

REAL VS. RUMOR



HOW TO DISPEL
LATTER-DAY MYTHS

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General Handbook

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Statements Attributed to Church Leaders

From time to time, statements are circulated that are inaccurately attributed to leaders of the Church. Many such statements distort current Church teachings and are based on rumors and innuendos. They are never transmitted officially but by word of mouth, email, or other informal means.

Church members should not teach or pass on such statements without verifying that they are from approved Church sources, such as official statements, communications, and publications.

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Seeking Information from Reliable Sources

In today's world, information is easy to access and share. This can be a great blessing for those seeking to be educated and informed. However, many sources of information are unreliable and do not edify. Some sources seek to promote anger, contention, fear, or baseless conspiracy theories (see [3 Nephi 11:30](#); [Mosiah 2:32](#)). Therefore, it is important that Church members be wise as they seek truth.

Jesus Taught How to Seek

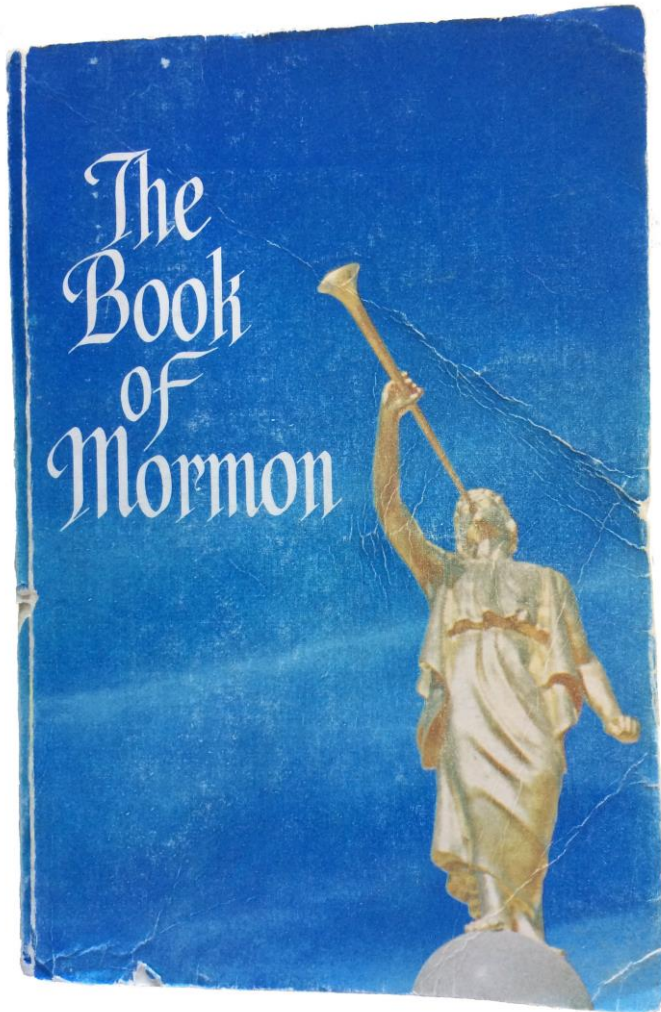


Matthew 13:45-46



Matthew 13:47-48

About the Book



E. G. Presley

crucifixion, 110-11; rebuilt, 100-101.
Zedekiah, king of Judah, 1-4, 10-13, 130-15; Mulek, son of, 373-10; sons of, except Mulek, slain, 380-21.

people of Ammon, 200-10; contrasted with among, given land, 285-14; become Lamanites, 301-4; made captains of Lamanites, 316-5; lead Lamanites away, 401-29.

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Father I want more! I need more now - He Gave!

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TEARS OF A KING

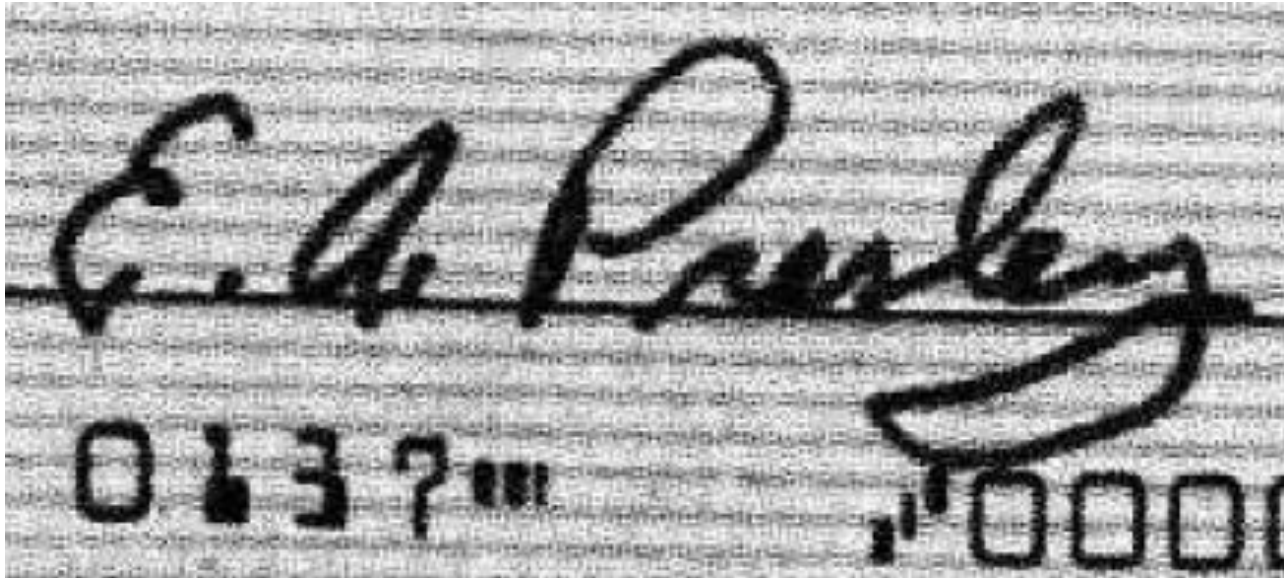
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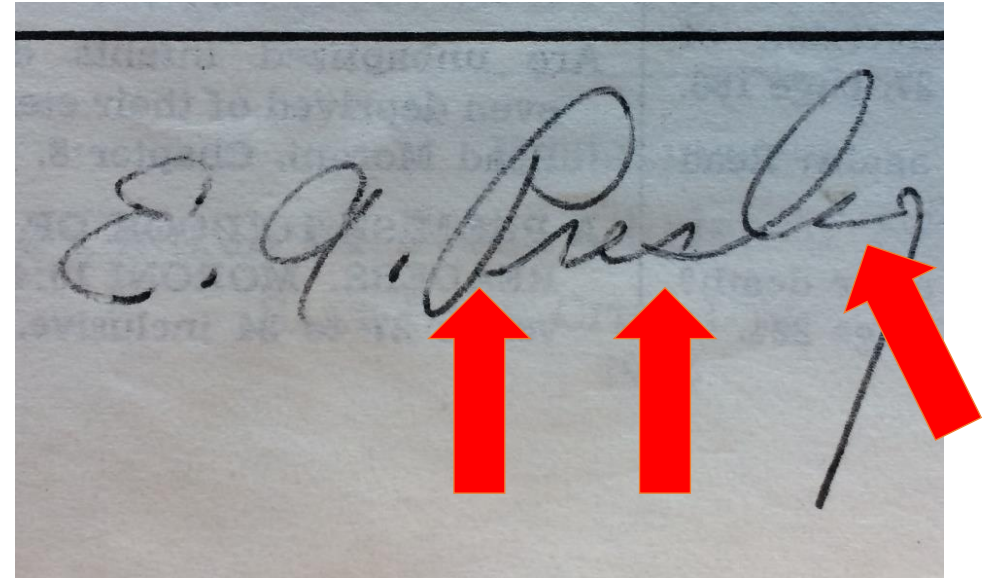


1. Stop and Think





Authentic signature, 16 Oct 1975



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Authentic Annotations

face of the Earth. The literate in spirit can operate beyond all boundaries.

The construction of New World combinations does not flow easily. The discarded centers attempt to obstruct the efforts of the new ones.

We shall withstand the storm and downpour. Our mirror is bright.

9. Sensitive was your feeling that one should gather all courage to attain. There are tiresome and dangerous crossings, which may be endured only by trust in the Guide. He must lead you to the goal and not overstrain your strength. If He should overtax your forces, with what would He replace them?

The lofty mission of women must be performed by the woman. And in the Temple of the Mother of the World should abide the woman.

The manifestation of the Mother of the World will create the unity of women. The task now is to create a spiritually sovereign position for the woman. And the transmission to woman of direct communion with the Highest Forces is necessary as a psychological impetus. Of course, through the new religion will come the necessary respect.

I feel how strained the current is, how strained the atmosphere, but soon the pressure of the stars will be altered. Even the approach of the friendly planet brings difficulty, because its new rays are piercing the new strata of the atmosphere. Certainly, they are

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I want more! I need more now. He gave me!

15. For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism, and the other must perish because he hath no baptism.

16. Wo be unto them that shall pervert the ways of the Lord

23. But it is 'mockery before God, denying the "mercies of

that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing—

a knowledge, my son, they must perish soon, unto the fulfilling of the prophecies which were spoken by the prophets, as well as the words of our Savior himself.

My heart needs this much

Shea only 7. Help her for me

k, see m, Mos. 3. l, see d, Morm. 9. m, see a, Mos. 3. n, ver. 22. o, vers. 20, 23. p, see f, 2 Ne. 2. q, see k, 1 Ne. 15. r, ver. 19. s, see j, Mos. 3. t, see f, u, vers. 19, 20, 23. v, see g. w, see y, 3 Ne. 9. x, see a, Moro. 7. y, see e, 2 Ne. 32. z, Al. 39:5, 6. 2a, see d, 1 Ne. 12.

BETWEEN A. D. 400 AND 421.

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Alma and his brethren, who had fled into the wilderness.

35. They were desirous to be^{2d}baptized as a witness and a testimony that they were willing to serve God with all their hearts; nevertheless they did prolong

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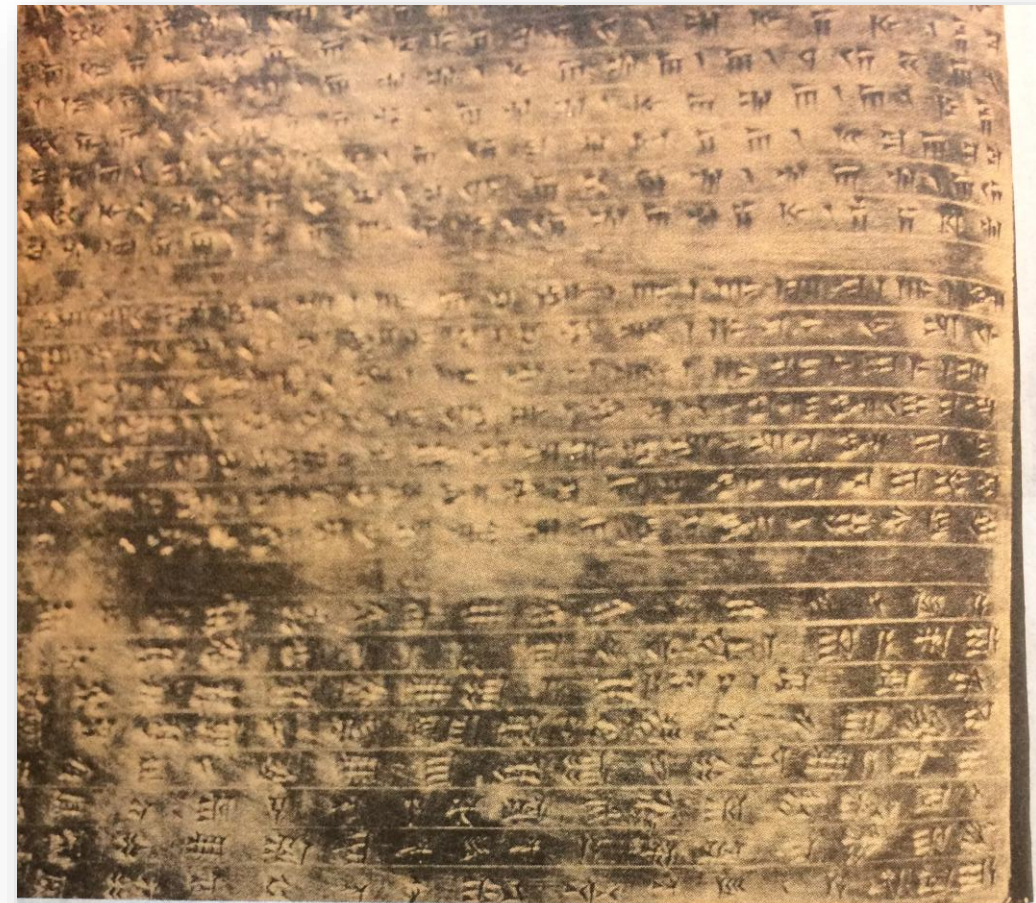
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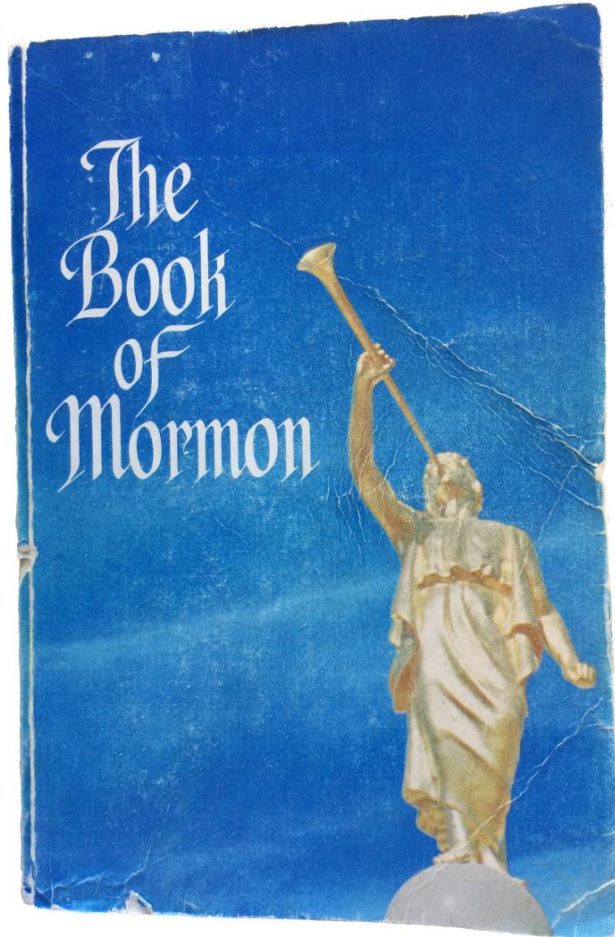
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gold records - real ones

Elvis Did Not Write in This Book



Signature is *clearly forged*

Handwriting is *not even close*

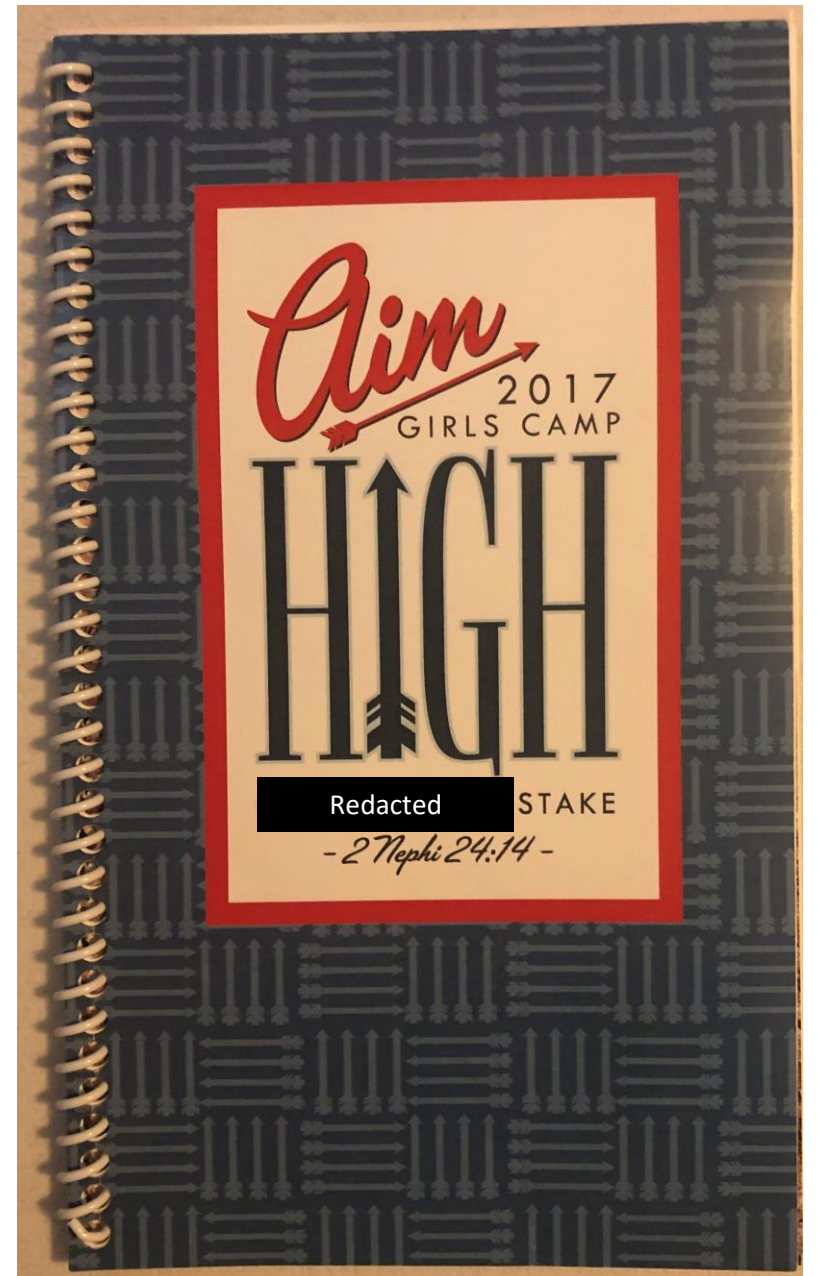
Link to Elvis is *extremely unlikely*



2. Beware of Distortions

Aim High

“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will be like the Most High” (2 Ne. 24:14)



Sniff Tests



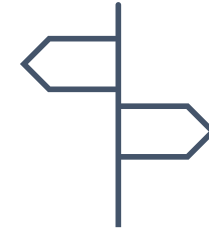
Common Distortions



**Manipulated
Evidence**



No Evidence



Either/Or

3. Examine Closely



Thinking Habit: Trace a Story to a Source

1. Identify *specific* details.
2. Follow the details to *specific* sources.
3. Evaluate the *accuracy* and *authenticity* of the sources.
4. Determine the *reliability* of the story.

The Statement

“I don’t want to drive up to the pearly gates in a shiny sports car, wearing beautifully tailored clothes, my hair expertly coiffed, and with long, perfectly manicured fingernails. I want to drive up in a station wagon that has mud on the wheels from taking kids to scout camp. I want to be there with a smudge of peanut butter on my shirt from making sandwiches for a sick neighbor’s children. I want to be there with a little dirt under my fingernails from helping to weed someone’s garden. I want to be there with children’s sticky kisses on my cheeks and the tears of a friend on my shoulder. I want the Lord to know I was really here, and that I really lived.”



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Traveler On the Backroads

· May 12, 2019 · 🌐

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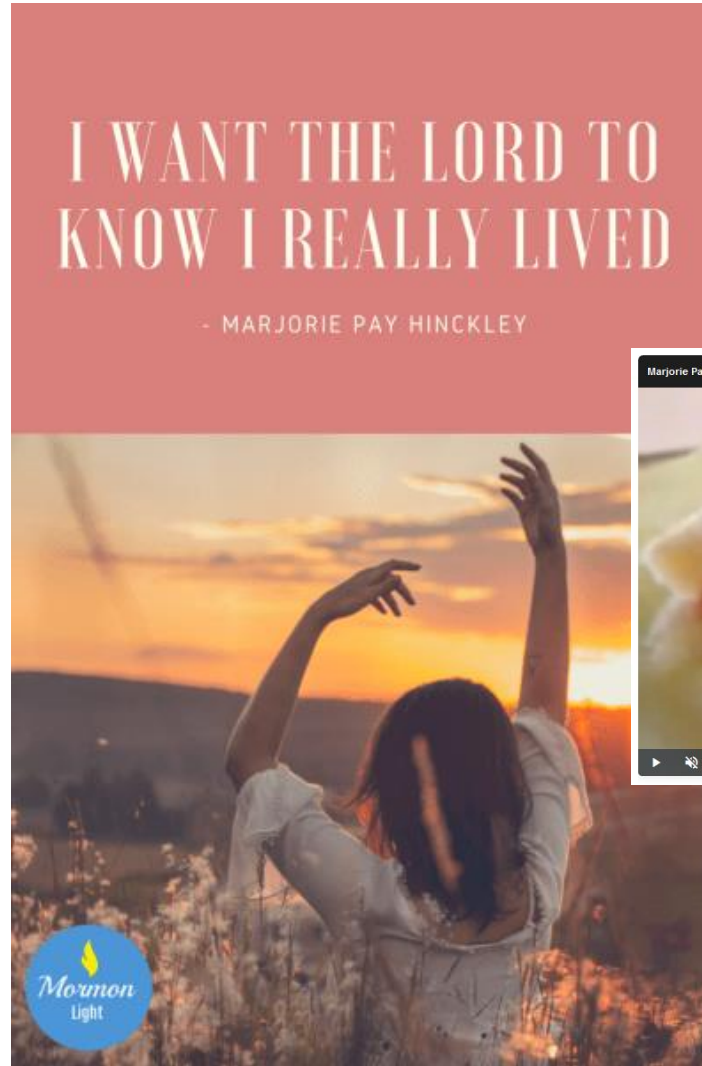
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Marjorie Pay Hinckley: "I Want The Lord To Know I Was Really Here"

by Ben Arkell



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wearing beautifully tailored clothes

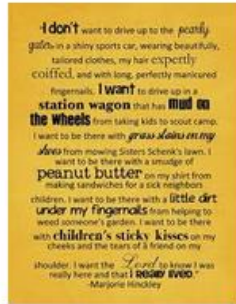
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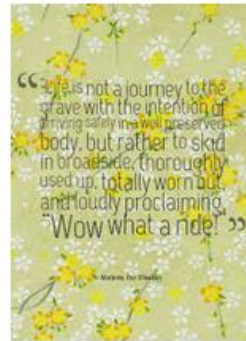
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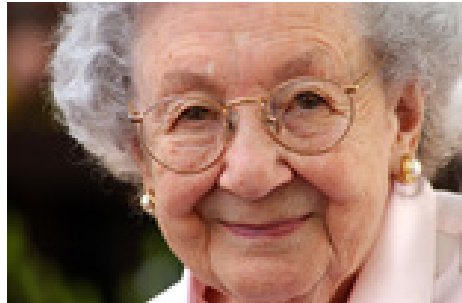


5 great quotes by Marjo... spiritualcrusade.com



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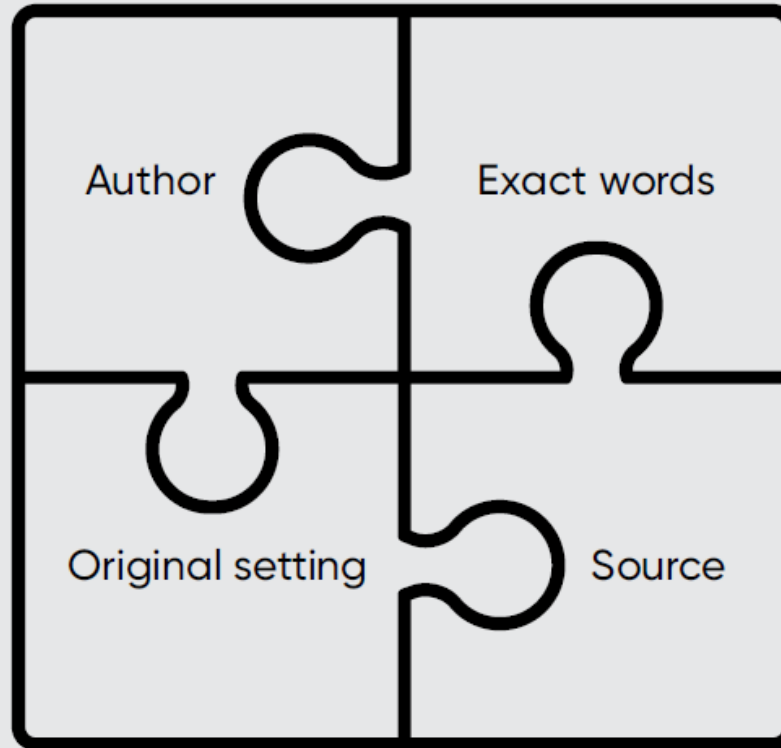
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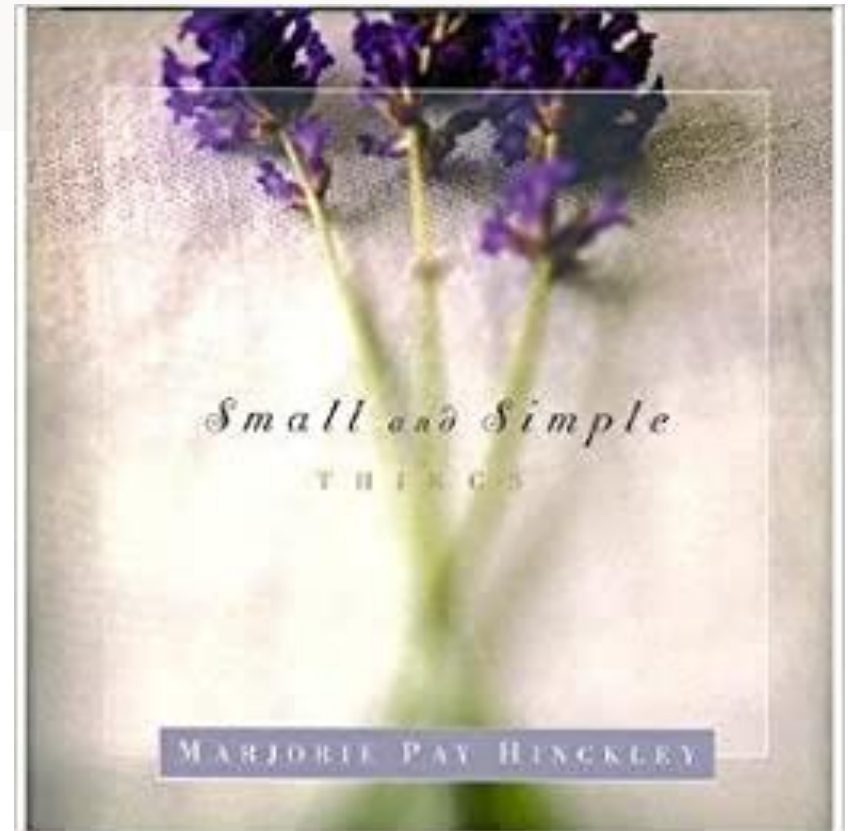


For the unglamorous mother

By Carmen Rasmusen Herbert, Columnist | May 6, 2016, 5:00am MDT

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Glimpses - Marjorie Pay Hinckley (1911-2004)

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Glimpses - Into The Life And Heart of Marjorie Pay Hinckley - I absolutely loved this book. What incredible woman sister Hinckley was. This is a great book on mothering and parenting. If I ever have to talk on Mother's Day this is the book I would use for great quotes on mother's.

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“The only way to get through life is to laugh your way through it. You either have to laugh or cry. I choose to laugh. Crying gives me a headache.”

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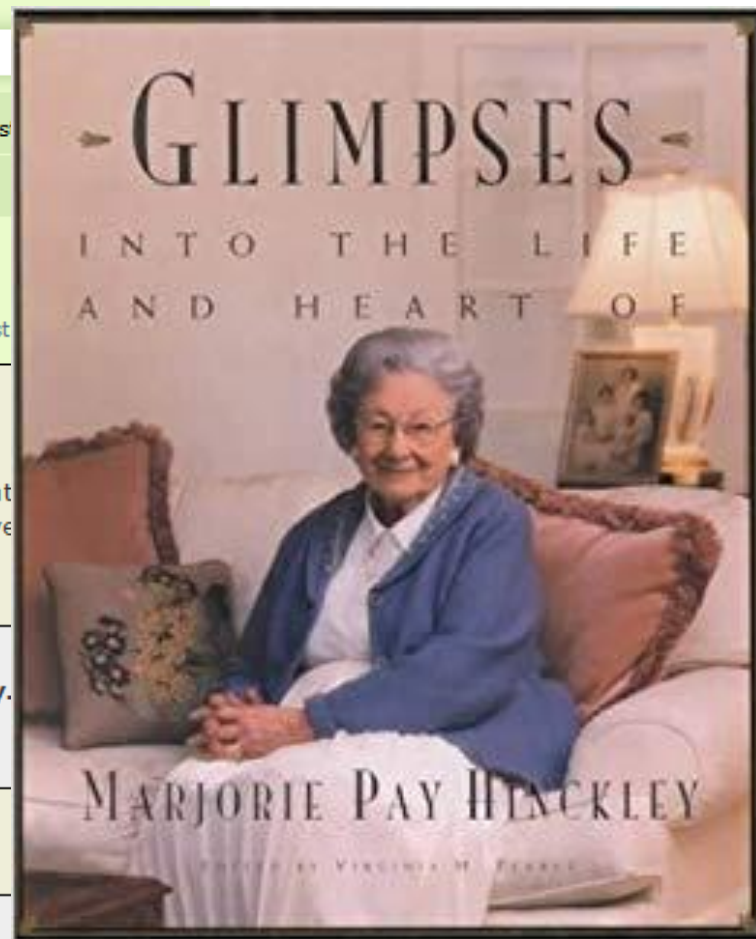
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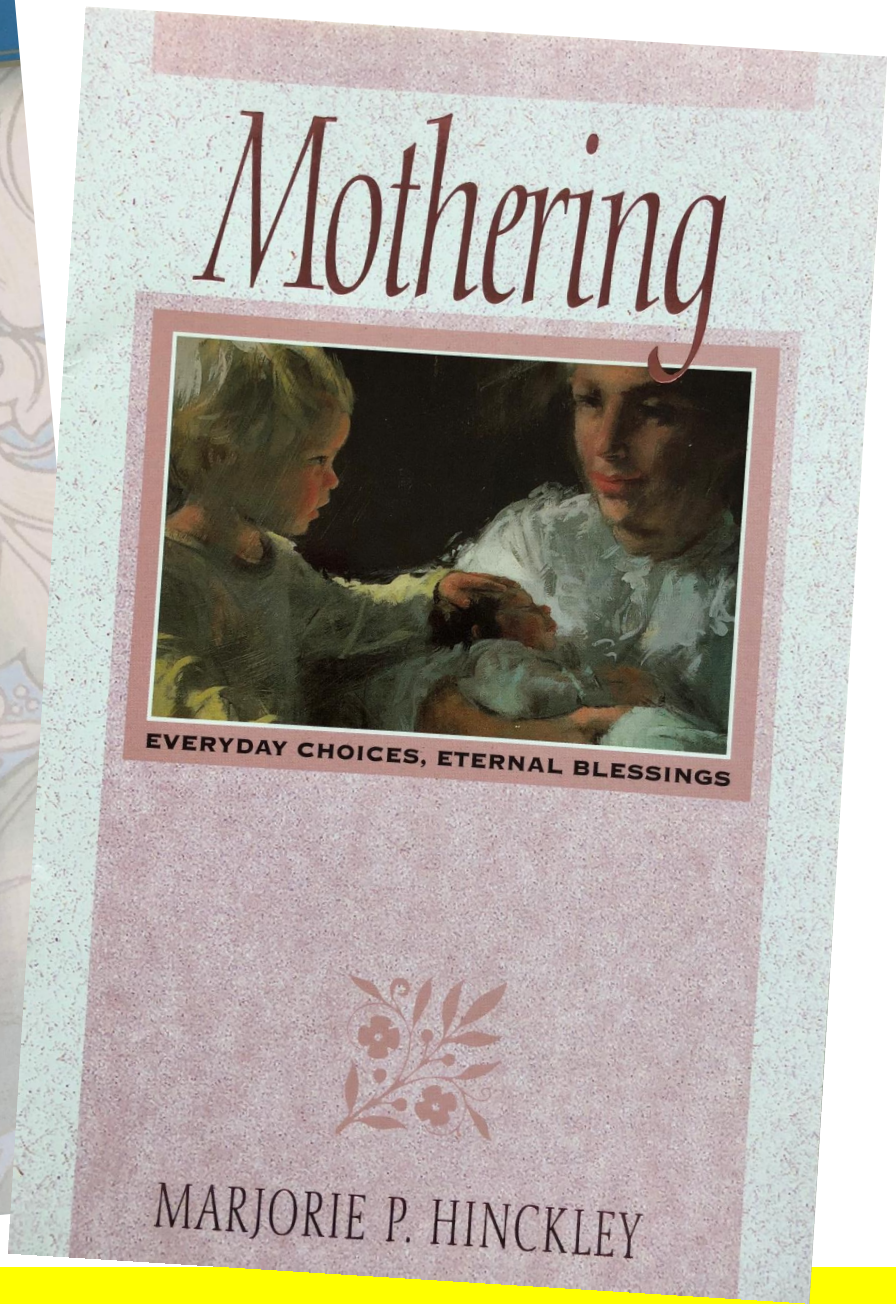
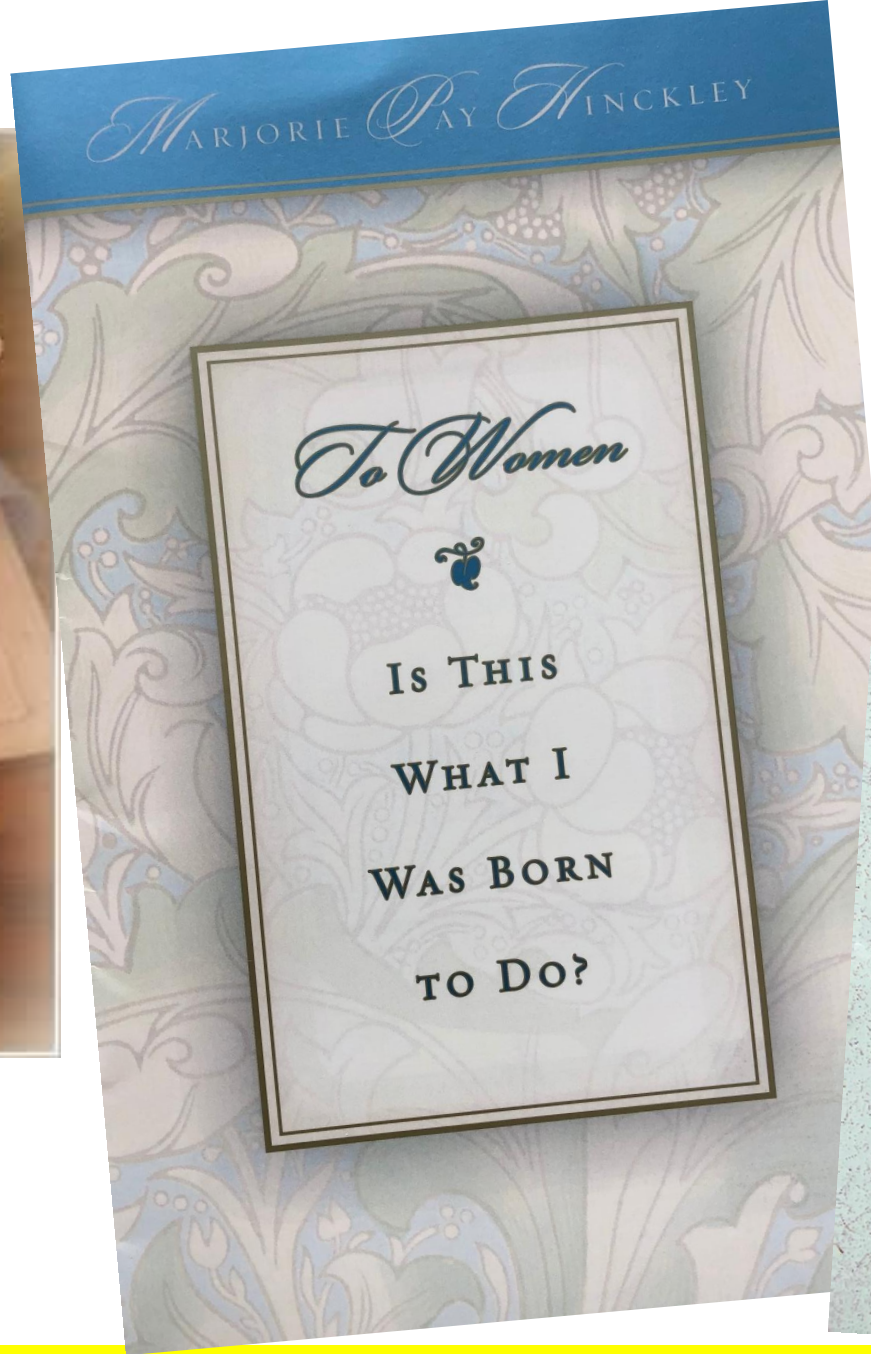
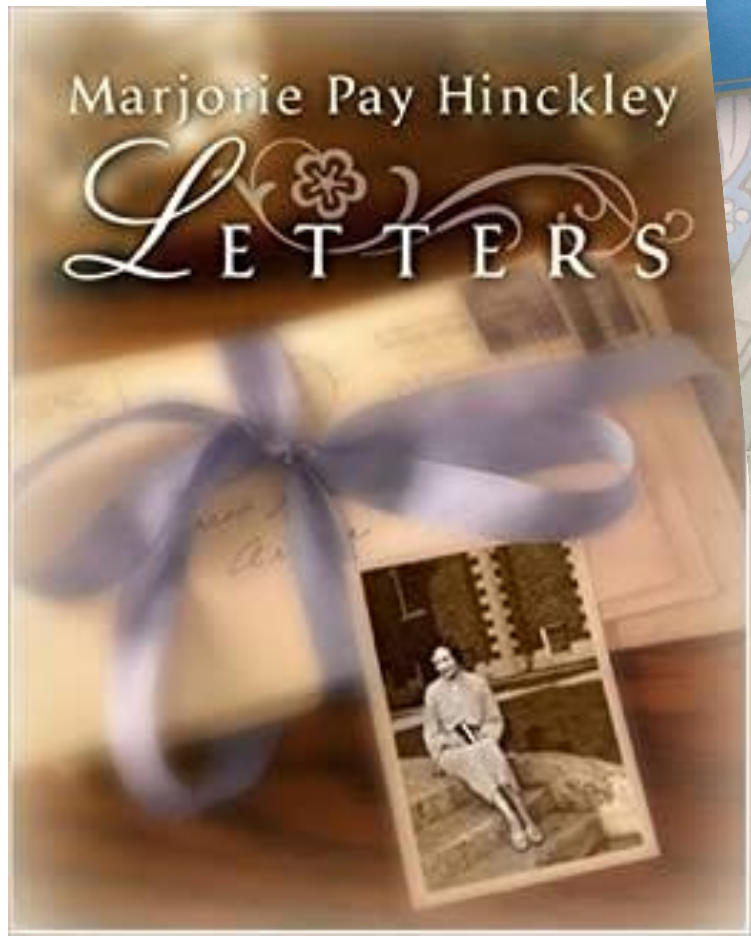
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Above: Nadine Miner Hobby
Right: The original document Hobby gave Christiansen
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