

own life experiences" (1) and define their paths to peace.

Essays poured in. This volume presents thirty of these essays, each having its own individual style and focus, yet uniting with the others in expressing the struggle to reap the benefits of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to find peace in a world of adversity. Whether she struggles with physical, mental, or spiritual aspects of her life, every woman can find hope in these stories, which bear testimony of the love and mercy of God, the truthfulness of his plan and the promises of salvation and happiness.

One essayist describes her balm of Gilead as "the sweetness of Christ and the gospel of service that has come into my life. It has helped to heal my heart and will continue to do so as long as I turn my eyes to him" (88). Another essay suggests that the balm of Gilead "is produced from the yield of the Tree of Life. . . . Balm has been abundantly available for me as the need has been manifested throughout my life. It has been supplied at times by my own effort, but often it comes through another's compassion" (10-11). Through her struggles, another writer has realized peace and purpose in pain: "We will not be judged on what problems we have but how we handle them. And I've learned that every problem, if we look hard enough, has a silver lining" (97).

These essays encourage the joy-yielding traits of faith, hope, and charity. They promote learning

and growth from experience and trials, and they testify of the purpose of life, and the love of the Savior.

—Claire Foley

A Comprehensive Annotated Book of Mormon Bibliography, edited by Donald W. Parry, Jeanette W. Miller, and Sandra A. Thorne (Research Press, 1996)

A Comprehensive Annotated Book of Mormon Bibliography, a massive compilation recently published by FARMS, is an essential source of information for Book of Mormon scholars. The 650-page volume describes more than 6,300 pieces about the Book of Mormon, including books and monographs, articles, theses, dissertations, pamphlets and reports, book reviews, newspaper articles, plays, and poetry.

The bibliography lists all published Book of Mormon sources that could be found, drawing items from the Mormon collections of sixteen major libraries in the United States and England. To facilitate access, the book includes a diskette with the same bibliographic information in electronic form. This extensive information will provide students of the scriptures with a comprehensive overview of scholarly research on the Book of Mormon, as well as bring attention to areas that need further study.

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—David Allred

Religions of the World: A Latter-day Saint View, by Spencer J. Palmer, Roger R. Keller, Dong Sull Choi, and James A. Toronto (Brigham Young University, 1997)

In early 1997, President Hinckley announced that Church membership outside the United States had surpassed that within the country. Now, more than ever before, Latter-day Saints are interacting regularly with peoples of other faiths and cultures. In keeping with this international outreach, this popular text, used throughout the Church for the study of world religions, has been revised and expanded. Two additional authors, several new chapters, a number of new illustrations, and much updated material add fresh perspectives to the former edition's tried-and-true approach. The result portrays the vivid spectrum of truth as it extends across

cultures and religious systems. The book presents a wealth of vital information for leaders, missionaries, and members seeking greater understanding of the peoples of the world and the beliefs that motivate them.

