." The latter of which tells the story of his mother's determination to make sure her children's summer is eventful by treating them to a trip to Six Flags over Texas, even though she really can't afford it. Teens kicks in full throttle as he recalls the release of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video and the frenzy that surrounded it. The reader will rediscover the youthful vigor that followed them through their teenage years as they engulf themselves in stories titled "Dirty Movies," "Are You Done in There?" "Night Swimming," "Night Riders," "Skipping Out on a Ticket," and closing out with "Graduation Night." Young Man is the leap from youth to adulthood. With "One Show," the author embraces his dream of becoming a music star by teaming up with two talented cousins to perform in a talent showcase that would create bond and brotherhood that still stands today. Get ready to cheer and laugh as you read "We Want Rain," "Big Puker," Craps, "Tight-End Release," and "He Banked It In." Tears may well up as you are reminded about the sad and special episodes in your life that are brought to life while reading "Laurie Dies" and "My Grandson." Finally, the section titled The Poet allows author to express himself in a series of poems highlighted by "Hurricane," a poem about the challenges of dealing with a loved one trying to manage a mental disorder. In all, The Recollections of John Brown offers all who read it an opportunity to reflect not only the author's life



adventures, but also on their own as well.

[The Sign for Home](#) Lulu.com

This tale of mind control, the use of fear to manipulate vulnerable people, and final escape from a suffocating cult environment is a revealing expose of a secretive contemporary sect, as well as a true psychological thriller. Diane Wilson spent twenty-five precious years of her life, first becoming indoctrinated by the dogma of the Watchtower Society, and then struggling to free herself from its pervasive, intimidating clutches. In this probing, brutally honest assessment, Wilson describes how a childhood of psychological abuse and lack of self-confidence rendered her vulnerable to the seductive doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses. What she reveals about the goings-on within the closed Watchtower Society will shock the average person who assumes the polite, well-dressed people who pass out leaflets are much like any other conservative religious group. Wilson contends

that membership in the Jehovah's Witnesses requires obedience bordering on psychological enslavement and complete suppression of individuality. Her engrossing memoir will be of great interest to former Witnesses, students of cult phenomena, and anyone who has ever had contact with Jehovah's Witnesses.

#### **Faith On The March** BD ENTERTAINMENT

From its origins in nineteenth century Adventism until the present day, the Watch Tower Society has become one of the best known but least understood new religious movements. Resisting the tendency to define the movement in terms of the negative, this volume offers an empathetic account of the Jehovah's Witnesses, without defending or seeking to refute their beliefs. George Chrystides critically examines the historical and theological bases of the organization's teachings and practices, and discusses the changes and continuities which have defined it. The book provides a valuable resource for scholars of new religious movements and contemporary religion.

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