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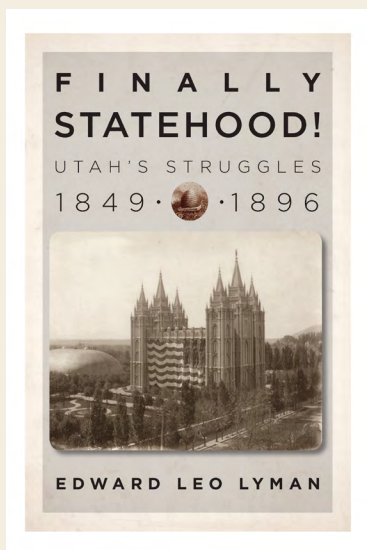
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Utah's quest for statehood lasted longer, involved more political intrigue, and garnered more national attention than any other US territory. While Utahns—especially the Mormon population—hoped statehood would grant them increased political autonomy, 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.

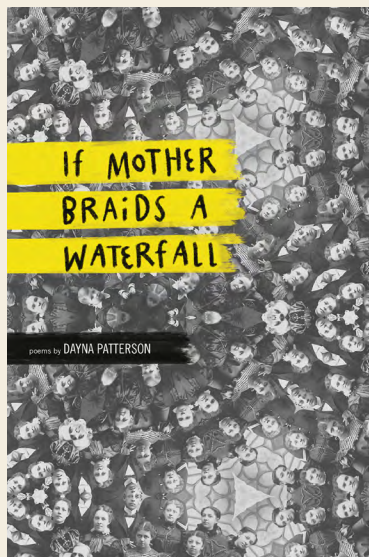
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Edward Leo Lyman was a professor of history at Dixie State University in St. George, Utah, and formerly at California Polytechnic University and California State University San Bernardino. He is the author of *The Arduous Journey: Salt Lake to Los 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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Lacking time travel, this pale imprint  
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chin cleft, broad forehead,

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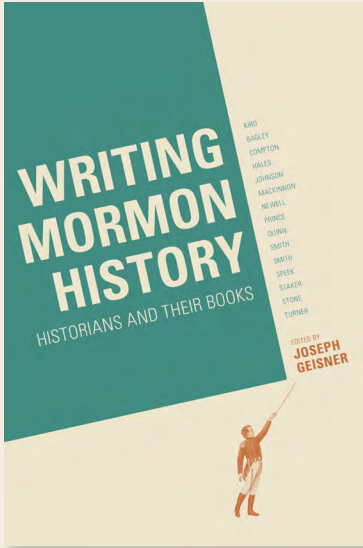
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Dayna Patterson is the author of three chapbooks, most recently *Titania in Yellow*. Her creative work has appeared in *POETRY*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Gingerbread House*, and *Whale Road Review*. Her poem "Eloher" won the A Mother Here: Art and Poetry Contest in 2014. Her essays and poems have been nominated for the Pushcart and Best of the Net anthologies, and her piece "Contents" was a Best of the Net finalist in 2018. She is the founding editor-in-chief of *Psaltery & Lyre* and a coeditor of *Dove Song: Heavenly Mother in Mormon Poetry*.

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He has published in the *Journal of Mormon History*, *Sunstone*, *John Whitmer Historical Journal*, *Irreantum*, and elsewhere.

With Lavina Fielding Anderson, he created the chronologies for *Confessions of a Mormon Historian: The Diaries of Leonard J. Arrington, 1971–1997*. He is currently on the board of directors for the John Whitmer Historical Association. He and his wife live in northern California, where they provide residential services for people with developmental disabilities. The Geisners are the parents of three children.

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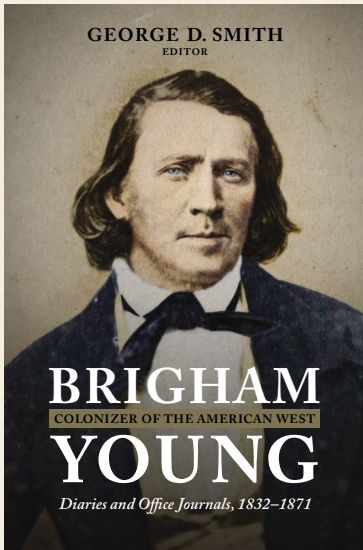
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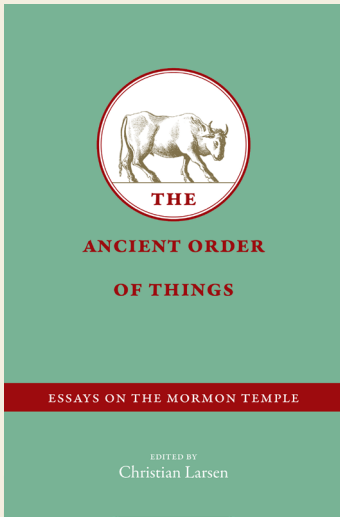
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George D. Smith is a political science graduate of Stanford University, with an MBA from New York University. In 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities from the University of Utah. Throughout his career, Smith has served on the boards 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 editor of *An Intimate Chronicle: The Journals of William Clayton*, and *Religion, Feminism, and Freedom of Conscience*.



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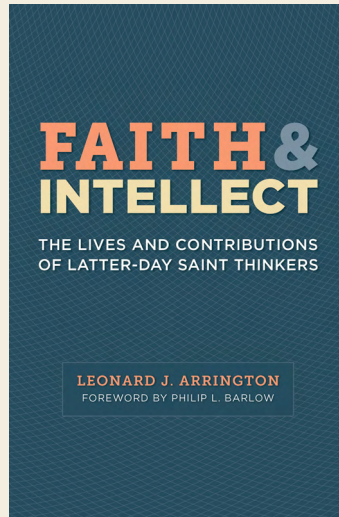
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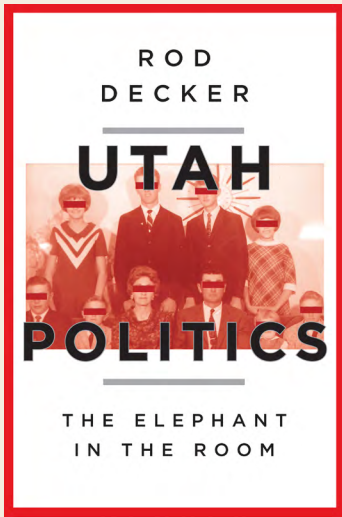
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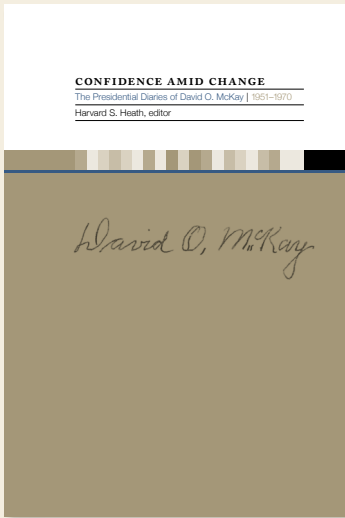
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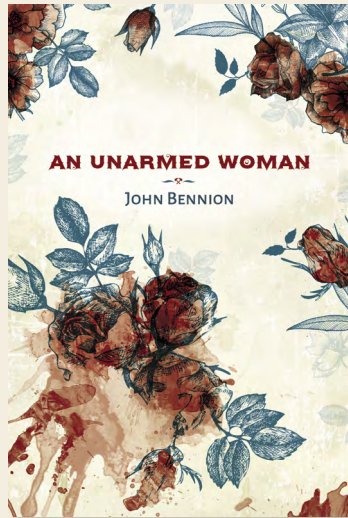
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“I then said that the First Presidency further recommend that when any member of the General Authorities desires to write a book, that the Brethren of the Twelve or the First Presidency be consulted regarding it. While the author need not get the approval of these Brethren, they should know before it is published that a member of the General Authorities wants to publish a book. I said it may seem all right for the writer of the book to say, ‘I only am responsible for it,’ but I said ‘you cannot separate your position from your individuality, and we should like the authors to present their books to the Twelve or a Committee appointed.’ I asked the Brethren of the Twelve to convey this information to the other General Authorities. On motion, this became the consensus of the Council.”

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John Bennion

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“When I reached the first huge room in the store, I saw Brother Apollo standing on the other side of the glass case, a candle set in front of him. He glared at the candle, shaking his head and moaning. ‘We are ruined.’

‘Brother Apollo?’

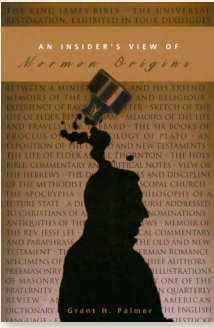
He didn’t seem to hear. Light flickered across familiar objects, transforming them. The dress J. D. and I had chosen hung against one wall, looking like a spirit of a person, just rising toward heaven. A saddle hanging from its scrap cast a strange moving shadow.

‘What in the name of God?’ J. D.’s voice came from the next room. I hurried through the short hallway, following the light.

Sister Apollo stood over something on the floor. When she saw me, she turned, her arms spread out. ‘You don’t want to come in here.’”

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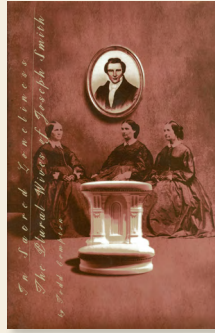
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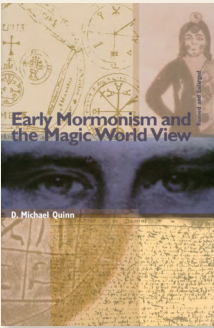
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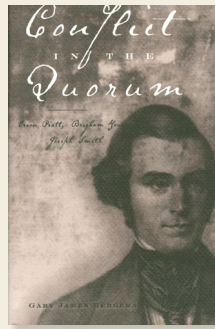
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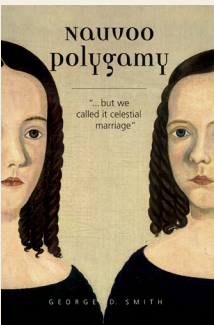
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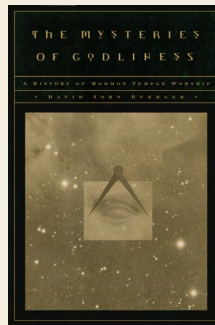
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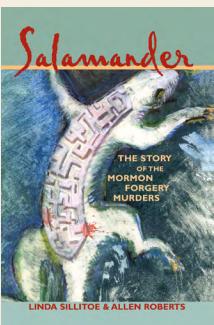
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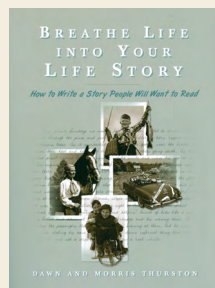
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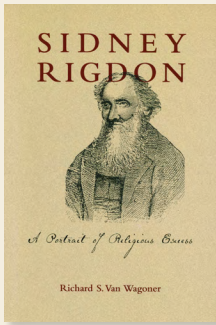
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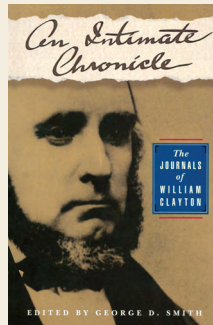
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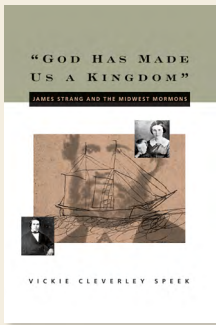
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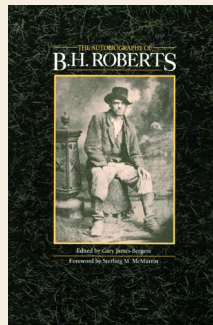
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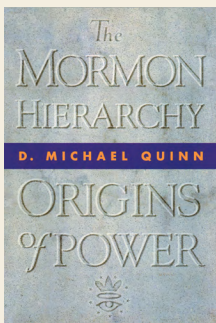
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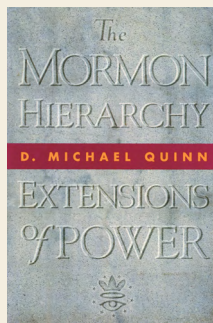
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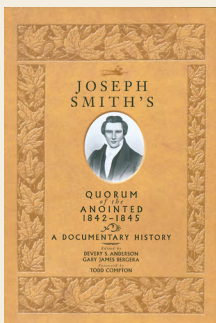
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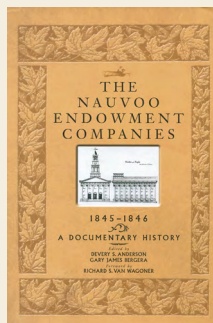
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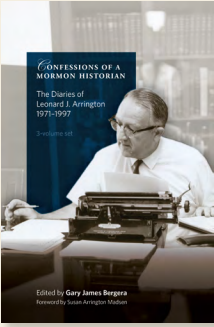
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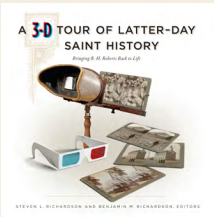
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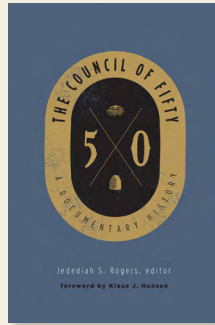
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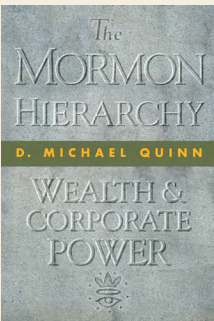
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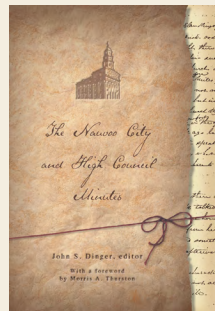
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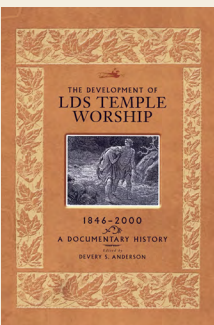
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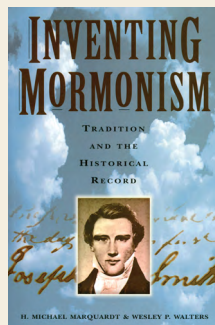
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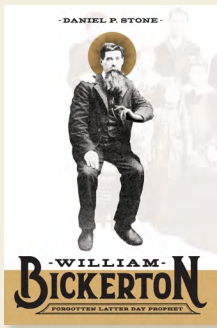
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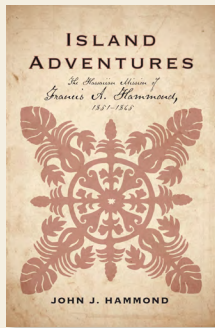


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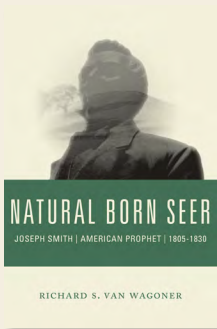


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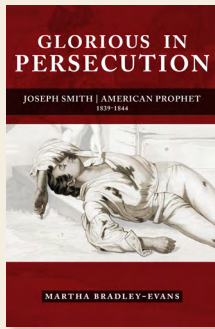


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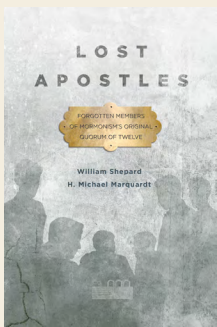


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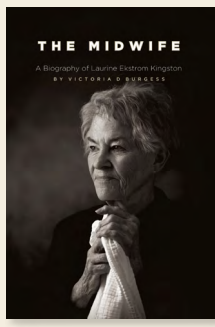


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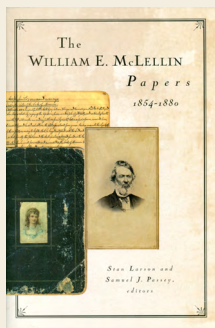


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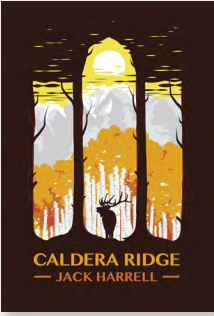
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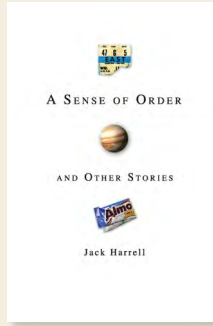
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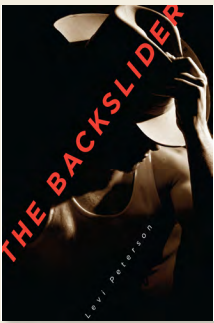
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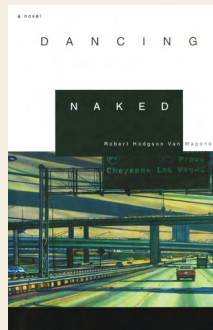
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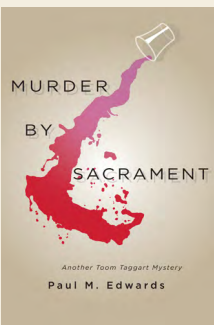
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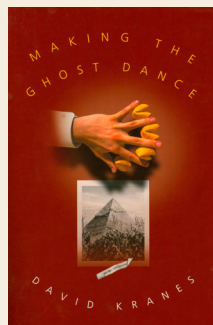


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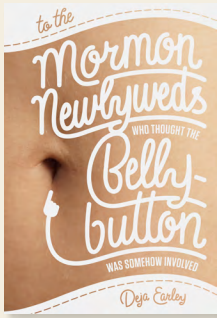
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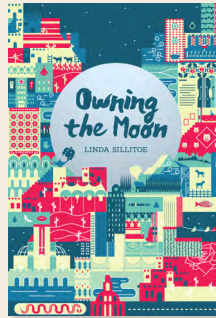
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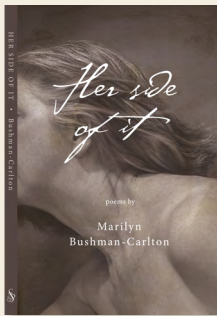
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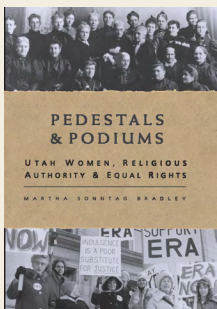
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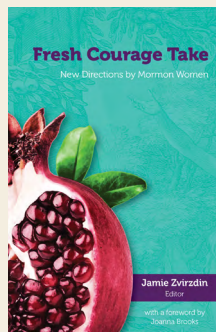
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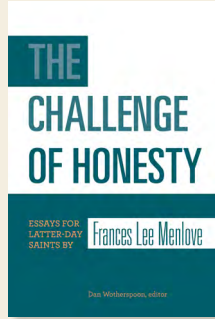
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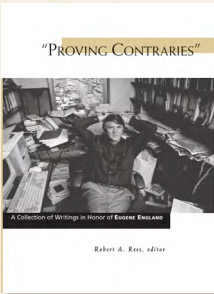
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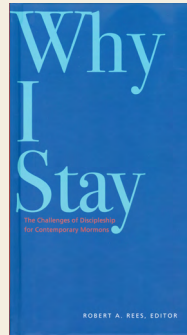
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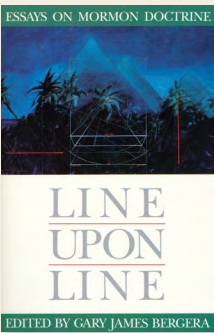
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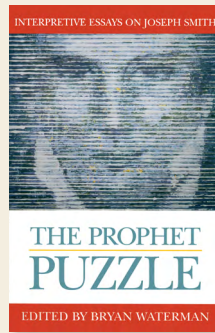
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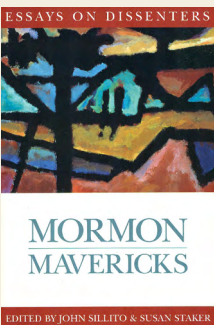
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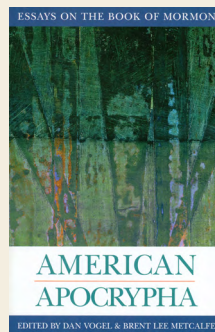
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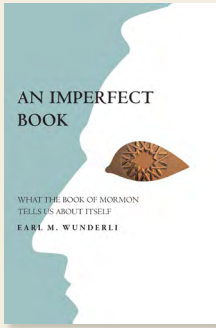
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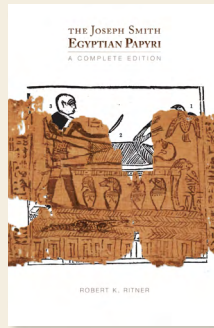
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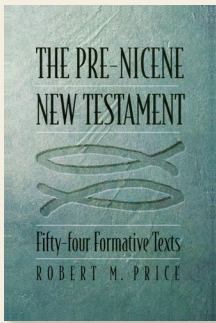
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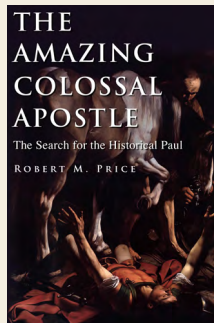
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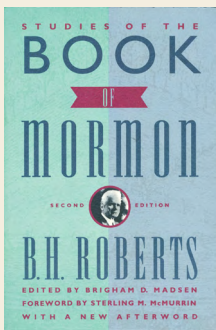
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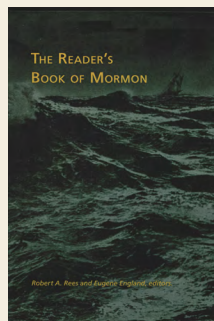
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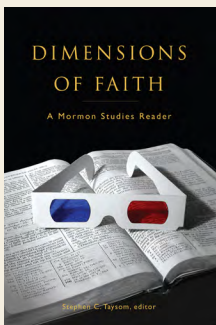
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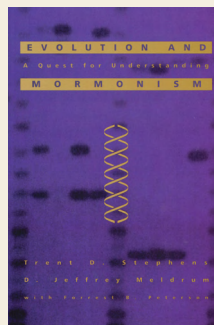
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