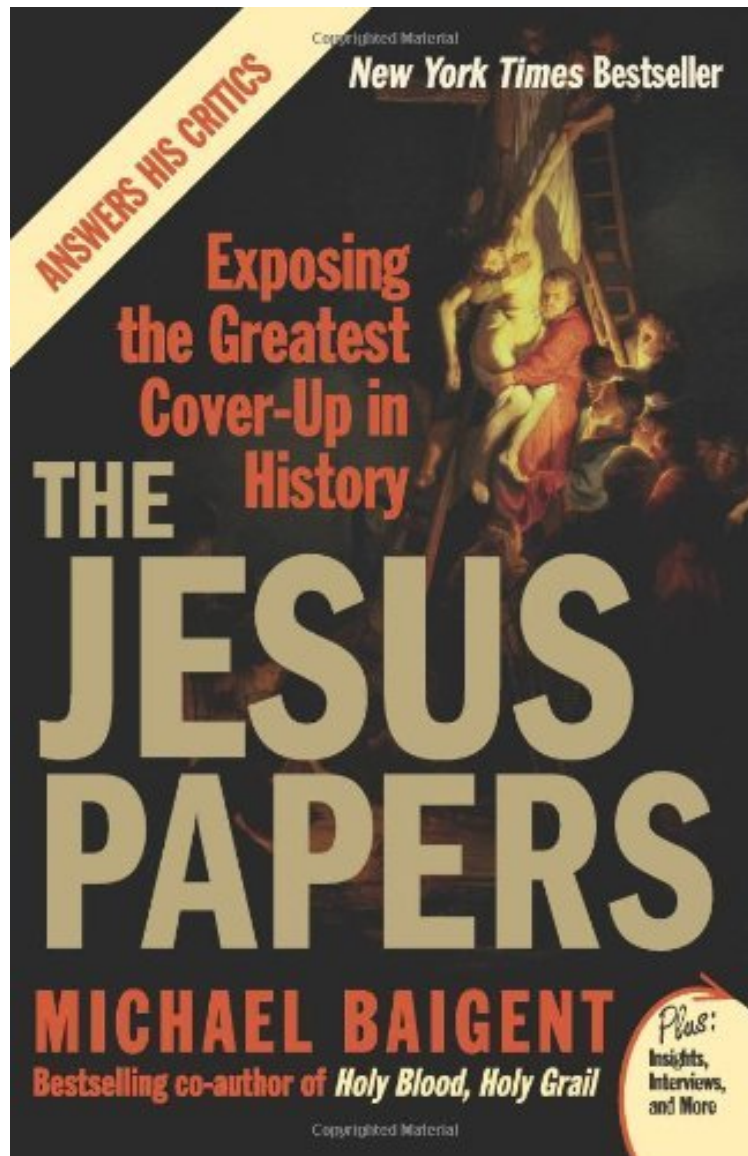


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. No revelations here Von Fr Kurt Messick Conspiracy theories abound - such is the basis of the wildly popular 'Da Vinci Code', and such is the basis of 'Holy Blood, Holy Grail', another earlier book by Baigent that details in a nonfiction

manner much of the same conspiracy theories that are at the heart of the fictional novel by Dan Brown (soon to be a major motion picture, coming to a cinema near you, et cetera...). There is nothing new in this book. True, some of the photographs are 'never before published' as the press kit will put it, but they aren't really earth-shattering images, just some standard fare imagery apropos to the topic. Baigent explores the history of the Zealots and other sects in first century Judea, their relationship with the Roman dominating apparatus, and the possible motivations behind the writing of the gospels and other writings in the way that they were. There were differing interpretation of the Christian events from the earliest times, and these controversies were not settled for generations (indeed, some still have not been). But this is far different from conspiracy and intrigue that is being hinted at in this publication. Pointing out inconsistencies in the texts of the Bible is an old game, and many scholars freely acknowledge the difficulties of resolving some of the issues. This doesn't seem to be acknowledged by Baigent in very clear tones. I am disappointed in this text in that I cannot say much about anything new, as it is a recycling of information to get a publication out when the timing is right, a 'strike while the iron is hot' kind of publishing move. For those unfamiliar with some of these theories, it may be interesting read. For those already acquainted with the issues (even those whose exposure is limited to 'Da Vinci Code' elements), it might prove less worthwhile.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Credibility "olet" Von Roman Nies One of the thesis of the author in this book is that the Vatican is keeping knowledge a secret, which could be found in the scrolls of Qumran, those Dead Sea scrolls of a pious Jewish community from the first century before Christ. This knowledge could prove that something is wrong with Christianity. That is no doubt the suitable material for adventure stories. For adversaries of Christianity a golden pot! But alas! In face of the facts only a pipe-dream. Already the cover of the book beams with non-facts: it claims that 75% of the Qumran texts had not been published. How do they know? Did the Vatican tell them? Sure, this publisher did not publish 75%! The scientists who were working on the restoration of the Qumran scrolls assert that more than 80% had been published. The reader can chose whom he believes. Authors who find a money market for publishing wild theories for willing readers, or scientist who worked for many years on the Qumran texts. Sometimes truth is boring, I admit! This book caused by many of experts head shaking reactions. For example Martin Hengel who said the book is pure nonsense. It is swarming from senseless assertions. I fear he is right! Braigents thesis that the Qumran texts could state something not favourable for Christianity is rubbish by many reasons. One is that C 14 measurement, AMS tests proved that the texts are older than Christianity. It is absolutely impossible that they can help us to say something about the uprising of Christianity. The bad thing is that the author and the publisher must have known this at the time before publishing and did not change anything. It is all about making money. And this it did. The book was a best-seller. Though the contents is meagre with next to no facts. Ironically the very Qumran texts throw a clear light of confirmation on the texts of the New Testament. How? There where were some doubts of historians whether all the quotations in the Bible were authentic from the Jews of those times. But the Essenes, who wrote the Qumran texts explain us with what they put down literally why the Jews can have called the Messiah as a Son of God. Or why the high priests could ask Jesus in his trial the questions about the temple and the Messiah. Already Albert Schweitzer acclaimed boldly that it made no sense. Now we know from the Qumran texts that the Jews believed indeed that the Messiah could be named the Son of God and that he would be the one to build the new temple. Therefore the questioning of the high priest was logical and authentically preserved by the writers of the New Testament despite 200 years of theologians ignorance to follow. I suppose that would have been a greater challenge for the authors to point this out! But they missed their chance! Since the found of the Qumran scrolls it is also known what Jesus meant when he said: you heard that it is said, you should hate your enemy. That was teaching of the Essenes, a teaching that Jesus did not represent, because he taught the love for enemies. Professor O. Betz said, that by the Qumran scrolls "a new light is shed on the Gospels that lets dwindle the doubts about the historic truth of its testimony." Likewise it would be appreciated if everybody who really seriously occupies himself with the theme, would also bother to take into consideration the real facts of the Dead Sea scrolls. The theories of the author are nothing but a pure innovation with no basis at all in the real world. The author and the publisher must havethought: "Pecunia non olet!" What cannot be said about their credibility!

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