

## 101 Hymn Stories The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns

*This full-color, illustrated gift edition includes twenty-eight of Osbeck's most popular hymn-story devotions, including "Amazing Grace"; "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"; "Holy, Holy, Holy"; and "It Is Well with My Soul."*

*52 Hymn Story Devotions is ideal for anyone who enjoys hymns and leads devotions at church meetings, choir rehearsals, and Sunday school. The volume can also be used by individuals for personal devotions.*
**Key Features:**
• Each devotion includes a Scripture reference, printed hymn text, and commentary
• Provides devotionals based on 52 familiar hymns
• Devotions can be read verbatim by leader or party member
**Key Benefits:**
• *Helps choirs with the spiritual aspect of choir membership*
• Can be given to a choir member to read with no advanced preparation
• Allows choir directors to use devotions to strengthen the choir ministry

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon was passionate about congregational worship. Arising from devout affection, the frustration he found while using the the compilations of hymns available in his day, spurred him to compile this selection of hymns for use in his congregation. Over 1,000 psalms, hymns and spiritual songs include not only direct praise, but doctrine, experience and exhortation, enabling the saints to edify one another in their singing.*

*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.*

*The Song of Achilles*

*Then Sings My Soul*

*Hallelujah What a Savior*

*Our Latter-Day Hymns*

*52 Weeks of Inspiration, Courage and Strength*

*A Story Behind Every Hymn*

*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.*

*The perfect gift! A specially priced, beautifully designed hardcover edition of The Joy of the Gospel with a foreword by Robert Barron and an afterword by James Martin, SJ. "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." – Pope Francis This special edition of Pope Francis's popular message of hope explores themes that are important for believers in the 21st century. Examining the many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, he emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for "the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned," the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally. Ultimately, Pope Francis demonstrates how to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, "to recognize the traces of God's Spirit in events great and small." Profound in its insight, yet warm and accessible in its tone, The Joy of the Gospel is a call to action to live a life motivated by divine love and, in turn, to experience heaven on earth. Includes a foreword by Robert Barron, author of Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith and James Martin, SJ, author of Jesus: A Pilgrimage*

*The Gospel Hymn Book has been revised to bring it up to date. It combines a mixture of old and new hymns suitable for general and evangelistic use. Consider the worshipful lyrics of "Holy, Holy, Holy"; the comforting assurance of "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"; the trusting submission of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"; the bold declaration made by "O for a Thousand Tongues." They are some of our greatest hymns—and some of the most powerful words in Christendom. Lyrics that help us grasp the reality of faith, set to beautiful music that speaks to our hearts. The stories behind the hymns are powerful as well. In this book the authors have detailed the intriguing and often tragic circumstances from which many of our best-loved hymns came. They are stories about the private struggles and personal triumphs these men and women hymn writers experienced—stories that give their already-meaningful songs added significance. Great Christian Hymn Writers is a wonderful resource for worship services, devotional talks, and home schools, as well as for use in your private devotions. And it's worthwhile reading for anyone who's interested in learning where these hymns came from and how it is that they continue to affect us so much.*

*25 Hymn Stories Honoring God, Home, and Country*

*52 Hymn Stories Dramatized*

*A Song for All Seasons*

*The One Year Book of Hymns*

*52 Bible Characters Dramatized*

*Gospel Hymn Book*

SHORTLISTED FOR THE ORANGE PRIZE FOR FICTION 2012 Greece in the age of heroes. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the court of King Peleus and his perfect son Achilles. Despite their differences, Achilles befriends the shamed prince, and as they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and medicine, their bond blossoms into something deeper - despite the displeasure of Achilles' s mother Thetis, a cruel sea goddess. But when word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, Achilles must go to war in distant Troy and fulfill his destiny. Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus goes with him, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear.

Insights into the stories of pain and hope that are behind the hymns that have inspired generations of Christians. CD and cassette tape include powerful renditions of each song in the book.

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

Over one million copies sold! Have you ever wanted to learn more about hymns, but weren't sure where to start? Bestselling author Robert J. Morgan shares the incredible stories behind the beloved traditional hymns of faith. Each week millions of Christians around the world use hymns composed by believers from every era and branch of Christianity to join voices in praise—singing psalms and hymns and making melody in their hearts to praise the Lord. Pastor Robert Morgan's goal is to keep these traditional hymns vital and meaningful to all generations. Then Sings My Soul will help readers acquaint themselves with 150 beloved hymns of the faithful. These devotional-style stories show the emotion and drama behind the hymns of faith that have changed many lives throughout history—from the people whose faith led them to write these wonderful hymns to the people whose faith was affected by reading, hearing, and singing them. As we sing a new song to the Lord, let's not forget the old ones. It's the sturdy old hymns of the faith that strengthen and steady us when we are weary and worn. They're the ones we sing when rising troubled in the night. Then Sings My Soul contains: Words and music to 150 traditional hymns Short, devotional-style stories providing context on each hymn Hymn index for easy reference Perfect for use as a daily devotional, teaching illustration, or for song leaders and music ministers An instant classic with more than 1.3 million copies sold, Then Sings My Soul is designed to be personally reflective. These lyrics and stories behind them will speak to your soul, strengthen your faith, and deepen your understanding of God as you worship Him through song.

Beyond the Sunset

The Ministry of Music

101 More Hymn Stories

25 Most Treasured Gospel Hymn Stories

A History of the African American Church

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

A Story Behind Every Hymn is a collection of stories about real people and God interacting together through the trials of life. One major theme found in each story is that you are not alone in life. God is with you and will provide you strength and power to overcome and to accomplish great things. These are real stories of how God moved between when Jesus lived on earth and today.The hymn writers' stories are your stories. You will be inspired by the stories of people like you, whose faith empowered them to survive life's greatest challenges at the darkest of times. Each story is a beautiful expression of growing in faith with God. You will be inspired when you see how people prevailed through challenging situations because of their faith. The book includes key lyrics of each hymn. You can read all 52 stories in one sitting, or use the book as a weekly devotional guide. Each devotional connects the hymn to passages of Scripture. Your faith will grow as you relate to the power of each hymn and the word of God.

This is a compelling and inspiring look at spiritual beliefs that influenced some of the world's greatest composers, now revised and expanded with eight additional composers.

This collection of carol stories will add special meaning to each Christmas season. Perfect for personal or family Advent devotions.

The Story of Our Songs: Drawing Strength from the Great Hymns of Our Faith

The Stories and the Messages

The Joy of the Gospel

The Complete Book of Hymns

Music from Little House on the Prairie

Spiritual Lives of the Great Composers

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* by Charles Wesley, first published in 1878, is a rare manuscript, the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world. This book is a reproduction of that original, which has been scanned and cleaned by state-of-the-art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced appreciation. Restoration Editors' mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life. Some smudges, annotations or unclear text may still exist, due to permanent damage to the original work. We believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction, allowing a new generation to appreciate it.

*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!*

Award-winning author Kenneth W. Osbeck tells the dramatic stories behind twenty-five gospel songs, including "The Old Rugged Cross"; "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"; and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

*Laudato Si 'is Pope Francis' second encyclical which focuses on the theme of the environment. In fact, the Holy Father in his encyclical urges all men and women of good will, the rulers and all the powerful on earth to reflect deeply on the theme of the environment and the care of our planet. This is our common home, we must take care of it and love it - the Holy Father tells us - because its end is also ours.*

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Joy to the World!*

*52 Hymn Story Devotions*

*Great Christian Hymn Writers*

*The Inspiring Stories behind 175 of the Most-Loved Hymns*

*25 Hymn Stories Celebrating Christ Our Redeemer*

*A collection of stories about Christian hymns. Each chapter includes the real-life inspiration behind the hymn, a devotional thought for meditation, Scripture verses, and the complete musical score.*

*In the third volume of his bestselling series, Pastor Robert Morgan expands his material to include the great history of worship, the first biblical hymns, biographical sketches of the most interesting composers, and almost 60 generations of hymn singing. In 2003, Robert Morgan released what would become a future classic for over a million readers: a unique book entitled Then Sings My Soul. This collection of the world's greatest hymns and the stories behind them stirred an entire generation to better understand the heritage of our faith through song. Now, in the third volume of this series, Morgan expands his material to include: The fascinating history of worship from ancient times to contemporary praise Almost 60 generations of hymn singing Biographical sketches of the most interesting composers Hymn index for easy reference Then Sings My Soul: Book 3 also includes a collection of the greatest hymns you've never heard, with lead-sheets included. All of this is in addition to even more standard hymns and the stories of the composers behind them. Morgan's conclusion guides the reader into enjoying all of God's music, blending the old and the new into a symphony of praise that keeps the worship alive for a new generation.*

*888 Hymns suitable for devotion and worship.*

*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 acquaint 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 Hymns 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.*

*101 Hymn Stories*

*Evangelii Gaudium*

*Illustrated Stories of Favorite Hymns*

*366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions*

*52 Hymns that Inspire Joyous Prayer*

*25 Hymn Stories Celebrating the Hope of Heaven*

From best-selling author Kenneth Osbeck comes the heartwarming stories behind twenty-five songs of God, home, and country.

They were ordinary, common, and in some cases shockingly low-caste, yet each was made extraordinary by her life-changing encounter with God. Readers will be challenged and motivated by Twelve Extraordinary Women, a poignant and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages. Inside this book, best-selling author and Bible teacher John MacArthur shows that the God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people today.

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The Stories of Hymns

Spurgeon's Own Hymn Book

Amazing Grace

Easy-to-use Monologues for All Occasions

Twelve Extraordinary Women

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

The real-life stories behind the writing of twenty-five favorite hymns of the death and resurrection of Christ. Includes complete musical score, Scripture readings, and devotional thoughts for meditation and prayer.

The purpose of these dramatized hymn stories is to encourage a rediscovery by God's people of the events that underly some of the great hymns of our spiritual heritage.

A practical handbook on music and its application in local church ministry. Widely used as a textbook in Bible schools.

Presents the stories of fifty-two Bible characters through short monologues.

Laudato Si'

On the care of the common home

The Stories Behind Your Favorite Christmas Carols

150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories

Nineteen Eighty-Four

A Complete Handbook for the Music Leader in the Local Church

*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.*

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

*"Nineteen Eighty-Four: A Novel", often published as "1984", is a dystopian social science fiction novel by English novelist George Orwell. It was published on 8 June 1949 by Secker & Warburg as Orwell's ninth and final book completed in his lifetime. Thematically, "Nineteen Eighty-Four" centres on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of persons and behaviours within society. Orwell, himself a democratic socialist, modelled the authoritarian government in the novel after Stalinist Russia. More broadly, the novel examines the role of truth and facts within politics and the ways in which they are manipulated. The story takes place in an imagined future, the year 1984, when much of the world has fallen victim to perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, historical negationism, and propaganda. Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, has become a province of a totalitarian superstate named Oceania that is ruled by the Party who employ the Thought Police to persecute individuality and independent thinking. Big Brother, the leader of the Party, enjoys an intense cult of personality despite the fact that he may not even exist. The protagonist, Winston Smith, is a diligent and skillful rank-and-file worker and Outer Party member who secretly hates the Party and dreams of rebellion. He enters into a forbidden relationship with a colleague, Julia, and starts to remember what life was like before the Party came to power.*

*A History of the African American Church is an interdenominational and international study of the historic evolution of African American church developments from slavery to the present. It traces the spirituality of African Americans from Africa and Euro-America, inclusive of an in-depth study of the origin, denominational developments, and historic ministries of the churches in education; home and foreign missions; civil and human rights; and moral issues confronting African Americans.*

*Stories Behind the Hymns That Inspire America*

*Songs That Unite Our Nation*

*Hymns of Light and Love*

*How God Shaped Women of the Bible, and What He Wants to Do with You*

*Then Sings My Soul Book 3*

*Be Still, My Soul*

*This revised best-seller is an inspiring daily devotional based on 366 great hymns of the faith. It contains a portion of each hymn along with Scripture readings, meditations, and practical applications.*

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A fresh cover for a classic book—over 300,000 in print!

The Drama of the Lost Disciples