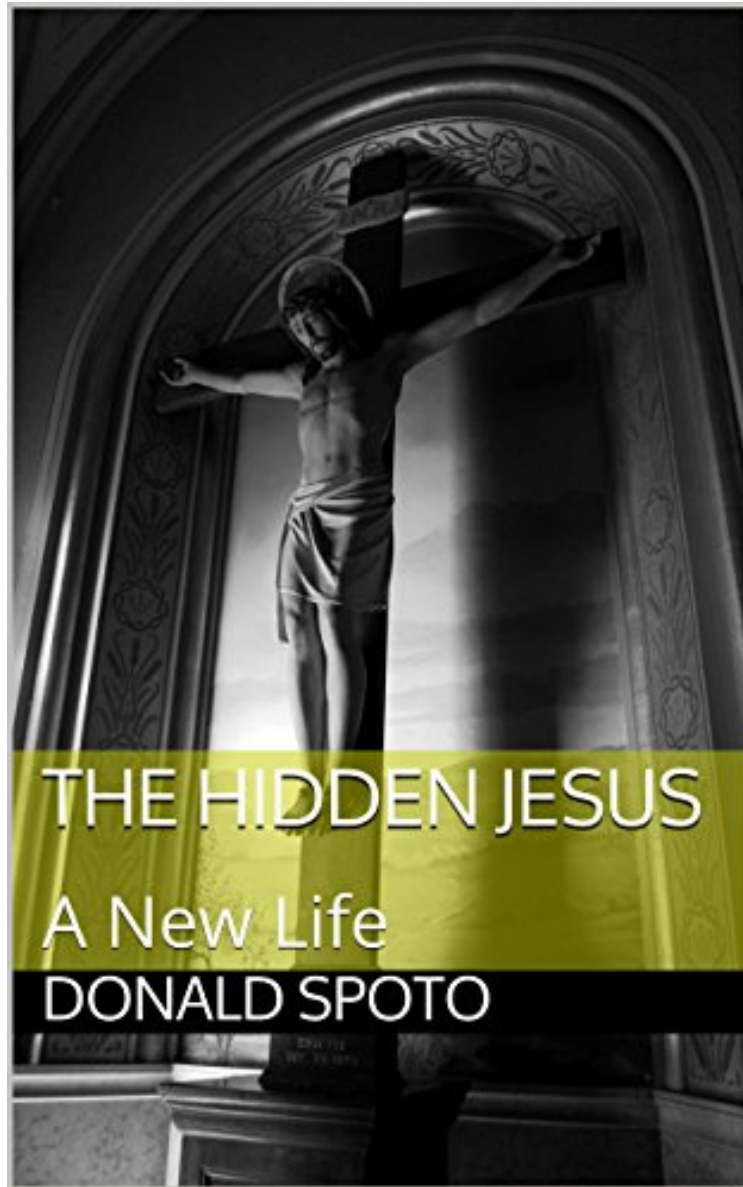


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Von Donald Spoto

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Von Donald Spoto : The Hidden Jesus: A New Life (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hidden Jesus: A New Life (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Vague and not very substantialVon Ein KundeThe author's thesis is that the meaning of Jesus is "hidden," so that each of us

has to find it out for ourselves. This makes sense; as the living Word, Jesus is the embodiment of God's truth, which every generation of Christ-followers has to unpack in the context of its own experience. So I was hoping this book would offer some suggestions to help with this. Well, it was a let-down. To be honest, I'm not really sure what the author *did* say throughout most of the book, since I kept zoning out on his vague and seemingly arbitrary statements. Reading it was like eating stale popcorn. It left me with spiritual indigestion, but still hungry for something more substantial. By the way, those who consider anyone who doesn't like this book to be small-minded might be pleasantly surprised to read some Christian classics from the last 2000 years or so. Those old dead guys and gals came up with a variety and depth of Christology far beyond Spoto's, and they did so in the context of a deep love and personal experience of Jesus. (Anyone with a "St." in their name is a good bet.) You might also like Catholic theologian Luke Timothy Johnson, or, if you're willing to bite the bullet and read a Christian bestseller, Philip Yancey and Max Lucado. Yes, some of these are simpler than Spoto's book. But intellectual complexity for its own sake isn't a Christian virtue. Jesus doesn't say that the kingdom belongs to investigative journalists; he says it belongs to the little children -- trusting and simple. That's the message that tends to get "hidden" in our times.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spoto's book is serious, thought-provoking and reverent. Von Ein Kunde Standing applause for Mr. Spoto's effort. His previous oeuvre of celebrity biographies almost prevented me from picking it up, but as I read it I was entranced and ashamed at my prejudice. I found it hard to put down: a two day read. He not only deals systematically with the life of Christ but sheds light on a number of related issues showing how, for a Christian, Christology is central. The book is intellectually upright yet highly readable and unpretentious, and in my view superior in interest and execution to other fine recent efforts by A. N. Wilson and E.P. Sanders. As a reasonably well read layman, I found nothing theologically offensive in it, quite the contrary. He makes a splendid effort at describing the MEANING of Christ and the risen Christ, and all without the smell of the lamp or the academy. Highly recommended.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Profound beautifully written. Von Ein Kunde An illuminating and lucid meditation on the meanings of Christ's life and mission, as well as our interpretations of those meanings throughout the centuries. Spoto, a first-class writer and biographer, brings many fresh perspectives and thought-provoking ideas to the study of Christ's experiences, and what they mean to us today. Highly recommended for all thoughtful believers in Christ, who aren't afraid to at least consider new perspectives. Those who so adamantly dislike this volume probably do so simply because Spoto purposefully stretches the theological boundaries a bit here and there, and he didn't write the simplistic, easy treatise they expected to read. (Also, read Spoto's biography of Marilyn Monroe, the best yet written).

Kurzbeschreibung The Hidden Jesus presents an extraordinary vision of Jesus Christ that remained hidden to his contemporaries and most of us today. Donald Spoto, the former monk and New Testament scholar who in recent years has written some of the most highly praised biographies of world-class celebrities, returns to his roots with this remarkable and deeply insightful portrait of the man Nazareth and the surprising message of His gospels. Addressing himself to a wide spectrum of modern readers, Spoto has written both a revolutionary and an intensely spiritual work. Controversial in its assessments, and particularly in its examination of standard doctrinal theology, The Hidden Jesus demonstrates that:-- Two New Testament passages on the the virginal conception should not be literally understood, and Jesus was not an only child, but the eldest of seven children-- Portions of the New Testament are anti-Semitic and that bias is certainly not part of revealed truth-- Sexual matters should not be seen as the principal gauge of morality, since Jesus had greater concerns, and even counted prostitutes among his closest friends-- There is no legitimate barrier to women being priests-- The New Testament does not say that marriages cannot be broken, but rather that marriages should not be broken-- One cannot be a true follower of Jesus and endorse capital punishment-- Jesus placed the birth in Bethlehem in order to relate Jesus directly to King David.

deDieser Titel ist in englischer Sprache. Der Prominentenbiograph und ehemalige Mnch Donald Spoto (Autor von Diana: The Last Year) wendet sich mit seinen beeindruckenden Recherchierfhigkeiten dem Leben Jesu zu. Von Anfang an macht Spoto klar, da er bereit ist, viele der herrschenden Vorstellungen von Jesus auf den Kopf zu stellen. Er behauptet, zum Beispiel, da Jesus in Nazareth zur Welt kam, nicht im kleinen Ort Bethlehem. (Offensichtlich verlegten Matthus und Lukas in ihren Berichten die Geburt nach Bethlehem, dem Heimatort Knig Davids, um den Glauben, da Jesus dem Hause David entstammte, zu untermauern.) Und so geht es weiter: Spoto erklrt, da die jungfruliche Empfngnis nicht wrtlich genommen werden sollte, da es keine Beweise fr einen ungewhnlich hellen Stern um die Zeit Jesu Geburt gibt, und da Jesus kein Einzelkind war, sondern vielmehr das lteste von sieben. Glcklicherweise behlt Spoto einen respektvollen und nachdenklichen Ton bei -- eine willkommene Abwechslung von den geschmacklosen Details einiger seiner Prominentenbiographien. Spoto benutzt seine Enthllungstalente, um die Bedeutung des Lebens Jesu wie auch die historischen Fakten aufzuzeigen. Im Kern ist The Hidden Life of Jesus die persnliche Suche eines Christen nach der ultimativen Bedeutung und dem bleibenden Einflu des Jesus von Nazareth wie auch die daraus resultierende Theorie. -- Gail Hudson

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