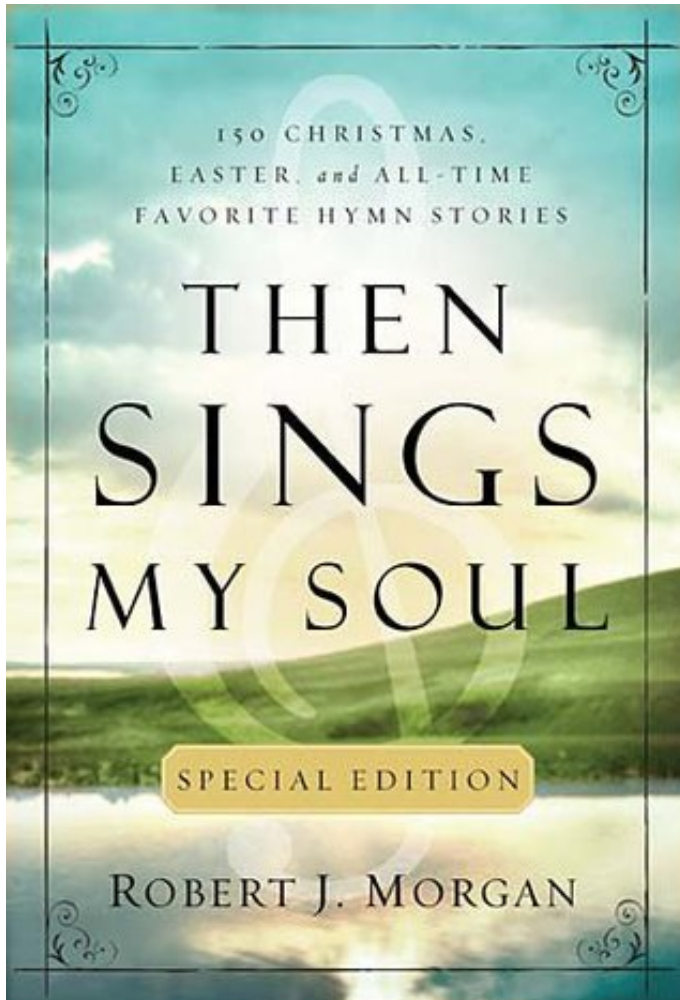

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Description

Stories of the most favorite and beloved seasonal hymns of faith.

Don't look for a dry recounting of boring historical fact, the devotional-style stories in "Then Sings My Soul" show the emotion and drama behind the hymns of faith that have changed many lives throughout history. Designed to be personally reflective, these stories speak to the soul and add depth to a meaningful worship time with God through song.

Recounted are stories of the people whose faith led them to write these wonderful seasonal hymns and the people whose faith was affected by reading, hearing, and singing the songs.

Includes words and music to each hymn Special, softcover, French flap cover design Ivory paper with brown ink Jagged edged paper, giving it a classic feel Complete with hymn index Use for devotionals, teaching illustrations, introductory remarks for song leaders and music ministers

Insightful reviews

Renee: Where to start...

I love worshipping the Lord in hymns. I was so blessed to read the stories behind my beloved hymns, and read of some I've never heard before. Since I could go on all day, I will focus on the 3 that gripped me the most, starting with my all time favorite hymn...

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee! I write this not as a song title, but as an anthem. My heart cries with a passion similar to Ms. Havergal - God have it all! I'm so glad to read her story behind this song. Until this book, I don't think I stored to memory the song writer's name - and this my favorite hymn! One other piece of information that I gleamed from this book was that she was a pen pal to my favorite song writer, Fanny Crosby. And as Morgan wrote, Crosby is the American counterpart to the English Havergal

Secondly, I was astounded by the named locations for I Surrender All writer, Van de Venter. This guy was born in the same state as my Grandma Shilling, lived in the same area of PA as my grandpa. Get this! I wrote the song in the town where my grandparents died. Consequently, this song is in my top 5. If not before, it certainly is now!

Lastly, a WOMAN wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic, one of the greatest patriotic songs EVER! Enough said...

Beverly Frisby: I wasn't sure which songs to expect when I first requested "Then Sings My Soul", so I was pleasantly surprised to see all the wonderful old-fashioned traditional hymns it contained. Many of these are the songs I grew up singing and which have always held a special place in my heart.

This paperback volume with its torn page edges which give it an antique, well-loved look is full of the stories behind the creations of some of the most beloved old hymns of the church. The manner in which the book is laid out makes it useful as a devotional, reading each one per day. The left page contains the music and words to the song, while the right side contains the

story behind the song, complete with year and a Scripture. Some of the stories are sad, like "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" by Fanny J. Crosby, written about the child she lost shortly after it was born.

It was amazing to see that some of the songs I remember from childhood date as far back as the 7th century BC. The most interesting, to me, was how each song came to be written in the first place. I especially love that each song was inspired by scripture from the Bible.

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Belindachaplin: 150 hymns are represented in this book, each with the music and words, and then the story of how each was written. It is presented in a special paperback with "parchment" pages: it is so beautiful, you almost don't want to read it! It is perfect as a present for any Christian musician or even pastor: as besides being beautiful, it is a very useful resource for musicians and also for sermon writing.

I started reading it last night, thinking that I would just read one or two of the stories, but they are so interesting, that I got almost half-way through the book... and I am looking forward to reading the rest. I also look forward to re-reading it more slowly and being reminded of the heritage of Christian worship music that is ours.

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Jenaly: even supposing i used to be in simple terms accustomed to approximately half the hymns during this book, i discovered it very fascinating to learn a quick synopsis concerning the heritage of every hymn.

Diana: it's soothing - healing, to sing or hum the hymns, and browse the dealing with web page history.

Shirley Mueller: Love this book...very interesting! The tales & rules at the back of a few of my favourite hymens.

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