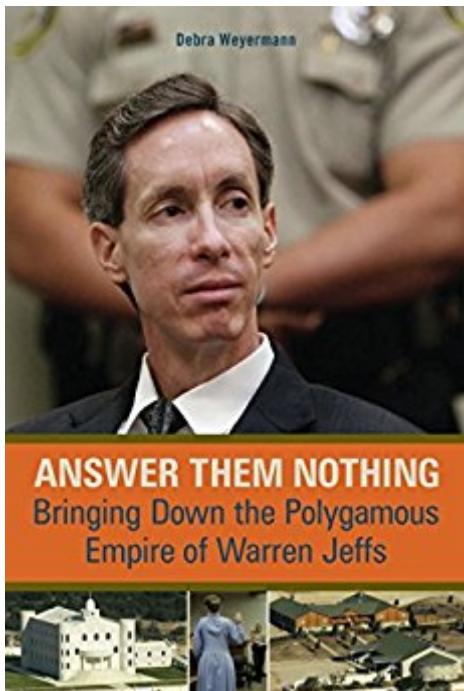


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Answer Them Nothing: Bringing Down The Polygamous Empire Of Warren Jeffs



Synopsis

The compelling story of the struggle by law enforcement and activists to dismantle the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) is finally told. In 1953, when police raided the Short Creek compound of the FLDS, it soon became a political and publicity nightmare eventually costing the governor of Arizona his job. Thus began 50 years of skittish public officials turning a blind eye to heinous offenses such as child abandonment, kidnapping, statutory rape, and incest, as well as massive tax and welfare fraud. Warren Jeffs became the new FLDS prophet and president in 2002, and anti-FLDS activists watched in horror as he used his boundless authority and the resources of a tax-supported community to devastate thousands of lives on cruel whims. This exposÃ© presents a detailed, chilling account of how a hostile, destructive group can manipulate theÂ U.S. judicial system. It is a mesmerizing journey into one of the United States's darkest corners, a story that stretches over three states and deep into the history of the powerful Mormon Church.

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Just finished several books about the narcissistic, paranoid, Fundamentalist LDS "prophet," Warren

Jeffs who was recently tried in Texas. I wanted to read these to learn more about Jeffs after he was sentenced to life-plus-20 years for the rape of underage girls. This raid at the Texas compound, Yearning For Zion (YFZ) was just the tip of the iceberg, however. The many years of Warren Jeffs manipulating the FLDS faithful were appalling, vicious, and hate filled, reminiscent of the actions of the Taliban. Some of the accounts are truly heart-stopping. The most riveting of these is "Answer Them Nothing: Bringing Down the Polygamous Empire of Warren Jeffs," by Debra Weyermann. It's very well written, including the accounts of how Jeffs had begun down the violent path of voluntary "blood atonement" for real or (his) imagined sins of the true believers. This meant that any accused persons had to willingly offer themselves up for the "gift" of being murdered by the hierarchy of his group. Only through blood atonement (having your throat slit from ear to ear) could any besmirched person have his or her sins washed away and then enter the kingdom of God. This was terrifying to read since the sacrificial altars were being built in the new FLDS temple in Eldorado, TX when it was raided. Many of the followers were trying to escape when it became clear that Jeffs was beginning his implementation of blood atonement. There isn't any fiction that could be more shocking than this story. That, and the undisputed evidence of Warren Jeffs's sexual assault upon girls as young as 10-12 is almost too much to read, especially in view of Jeffs having constructed a rape altar in the YFZ temple with spectator seats.

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