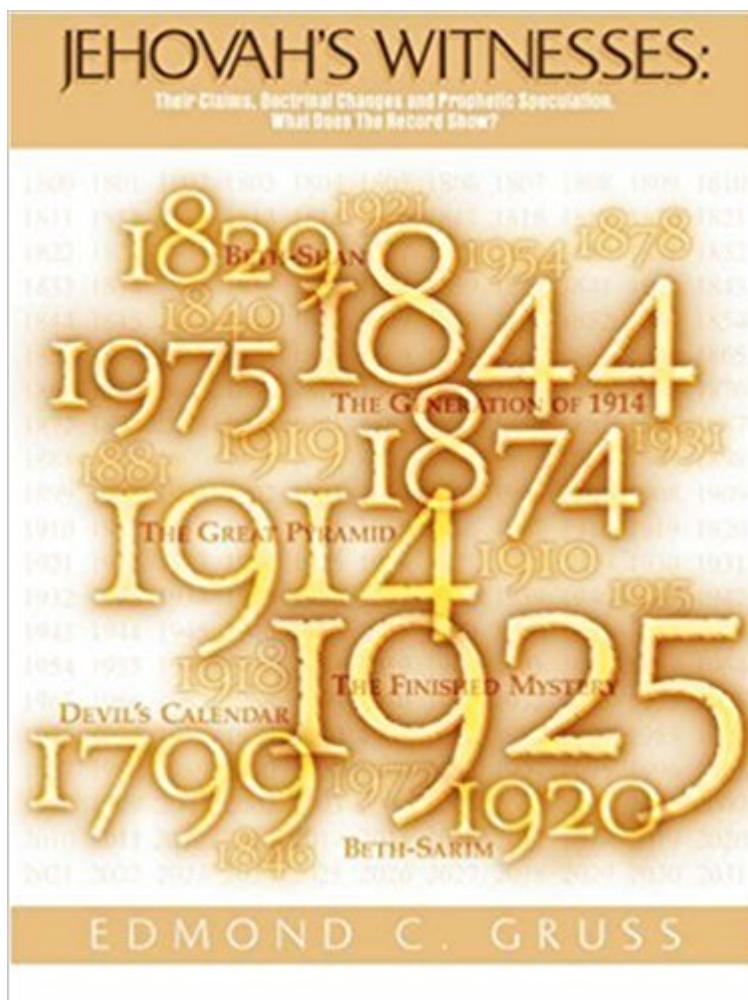


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As the way of introduction, it is ironic how JW would point to the 4th century and claim that during that century somehow Christianity incorporated into its dogma the doctrine of Trinity. But what about history of JW and their doctrines and claims? I do agree that knowing history is important, and both studying 4th century and 19th and 20th are important too. When we look at 4th century, it actually turns out that Christianity did NOT inherit the doctrine of the Trinity from Babylon or anything like that. On the other hand, when we look at the history of JWs, we see quite a few problems there. Actually, so many problems that it renders any presumed uniqueness and special status of that organization false, deceitful and manipulative. This book documents from the JWs sources themselves this pattern: (a) prediction of something, (b) its failure to happen, and (c) excuses by JW headquarters. One after another, after another... predictions fail. Which in turn simply shows how typical this is of similar movements with single exception that somehow JW manage to keep their devote followers loyal. With regard to failed predictions, JW are not unique. There are many people with many false predictions, from José Luis de Jesú's Miranda to Harold Camping and in between. Anyways, I found this book to be informative and if you're interested in knowing enough without reading through all of JW publications, you can learn major events from this book.

This is a great book for those doing research on the history of Jehovah's Witnesses. Each chapter is a premise set forth by the author that is either proven or disproved by the sources quoted in the chapter. The author left no stone unturned when searching for information. You'll read quotes from court transcripts, snippets of "Watchtower" and "Awake!" articles, articles by C. T. Russell, interviews with former Bethelites, and much more. But don't open this book expecting to be entertained. This book is research, not pleasure reading. If you can plow through the dry reading, you'll learn a great deal about what made Jehovah's Witnesses into what they are today. I don't regret reading it.

Although it is not an extremely readable book--this is because there are a lot of quotes since it is meant to be a general resource more than just a book you sit down and read--I know of nothing more valuable that so clearly depicts the JW's prophetic record. And it doesn't look good for the folks in Brooklyn. I believe that any thinking Witness who was to consider the false prophetic claims as produced by Watchtower leaders and shown in this book would have their world shaken apart, so caution on their part must be taken before picking this up to read. But truth is something that is worthwhile to find and grasp, and in this case, I highly recommend the Witness go through the well-documented records as put together by Gruss and determine this: If the Governing Body could be so wrong about so many things in its entire history, what else could they be wrong on? (i.e. view of God, view of Jesus, view of authority, view of salvation, etc.) For these are not just men claiming to be fallible leaders, but rather, their very words are examined and studied by the 7 million JWS located around the world as being equal in authority with anything the Bible says. And these kind folks are coming to our doors, urgently trying to share their faith. I believe a book like this would be valuable on the shelf of every Christian who realizes that, when a Witness knocks on their door, it's time to go to work and share our faith--and we don't even have to take our bedroom slippers off! The amount of work that went into this book is incredible--my hat's off to Ed Gruss, a great researcher on the religion of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

1). if you are the type that appreciates concrete evidence, then this book is for you -- are you impressed by their books/awake/watchtower (*especailly the cute art work)?are you considering joining this belief system?are you moved by their "bible study"?think that they have the truth?well, well, well. before you let your emotions conquire your reasoning, i HIGHLY suggest that you do your brain/family a favor. pore this volume!BOTTOM LINE:as they are confronted (via their OWN pathetic

records/reasoning), they will try their hardest to digress from the case (they are good at that)...their reasoning is just as pathetic...gradually, their cute smiles will be no more (muscular reading of discomfort).2). on the flip side. if you are captivated by their cute art work/smiles/awake/watchtower/"bible study" etc., then this read will make you feel uncomfortable (that is, if you are against a sound case or are in denial)*of course, all you have to do is have faith, ignore their pathetic game (in jehovah's name) of emotional play/trickery (poor kids). and their records of shame will mean nothing to you. right.great read.

THIS IS ONE THE GREAT BOOK FOR RESEARCH ON THIS RELIGIOUS CULT IT SHOWS ALL THEIR STATEMENTS ,AND CLAIMS THATS NOT ACCORDING TO THE HOLY BIBLE

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