

## Pulitzer Prize Winner on the Book of Mormon

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The Book of Mormon is a true treasure chest of righteous principles and even more important a gateway to knowing better our Savior Jesus Christ, the character of His mother, the circumstances of His birth, and the all important principles and covenants associate with His atonement. The sacred book changed the course of my life and the lives of millions who now live in accordance to its teachings.

It has been our mission at the Nephi Project to show the importance of the Book of Mormon as a true historical account of invaluable worth, a true eyewitness record of events in the Old and New Worlds. Others have studied the book's poetic beauty and its contribution to the library of Hebrew literature.

Even non-LDS scholars recognize the enormous contribution the Book of Mormon has made to the history of the United States. In his book "What Hath God Wrought?—The transformation of America, 1815-1848, Daniel Walker, who won a Pulitzer Prize in History for this work, wrote:

"True or not, the Book of Mormon is a powerful epic written on a grand scale with a host of characters, a narrative of human struggle and conflict, of divine intervention, heroic good and atrocious evil, of prophecy, morality and law. Its narrative structure is complex...the dominant themes are biblical, prophetic, and patriarchal, not democratic or optimistic. It tells a tragic story of a people who, though possessed of the true faith, fail in the end. Yet it does not convey a message of despair, God's will cannot ultimately be frustrated. The Book of Mormon should rank among the great achievements of American literature, but it has never been accorded the status it deserves, since Mormons deny Joseph Smith's authorship, and non-Mormons, dismissing the work as a fraud, have been more likely to ridicule than read it." P. 314.

This Christmas season, let us not forget another of our Saviors gifts to us, the precious Book of Mormon, and its primary purpose, to testify of Him who our Father in Heaven sent to redeem us.

Merry Christmas,  
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