

The Story Of Our Hymns The Handbook To The Hymnal Of The Evangelical And Reformed Church

Be Still, My Soul is a collection of 175 of the most popular hymns and the stories behind them. Many of these hymns were written out of incredible life experiences—from the heart cry of a repentant slave trader to the renewed hope of a survivor of attempted suicide. In this devotional you'll discover the stories behind the songs we sing. You'll experience the passion and joy contained in these hymns' lyrics and melodies. In addition to the hymn stories, Be Still, My Soul includes the musical score, lyrics, and in-depth biographies of 12 of the most-prolific hymn writers, singers, and composers. Whether you are new to hymns or have cherished them for a long time, you'll enjoy this illuminating book on the stories behind some of the most popular hymns you sing in worship.

This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.

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A year of journaling inspiration through the most beloved hymns, based the bestselling Then Sings My Soul series. Pastor Rob Morgan's inimitable style will help people reacquaint themselves with the hymns of the faithful. His goal is to keep these traditional hymns vital and meaningful to all generations. Hymns speak to our soul and add depth and meaning as we worship God through song. This year-long devotional journal shares the emotion behind the hymns of faith that have changed many lives throughout history — not only the people whose faith led them to write these wonderful hymns but also the people whose faith has been transformed by reading, hearing, and singing the songs. Designed to be personally reflective and inspire prayer, each week-long experience allows readers to experience the hymn through: reflection questions prayer prompts journaling space historic quotes the actual hymn with music and lyrics its historical background Draw near to God and deepen your prayer life as you make your way through these 52 hymns that center around the theme of joyous prayer in the Then Sings My Soul Prayer Journal.

This collection of literature attempts to compile many of the classic works that have stood the test of time and offer them at a reduced, affordable price, in an attractive volume so that everyone can enjoy them.

Unlike some other reproductions of classic texts (1) We have not used OCR(Optical Character Recognition), as this leads to bad quality books with introduced typos. (2) In books where there are images such as portraits, maps, sketches etc We have endeavoured to keep the quality of these images, so they represent accurately the original artefact. Although occasionally there may be certain imperfections with these old texts, we feel they deserve to be made available for future generations to enjoy.

The Complete Book of Hymns brings to life the stories behind more than 600 hymns and worship songs. With background on the composer, the inspiration behind the lyrics, scriptural references for devotional consideration, and a sampling of the song lyrics, this book brings forth the message of these great songs of the faith like never before!

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"Hymn singing reflects a congregation's spiritual vitality and their response to God's grace.

A Hymn Story Program for Church or Christian School Choir Here is a refreshing choir program that presents the life and music of the blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby. The choir arrangements are singable and the narrated story memorable. Titles include: To God Be the Glory, Praise Him Medley, Redeemed, Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Be Thou Exalted, At the Cross, Safe in the Arms of Jesus, Rescue the Perishing, Saved By Grace, Blessed Assurance, and My Savior First of All. Readers: 2 Pages: 84 Easy-to-read 8.5 x 11 size.

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From the moment the pilgrims landed on the shores of the New World, to the dark days following September 11, songs of faith have inspired, comforted, and rallied our beloved country. Stories Behind the Hymns That Inspire America describes the people, places, and events that have shaped the heart and soul of America. The stories behind these songs will fascinate you and bring new meaning and richness to special spiritual moments in the history of our nation. Discover how:§ "Faith of Our Fathers," sung at Franklin Delano Roosevelt's funeral, had its roots not with the pilgrims but with a Catholic fighting for the right to worship freely in Anglican England§ World events, from the downing of Flight 007 in Russian airspace to Desert Storm and September 11, propelled Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." § The author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" lived the words "His truth is marching on" until the day she died§ Combining African rhythms and southern folk melodies, slaves brought Bible truths to life with songs such as "Roll, Jordan, Roll"§ The songs in this book have energized movements, illuminated dark paths, commemorated historic events, taken the message of freedom and faith across this nation and beyond, healed broken spirits, and righted wrongs. Their stories will make you proud of your heritage as you realize anew that in America, even one voice can make a lasting influence.

Hymns are more than beautiful musical compositions; they provide us with a heightened language for praising and speaking to God, all while teaching us theology that reflects both the depth and complexity

of Our Lord. Sacred hymns in our day have given way to “fifth-rate poetry set to fourth-rate music,” as C.S. Lewis once remarked. At times, the music used in worship can make us feel as though the culture is usurping the Church rather than being transfigured by it. There is a clear and present need to resurrect those distinctively different songs with a distinctively different vocabulary for people who want to live distinctive lives as followers of Christ. In these pages, Fr. George William Rutler introduces and reflects upon dozens of the greatest hymns written from the earliest years of the Church through the Twentieth Century. The text and composition of each hymn is included, as well as inspiring accounts of their authors and composers, fascinating stories and historical events connected with them, and notes on the significant contributions each one made to theology and music. Fr. Rutler has recovered here a rich musical legacy that will help us to give glory to our God who is Lord of all.

In times of doubt, fear, and loss, we turn to the songs and hymns that remind us that this world is not all there is--that what awaits us as followers of Jesus is a heavenly kingdom. Songs like "Face to Face," "Amazing Grace," "Heaven Came Down," "Victory in Jesus," and "I'll Fly Away." And behind every song about heaven is a story. So many were written amid circumstances of great personal pain on the part of the songwriter. And in sharing their story, we can find even more comfort in our own circumstances. Award-winning author Ace Collins offers this collection of 30 inspiring stories that provide hope for this world and insight into the next, painting a picture of eternal life filled with joy, peace, and happy reunions. This book is perfect for those who love the stories behind the great hymns of the faith as well as anyone who has experienced loss, and pastors, hospice workers, and counselors will find it the perfect pass-along for the grieving.

From the New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of *Empire of the Summer Moon* and *Rebel Yell* comes “a masterwork of history” (Lawrence Wright, author of *God Save Texas*), the spellbinding, epic account of the last year of the Civil War. The fourth and final year of the Civil War offers one of the most compelling narratives and one of history’s great turning points. Now, Pulitzer Prize finalist S.C. Gwynne breathes new life into the epic battle between Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant; the advent of 180,000 black soldiers in the Union army; William Tecumseh Sherman’s March to the Sea; the rise of Clara Barton; the election of 1864 (which Lincoln nearly lost); the wild and violent guerrilla war in Missouri; and the dramatic final events of the war, including Lee’s surrender at Appomattox and the murder of Abraham Lincoln. “A must-read for Civil War enthusiasts” (Publishers Weekly), *Hymns of the Republic* offers many surprising angles and insights. Robert E. Lee, known as a great general and Southern hero, is presented here as a man dealing with frustration, failure, and loss. Ulysses S. Grant is known for his prowess as a field commander, but in the final year of the war he largely fails at that. His most amazing accomplishments actually began the moment he stopped fighting. William Tecumseh Sherman, Gwynne argues, was a lousy general, but probably the single most brilliant man in the war. We also meet a different Clara Barton, one of the greatest and most compelling characters, who redefined the idea of medical care in wartime. And proper attention is paid to the role played by large numbers of black union soldiers—most of them former slaves. Popular history at its best, *Hymns of the Republic* reveals the creation that arose from destruction in this “engrossing...riveting” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) read.

Readers will discover a wealth of connections between reading, education, poetry, and religion in Phillips’s lively accounts of hymnals and their readers.

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Stories of the most favorite and beloved seasonal hymns of faith are gathered for this collection. "Then Sings My Soul" shows the emotion and drama behind the hymns of faith that have changed many lives throughout history.

(Foreword by Cliff Barrows) More inspiring stories behind the hymns of past and contemporary favorites.

Here are 365 classic hymn texts, along with stories of how they came to be written. This is an ideal startling point for personal or family devotions.

Inspirational Stories Behind Your Favorite Hymns This classic book, written a century ago by the country's leading hymnologist, offers a collection of uplifting stories that will revitalize your worship. Originally published in 1903, the book was the first of its kind - a popular book that gave readers a unique look at the history behind the most popular hymns of the era. Did you know: Charles Wesley wrote the doxology to the hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" The hymn "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by a Sunday school teacher during last-minute preparations for a Christmas Eve service. "Onward Christian Soldiers" became popular shortly after the end of the Civil War. Discover fascinating facts and inspiring stories behind hymns and the men and women who wrote them. This book is also a valuable source of illustrations for pastors and music ministers.

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Pam Rhodes is the presenter of the world's number one religion television programme, 'Songs of Praise'. Here she brings together her meditations on 40 of her favourite hymns, reflecting on the story behind them and their meaning. Each meditation concludes with a brief prayer. Pam writes, -Hymns are prayers in our pockets, a spiritual first aid kit that has its home amongst our memories. Hymns speak to us and for us, heart to heart, soul to soul, connecting us in fellow feeling to the writer, whoever they were and whenever they wrote.- The words of the great hymns aren't always cosy and comfortable. They nudge our conscience and scrape away at our complacency. They remind us of the true demands of the Christian life. They spur us on to react and respond. Most of all, they remind us of the Almighty God who created the heavens and earth in all their vastness and complexity, but who also created us to be unique and precious through His divine and amazing love. Like the hymns it draws upon, Love So Amazing is

sure to become a timeless classic that will be read time and again for hope, inspiration and life. Also available as a CD from Elevation Music

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