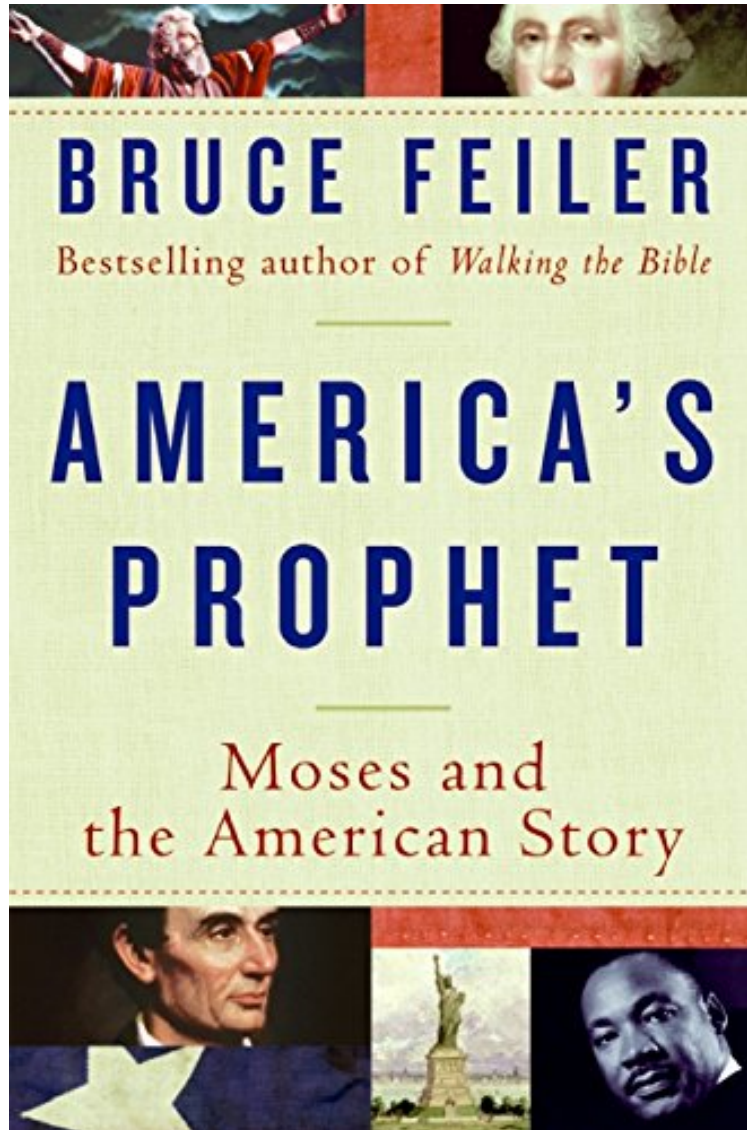


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7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. I wish I had read this book in my 20's!! By WSV1975 This book is a work of genius. Someone recommended it to me and I bought it but just never got around to reading it until now!!!

My delay was my loss. Many authors have something they want to say, this author has something we need to read, understand, and remember. Every nation rests on shared values. Since its inception American culture has rested on the cultural values of the Bible. Central to that common vision is the person of Moses. As the author demonstrates, Moses inspired Americans to lead, to sacrifice, to do God's will for the sake of the community. This is an inspirational look at America's prophet, and every person, especially young people, should read it.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. chose this for our book club

By Abbijoy
The first time I read this, I knew I would want to read it again. Much of the material was familiar to me as a former history teacher, but there were many fascinating surprises. The beginning is a good refresher for those who either don't remember, were not taught, or weren't interested in the beginnings of America. I enjoyed his succinct review. From there, the author went on to demonstrate that the theme of freedom is found in many more times and places than the ones we would expect. All but one person in our book club really enjoyed it as well; in fact, if you think you are not interested in American history, you may be delightfully surprised.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Moses: Mascot of the Supreme Court and Law Giver of the Free World

By Amanda Norton
A refreshing and long overdue admission of that which is blatantly obvious: the western world view which motivated pre-American philosophers and eventually spawned the United States of America came into being because of an abiding faith in, and centuries long love affair with, the Judeo-Christian Scriptures. Information presented here (regarding American history) is well researched and thoroughly cited. The author seems to be operating from an angle which focuses heavily on a perceived competition between Judaism and Christianity in western/ American culture though, rather than focusing on the many commonalities. This was a bit of a distraction for me.

Prerequisites to this book should be:~ The 5000 Year Leap (which supplies information regarding the evolution of American Law from British Common Law, Anglican Saacson Law, the Greek/Roman constructs of Democratic Republicanism, and ultimately the neo-republics of ancient Israel and MEDO-Persia.~ The Declaration of Arbroath.~ The writings of Greek historian Herodotus.~ The writings of Jewish historian Josephus.~ Knowledge of historical information gleaned from the deciphering of cuneiform scripts found in the ancient ruins of Assyria as well as the multi-lingual Behistun inscriptions.~ the Foreward of Goodspeed's Apocrypha (because it establishes and explains a solid similarity, symbiosis, and mutual ease of acceptance between pre and post Christian Greek society with that of concurrent Jewish societies).~ Acceptance (or at least objective consideration) that the Hebrew/Greek manuscripts of the books of Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah are not "myth" but rather actual historical chronicles of the Israelite people.

Hailed as one of the most original works of history in years, America's Prophet reveals how generations of Americans have been inspired by the story of Moses. The pilgrims quoted his story. Franklin and Jefferson proposed he appear on the U.S. seal. Washington and Lincoln were called his incarnations. The Statue of Liberty and Superman were molded in his image. Martin Luther King Jr. invoked him the night before he died. Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama cited him as inspiration. For four hundred years, one figure has inspired more Americans than any other. His name is Moses. Traveling through touchstones in American history, bestselling author Bruce Feiler traces the biblical prophet's influence from the Mayflower through today. Meticulously researched and highly readable, America's Prophet is a thrilling, original work of history that will forever change how we view America, our faith, and our future.

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Jewish Publication Society) Martin Luther King, Jr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in a never-before-published photograph, delivering his sermon *The Death of Evil Upon the Seashore* at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York, May 17, 1956, during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. (Courtesy of the Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of New York at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine) *Liberty Enlightening the World* With ships and New York Harbor in the background. Lithograph published by Currier Ives, c. 1886. (Courtesy of The Library of Congress) The Great Seal of the United States John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jeffersons proposal for the Great Seal of the United States, as drawn by Benson J. Lossing for *Harpers New Monthly Magazine*, July 1856. (Courtesy of The Library of Congress) From *Publishers Weekly* A bestselling author for his popular explorations of the lands of the Bible, Feiler turns his attention to the biblical figure of Moses in U.S. history. He argues that the story of the life of Moses as told in the book of Exodus has been the dominant metanarrative employed by political and social leaders in shaping America's identity, from the Pilgrims escaping religious persecution to the civil rights movement with its vision of a Promised Land. A journalist rather than a historian, Feiler approaches his subject using the same formula he has employed in previous books: physical walks through historic sites and interviews with experts. Although the book offers snippets of interesting anecdotes, the approach is uncontroversial and the book lacks forward momentum. Feiler is a popularizer, and readers interested in a light and cursory treatment of a theme in U.S. history will enjoy it. Readers wanting a more in-depth and critical understanding of the subject may want to look elsewhere. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. This is one of the most original, intelligent and endlessly fascinating books I have read in years: it should become a set book for anyone wanting to know what truly makes America tick. (Simon Winchester) With a journalist eye and an adventurers spirit, Bruce Feiler brings his prodigious gifts of biblical analysis to a reconsideration of Moses as the essential prophet of the American Experience. This is an accessible and engaging book of indispensable insight. (Tony Horwitz) What a smart, original, and deeply intriguing reflection on the role Moses played yes, Moses in U.S. history. Americas Prophet is Bruce Feiler at his innovative best: compelling, sweeping and engaging. Highly recommended! (Douglas Brinkley) Fascinating and thought provoking. (Booklist (starred review)) Astunning collective portrait of an ingrown community with its own history, hierarchy, and traditions. (The New Yorker on *Under the Big Top*) Penetrating and insightful. . . . Bruce Feilers *Dreaming Out Loud* details the ins and outs of Nashville. (New York Times on *Dreaming Out Loud*)