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Kate Scott says

Out of Mormonism was first published in 1997 under the title No Regrets: How I Found My Way Out of Mormonism. In 2001 it was republished under its current title and now, ten years later, it has been revised and redesigned by Bethany House. Robertson's story has remained unedited, but twenty-three pages of testimony by four other ex-Mormons has been added. There are also four appendices (these were also in the old edition) which explain how Mormon doctrine contradicts Christianity and provide guidance for Mormons who are trying to break ties with the church.

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Karen says

This is a great book. It doesn't go into a lot of the history of the Mormon church, but it gives a "behind the scenes" look at the church and what it was like for the author's family. I had the chance to hear her speak at a local bookstore and she was very interesting.

Khadijah says

Ok, so now I see why Christians say Mormons aren't Christians. But as a non-Christian, I find mainstream Christianity strange as well (although a lot less than Mormonism). I suppose when you grow up with a religion, it's not so strange as it seems to outsiders.

The book is biased from the beginning (which is to be expected given the title of the book). I would have preferred a little more neutral introduction to how the author found herself drawn to Mormonism in the first place and choice of chapter titles. I get the message that Mormonism is false, tricking, you name it, but I don't need the reminder in every single sentence. If I read more into Mormonism, I'll pick out a book written by someone who practices the faith and still believes in it.

Cory says

A good account of leaving a church that supports its congregation until questions are asked, then quickly and heartlessly turns its back on the asker. Gives a thorough personal insight into the author's experience.

Katherine Coble says

I seriously question Bethany House's decision to release this as a free Kindle book.

The title implies one sort of book. The actual text is another sort of book altogether and one that is not well-written.

I am myself a devout Christian, but as I read this book I found myself thinking "anybody reading this outside the faith has EXCELLENT cause for thinking we are equally bonkers."

As ridiculous as Robertson makes Mormonism sound, her Christianity seems equally unbalanced. Her narration makes it appear that she traded one delusion for another.

While most practicing Christians understand her spiritual moments they won't play well for readers outside the fold.

Kate T. Bug says

Although the author doesn't have the best writing skills, she has a very interesting and important story to tell. A worthwhile read!!!

Kristina Seleshanko says

This book isn't what I expected, but that doesn't mean it doesn't have value. I expected it to be a detailed and personal account of living the Mormon life. Instead, it's a very brief account of why a woman (and her family) became Mormons, her feelings about that life (which are brief), and a handful of specifics about that religion.

What this book is good for, however, is teaching Christians how Mormonism is greatly different from Christianity (even though many - but not all - Mormons will tell you they are Christians) and for counseling Mormons on the problems with their religion - especially Mormons who are already thinking about leaving LDS.

The best part of the book, in my opinion, is the back matter, which includes far more compelling details about why Mormonism isn't Christianity.

I should add that the book is in no way hate-filled. You won't find nasty remarks about Mormons or the LDS church here. The author clearly has a love for Mormons and a desire to bring them to Christ.

Jackie says

Glad to hear the final outcome. So many people are caught up in traditions and working their way to heaven. It's through faith, by grace in Jesus Christ ONLY. Gives a little insight of what goes on in the Mormon (church)

Kaye says

Ultra Christian lit, bagging on ultra Mormon lifestyles. Typical of Bethany House publishing.

Reed says

This is a shallow, thinly veiled attempt at anti-mormon propaganda. The author seems to have missed the point of what it means to be "Christian". While I have serious issues with LDS Doctrine, if it is true that, "By the fruits of their labors ye shall know them", then few religions today compare to the service and sacrifice offered up in Christ's (not Joseph Smith's) name.

Anytime somebody finds happiness, it's a positive and a wonderful thing. I just find it curious that the author feels obliged to impose her happiness on others. While the LDS lifestyle is not for everyone, there are millions of content and happy members doing their best to live by the teachings of Christ as they understand them. It is nothing short of intolerance and bigotry to demean a people because you don't agree with or understand them.

Lee says

Not sure what to say about this book. The writing has no serious flaws; it's adequate if a bit bland. This is not a meaty book about Mormonism; there is very little really about the religion or the people. There is far more Jesus-pushing and talk about the rightness of non-Mormon Christianity.

Rather than address issues like how women are treated by the LDS church, or how its tenants may harm families, or any real criticism of the Mormon faith, the author instead decides to go with "the Church of the Latter-Day Saints is a Satanic Cult" as her main issue with Mormonism.

I got the feeling from reading the book that the author didn't have any real problem with the Mormon church other than its strangeness. And it is strange to her because she was raised in a different Christian faith (which would be equally strange to someone raised Mormon, or Buddhist, or whatever). That is me giving her the benefit of the doubt; she claims to have been a Mormon-convert for 7 years; it's hard to believe they were a Satanic cult the whole time and she never noticed till the end. Her only proof that they are such is that some of the practices of the Mormon church conflict with passages in the Bible; but what kind of proof is that when most Christian's practices conflict with some parts of the bible? Are Baptists a Satanic cult too, because they outlaw dancing and the bible has almost nothing but positive mentions of dancing? I think not.

Mormonism has some strange beliefs and practices; but so does every form of Christianity. This book is just another case of the pot calling the kettle black. The author has hopped faiths several times but apparently has found her one true faith in Mormon-bashing.

Katie says

Robertson spills the beans on all thing Mormon in her book, detailing the top secret rituals and beliefs of the Mormons, as she details her seven years in the religion she now calls a cult. While Robertson can be long-winded in her explanations, she uses the scripture to prove that Mormonism is no more Christian than the

Jehovah's Witnesses.

While Mormons do believe in God and Jesus, they also believe that God has a wife, that Satan is Jesus' brother, that there are three heavens and no hell, and that good works get you into heaven; all beliefs that are torn to shreds by the Bible. This religion targets Christians without a true knowledge of the Bible and sells them half truths mixed with lies. Their rituals are disturbing and bizarre, but deemed necessary to achieve the highest level of heaven. For example, people go through a long and invasive Temple ceremony for dead family members to baptize them post mortem, which is ridiculous and certainly not Christian. A real eye opener and a warning as well.

Kelly says

Wow. All I have to say is wow!

Wendy says

BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

"You'll be back." The Bishop walked slowly to the door and held it open, dismissing them like children.

As the door clicked shut behind them, Jim took a deep breath and looked at Judy. They were leaving everything behind. And they never looked back....

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The Robertsons are not alone in leaving Mormonism. In this edition of the book, you'll find brief stories of others who have chosen to follow the Jesus of the Bible.

MY REVIEW

My what an enlightening and interesting book! It really held my interest and it wasn't even Amish, Historical Christian or any of my second genre choices to read. I had heard some of these things about Mormonism and by reading this I am more willing to accept it as truth but I will say that you should read it for yourself and make your own decisions, do more research if you feel the need.

Steven says

This exposes the secret Mormon teachings which the neatly--dressed Brighamite missionaries will not tell you about. They're instructed "meat before milk" so, they won't tell you the surreal teachings, which diverge wildly from traditional Christianity, such as (1)the idea that a man may become Exalted and get to be a God

ruling his own planet, while he and his wife or wives get to crank out Spirit Children to inhabit the human bodies on the planet. Nor (2)the idea that God was once such a man. (This (2) is in direct contradiction to Bible passages such as James 1:17, which describes God as: "the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change."(NAB. The book documents each unusual teaching it exposes with authoritative references to books by Brighamite LDS "Church" officials. such as "Apostle" Bruce R. McConkie's Mormon Doctrine, and the collected sermons of Church President Joseph Fielding Smith: Doctrines of Salvation: Sermons and Writings. Another good reference is Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith

It was fascinating; I couldn't put it down.

It has inspired me to do Bible reading more frequently. Thank you, Judy.

As another reviewer wrote, the description on Goodreads is wrong.
