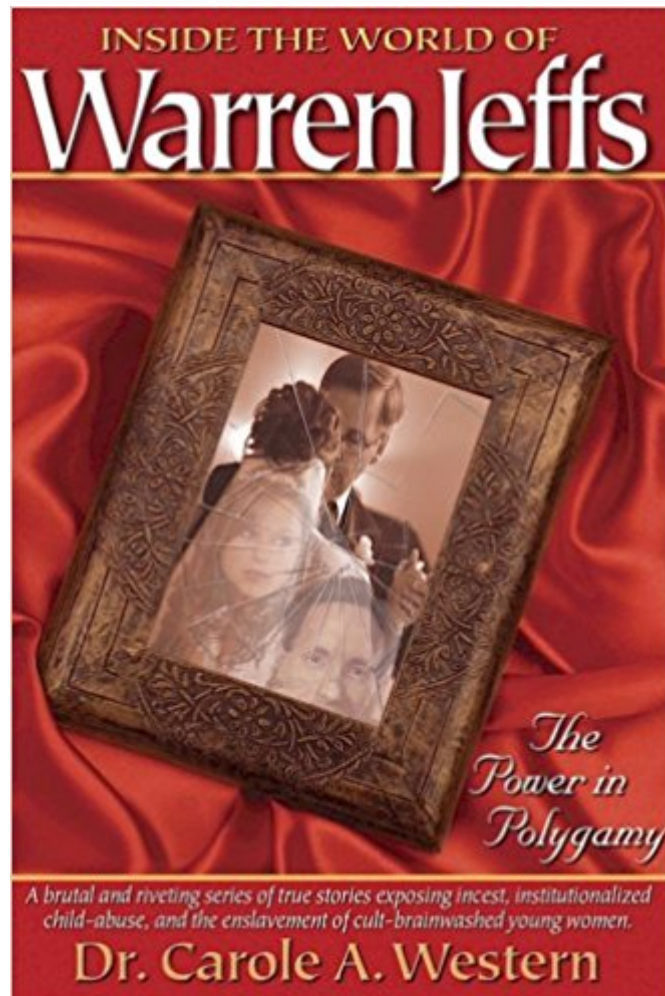




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Inside The World Of Warren Jeffs: The Power Of Polygamy



Synopsis

Inside the World of Warren Jeffs looks deep into the world of the Polygamist lifestyle exposing the dark side as never before. You are skillfully taken by the author through the everyday existence of the pluralistic family to endure the pain, suffering, cruelty and regimentation of singular male domination. A much overlooked fact about polygamy is that it can only work when there are more women than men in a society. Eventually, polygamy burns itself out because of natural selection. When the number of men equals or almost equals the number of women, there are no spare women to marry, and polygamy ceases. Only in the Fundamentalist Polygamist Groups do they keep the practice of polygamy alive, by abandoning a large number of their sons. These teenage boys are cast out into society to fend for themselves with little more than a sixth grade education, nowhere to go, no friends, and knowing they can never contact their mothers or family members again. A father throwing away his sons effectively throws away his competition for young females to take as wives. Because women are considered prime property in the Fundamentalist Polygamist religions, and as the pool of eligible women shrinks, polygamist men look for younger and younger wives to fulfill their needs. Some men marry girls who are little more than children, or at least make contracts with a young girl's father for marriage at a later date. The usual age of marriage for polygamist girls, is between twelve and fourteen. By the time a girl is twelve or even younger in a polygamist culture, older males have already noticed her and are vying and negotiating for her hand in marriage with whichever prophet leads their church.

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Customer Reviews

INSIDE THE WORLD OF WARREN JEFFS: Is a book written on two different levels. It is a well-researched book covering human trials, humiliation, jealousy, abuse and the ultimate survival of six women, one mother and five daughters, trapped in a life of polygamy. The women's lifestyles acquaint them with several different polygamous groups. This book covers their innermost thoughts and dreams of what it would be like to be free. The second part of the book gives the details, statistics, and mindset of today's polygamist leaders, who consider themselves prophets and even Gods over their people. They rule with an iron fist; decide which children and wife belong to which men, picking the best women for themselves, and their word is absolute law. There is no room in polygamy for dissenters, only a life as apostates, abandonment and even death. The few men and women who manage against great odds to escape, tell tales of deprivation, starvation and beatings, but does anyone really listen? This book is well written and an easy read for those whom want both an in-depth fundamental understanding and comprehensive overview of what makes this lifestyle endure through the millennium. Rating: Excellent --Albuquerque News Tribune

Hi:~ ~ This book was enormously fascinating to research. I live in an area where I see plural wives in the stores, markets and restaurants. One day, my mother was with me in Walmart, Christmas Shopping. She saw an older man in his late 60's/early 70's with three young girls approx. 14, 15, 16. My mother watched them and remarked, "Isn't it wonderful their grandpa is taking his granddaughters Christmas Shopping." I could hardly face her when I told her quietly they weren't his granddaughters but his wives. They were already wearing wedding rings and two were pregnant, which was obvious from front view. My mother said she felt sick at the thought. She looked at me and said something I'll never forget. "You're a writer so do something about this." I didn't know whether be happy she thought I could accomplish anything with regard to the situation, and worried about how safe I would be investigating such a secret cult. Truth is, it WAS dangerous. I had so many death threats my husband and I sold our home and moved to another area. I also cancelled my line phone and now use only my cell phone. For 3 months I had C.I.A. operatives following me to book signings and everywhere else I went. I thought they were protecting me; they weren't. The men were trying to catch any polygamist leader who might venture into my book signings. I finished 3 books covering polygamy. Not long after my books hit the market, a show with a polygamist and plural wives began on H.B.O. My opinion is, most people now know about polygamy; so I turned my attention to something fun, creative and entertaining, a romantic fantasy series.~ ~ Hope you enjoy this book. Thanks, Carole

I had purchased this book for a directed study on polygamy, and was greatly disappointed by it. It is very difficult to read with many commas incorrectly placed throughout the sentences, words that seem to be missing or sentences that don't make sense. There is very little about Warren Jeffs, which was a huge letdown considering the title makes it seem as if it were a very informative book about the FLDS prophet. I would not suggest this book for anyone who is curious to learn about the FLDS or other polygamist religions in America, I'm even removing it from the course list of books. For those who are interested, check out some of the other books reviewers have recommended, such as "Escape" by Caroline Jessop or some of Dorothy Allred Solomon's novels about the Allred polygamist group. Don't spend the money on this Jeffs book.

Dr. Western's publisher obviously doesn't even take the time to have a few interns proofread their books. I've never read such a poorly written book. Besides the fact that it is NOT ABOUT WARREN JEFFS as the title claims, I find it hard to believe that it isn't purely fiction. It reads like a young adult romance set in an FLDS compound. Save your money - and your time - and buy any other book about polygamy. And although you "should never judge a book by the cover," think about this... There is a young girl with a fancy updo hairstyle and makeup on the cover. The background of the cover seems to be red satin sheets. Anyone with even minimal knowledge of the FLDS would know that fancy hair, makeup and the color red are all not allowed in their culture.

I liked this book, but wonder if by protecting identities the story lost its impact. The last of the book contains some very helpful descriptions of the different polygamous groups. I enjoyed this book, but probably will not read it again. The individual stories were more like reading a novel where the details were fictionalized by the author.

First of all, this was a great book! Somewhere in the middle of the book, I went from feeling very sorry for these women, to actually being sort of mad at them. Some of these same women continued to find yet another Polygamy family even after leaving a horrible one. I feel mostly sorry for the children :(Great book otherwise !!

I could not put this book down. I ordered it in a time where polygamy was all over the news. A ranch down in Texas was raided & 400+ children taken out of there, with only 100+ mothers. I thought this book really gave you a great idea of what it was like to live believing in this horrible religion of FLDS.

It is sickening. I found it to be horrifying that young boys are tossed out of the community as to not be "competition" with the old men for the child bearing women!! I can't even believe there are people in the world that would believe this type of thing, but this book really gave me an understaing first hand of what it really is like. As a woman, you are basically stuck, you have no rights of your own, your children can be taken from you & raised as someone else's & you can be given to another husband if someone else sees fit. The "first wife" keeps track of the "sister wives" menstrual cycles, as to know when to let them sleep with her husband to produce as many children as they can. Children are abused, as are sister wives most times. Sometimes only the MAIN family eat well, dress well, etc, depending on the views of the husband. The sister wives & children eat scraps & ketchup sandwiches & wear rags, sewn together, while the first wife & their children together eat like royalty & wear new clothes. All to get a good spot in Heaven. I love this book, it is a bizarre religion, so I was in AWE alot, but it is a great inside view of their life. I read this book in 3 days flat. It was wonderful!

If this had been the first book I read on the FLDS or other polygamists groups I may have liked it more. However, I'd already read several by the time I got my hands on this one and found it to be a huge disapointment. With a title like "Inside The World Of Warren Jeffs" I expected this book to be about Warren Jeffs. Other than chapter one and a few chapters near the end the book, it doesn't really take us into the World of Warren Jeffs and has inacurate facts about his arrest. If you have read "Child Brides" also by Carole A. Western then you have pretty much read this one since its basically a longer version of the same book. Also the author changes names and dates for the protection of the women she interviewed, with the new dates not making any sense at all. The first woman Julia Jefferson, who is the mother of the other girls interviewed, is married March 1993. As the book goes on to tell the stories of her adult children and their children you realize it would have be at least the year 2015 to make any sense. I would recommend many other books before this one, "Escape" by Carolyn Jessop, "Stolen Innocence" by Elissa Wall, "Under The Banner Of Heaven" by Jon Krakauer, "When Men Become Gods" by Stephen Singular, "Daughter Of The Saints" by Dorothy Allred Solomon, "His Favorite Wife" by Susan Ray Schmidt, "The Secret Lives Of The Saints" by Daphne Bramham and many more. Basically any book you could pick would be better than this one!

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