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Christian America and the Kingdom of God

RICHARD T. HUGHES

Foreword by Brian McLaren

A provocative indictment of the fundamentalist myth of Christian America

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The idea of the United States as a Christian nation is a powerful, seductive, and potentially destructive theme in American life, culture, and politics. Many fundamentalist and evangelical leaders routinely promote this notion, and millions of Americans simply assume the Christian character of the United States. And yet, as Richard T. Hughes reveals in this powerful book, the biblical vision of the “kingdom of God” stands at odds with the values and actions of an American empire that sanctions war instead of peace, promotes dominance and oppression instead of reconciliation, and exalts wealth and power instead of justice for the poor and needy.

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RICHARD T. HUGHES is Senior Fellow in the Ernest L. Boyer Center and Distinguished Professor of Religion at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania, and author or editor of more than a dozen books, including Myths America Lives By and How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind.

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DAVID WORK received his Ph.D. in history from Texas A&M University. Lincoln’s Political Generals won the Hay-Nicolay Prize of the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Abraham Lincoln Institute.

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George Gershwin
An Intimate Portrait
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George Gershwin lived with purpose and gusto, but with melancholy as well, for he was unable to make a place for himself—no family of his own and no real home in music.

He and his siblings received little love from their mother and no direction from their father. The closest George came to domesticity was his long-time affair with fellow composer Kay Swift. But she remained married to another man while he went endlessly from woman to woman. Only in the final hours of his life did he realize how much he needed her. Fatally ill, unprotected by (and perhaps estranged from) his older brother Ira, he was exiled by Ira’s hard-edged wife Leonore from the house that she and the brothers shared, and he died horribly and alone at the age of thirty-eight.

Nor did Gershwin find a satisfying musical harbor. For years his genius could be expressed only in the ephemeral world of show business, as his brilliance as a composer of large-scale works went unrecognized by high-brow music critics. When he resolved this quandary with his opera Porgy and Bess, critics were unable to understand or validate it. Decades would pass before his most ambitious composition was universally regarded as one of music’s lasting treasures and before his stature as a great composer became secure.

In this book, Walter Rimler makes use of fresh sources, including newly discovered letters by Kay Swift as well as correspondence between and interviews with intimates of Ira and Leonore Gershwin. It is written with spirited prose and contains more than two dozen photographs.

WALTER RIMLER is the author of Not Fade Away: A Comparison of Jazz Age with Rock Era Pop Song Composers and A Gershwin Companion. He lives in the San Francisco area.

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barrelhouse (n.):
An’ I tol’ my woman, ‘fore I left the town:
“Don’t you let nobody tear the barrelhouse down.”
—Hambone Willie Newbern, “Roll And Tumble Blues,” 1929

An illicit commercial establishment serving as an all-purpose tavern, gambling den, dance hall, and often brothel. The term stems from the outmoded use of barrel to mean liquor, which survived into the 19th century and produced the term barrel fever.

barrelhouse ways:
I believe I believe, I will stop my barrelhouse ways
For I feel myself sinkin’ every day.
—Teddy Darby, “Built Right On The Ground,” 1931

Habitual carousing in a manner associated with barrelhouse patrons.

break one’s neck:
Way down South you oughta see the women shimmy and shake
Got a new way a-wiggle, make a weak man break his neck.

To marry, in Southern slang.

This fascinating compendium explains the most unusual, obscure, and curious words and expressions from vintage blues music. Utilizing both documentary evidence and invaluable interviews with a number of now-deceased musicians from the 1920s and ’30s, blues scholar Stephen Calt unravels the nuances of more than twelve hundred idioms and proper or place names found on oft-overlooked “race records” recorded between 1923 and 1949. From “aggravatin’ papa” to “yas-yas-yas” and everything in between, this truly unique, racy, and compelling resource decodes a neglected speech for general readers and researchers alike, offering invaluable information about black language and American slang.

STEPHEN CALT is the author or coauthor of the blues biographies I’d Rather Be The Devil: Skip James and the Blues and King Of The Delta Blues: The Life and Music of Charlie Patton. He lives in New York City.

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King of the Queen City
The Story of King Records
JON HARTLEY FOX
Foreword by Dave Alvin

From James Brown to the Stanley Brothers, the glory years of a pioneering independent record company

“The police came, saw the line, and said, ‘We’ll have a riot. Let ‘em alone. Let ‘em go.’ So here, whites and blacks together, we gave them a common denominator, a common love of music. We appealed to something that the law couldn’t do a damn thing about. We gave them something to share. That was King’s big contribution: to break the shit down, especially in the Deep South. Break it down. That was our major contribution to American culture. We broke the shit down.”

—Ralph Bass, from King of the Queen City: The Story of King Records

“King Records was absolutely unique, and it deserves a unique account of its history. King of the Queen City is that account: focused, thoroughly researched, well written, and filled with vital information.”

—Nolan Porterfield, author of Jimmie Rodgers: The Life and Times of America’s Blue Yodeler

King of the Queen City is the first comprehensive history of King Records, one of the most influential independent record companies in the history of American music. Founded by businessman Sydney Nathan in the mid-1940s, this small outsider record company in Cincinnati, Ohio, attracted a diverse roster of artists, including James Brown, the Stanley Brothers, Grandpa Jones, Redd Foxx, Earl Bostic, Bill Doggett, Ike Turner, Roy Brown, Freddie King, Eddie Vinson, and Johnny “Guitar” Watson. While other record companies concentrated on one style of music, King was active in virtually all genres of vernacular American music, from blues and R & B to rockabilly, bluegrass, western swing, and country.

A progressive company in a reactionary time, King was led by an interracial creative and executive staff that redefined the face and voice of American music as well as the way it was recorded and sold. Drawing on personal interviews, research in newspapers and periodicals, and deep access to the King archives, Jon Hartley Fox weaves together the elements of King’s success, focusing on the dynamic personalities of the artists, producers, and key executives such as Syd Nathan, Henry Glover, and Ralph Bass. The book also includes a foreword by legendary guitarist, singer, and songwriter Dave Alvin.

JON HARTLEY FOX writes about music and the arts in Sacramento, California. He wrote, produced, and narrated “King of the Queen City: the Story of King Records,” a series of sixty-minute documentaries for National Public Radio in the 1980s.

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“A fascinating meditation on the nature of creativity and mentorship. Intimate and moving, funny and profound, Lowinger’s photographs powerfully represent the indomitable Bill Monroe in his last years as a performer.”
—Erika Brady, author of A Spiral Way: How the Phonograph Changed Ethnography

During the final years of Bill Monroe’s life, bluegrass fiddler Gene Lowinger took a series of on- and off-stage photographs of Monroe on the road—preparing for shows, performing, interacting with fans and audience—and in informal settings with family, friends, and fellow musicians. As a bandmate, Lowinger was given unique access to Monroe’s private life, and this book presents these photos as well as other photos documenting Lowinger’s involvement with the bluegrass scene beginning in the early 1960s.

Lowinger also tells his own story of a New Jersey boy obsessed with folk and old-time music, and he recounts college trips to country music parks in Pennsylvania to see Monroe and other bluegrass masters; his stints as a fiddler for the New York Ramblers, Greenbrier Boys, and Blue Grass Boys; and his memories of playing at the Grand Ole Opry and music festivals. A photographic reflection on Bill Monroe’s public and private life, I Hear a Voice Calling also testifies to the bluegrass master’s profound mentorship and guidance.

GENE LOWINGER is a freelance photojournalist based in New York and New Jersey. The first “northern” fiddler to join the ranks of the Blue Grass Boys, Lowinger is also the author of Bluegrass Fiddle, one of the first books to accurately capture the bluegrass fiddle style in standard musical notation.

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Well known for his slapstick comedic style, Jerry Lewis has also delighted worldwide movie audiences with a directing career spanning five decades. One of American cinema’s great innovators, Lewis made unmistakably personal films that often focused on an ideal masculine image and an anarchic, manic acting out of the inability to assume this image. Films such as The Bellboy, The Errand Boy, Three on a Couch, and The Big Mouth present a series of thematic variations on this tension, in which such questions as how to be a man, how to be popular, and how to maintain relationships are posed within frameworks that set up a liberating and exhilarating confusion of roles and norms. With sharp, concise observations, Chris Fujiwara examines this visionary director of self-referential comedic masterpieces. The book also includes an enlightening interview with Lewis that offers unique commentary on the creation and study of comedy.


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Steve Gerdes Barn, south of Walnut, Bureau County.

Aldeen Barn at the Aldeen Golf Club in Rockford, Winnebago County.
Barns of Illinois
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LARRY KANFER is an award-winning photographic artist who operates galleries in Champaign, Illinois, and online at www.kanfer.com. His previous books include On Firm Ground, Prairiescapes, and On Second Glance: Midwest Photographs. ALAINA KANFER grew up in Chicago and received her doctorate in mathematical social sciences from the University of California, Irvine.

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An internationally recognized pianist, composer, scholar, and conductor, PETER C. MUIR is the cofounder and codirector of the Institute for Music and Health in Verbank, New York.

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The Life of Jimmy McHugh
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This first biography of Jimmy McHugh captures a lively and significant contributor to American songwriting. Creator of favorite tunes such as “I’m in the Mood for Love” and “On the Sunny Side of the Street,” McHugh was a one-man history of twentieth-century popular music: in his prolific composing career, he wrote songs for Duke Ellington, Shirley Temple, Bobby Breen, Carmen Miranda, Deanna Durbin, Frank Sinatra, Ethel Waters, Adelaide Hall, and scores of other entertainers, and his last works were turned into smash hits by Pat Boone and Fats Domino.

Following McHugh from humble Irish-American beginnings in Boston to eventual success in New York, Europe, and Los Angeles, Alyn Shipton deftly evokes the lively milieu of Tin Pan Alley, the Cotton Club, Broadway, and Hollywood. McHugh crossed the color line frequently, writing revues for both black and white entertainers, and he and his songwriting partner Dorothy Fields were also among the first to create Hollywood musical films. In the 1940s, he waged heroic fundraising efforts for the war effort and the crusade against polio. He continued to write songs for shows, movies, and revues, and managed up-and-coming singers late in his life.

ALYN SHIPTON is a jazz critic for the Times of London and a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio. His books include A New History of Jazz and biographies of Bud Powell, Fats Waller, and Dizzy Gillespie.

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ROBERT V. WELLS is the Chauncey H. Winters Professor of History and Social Sciences at Union College in Schenectady, New York, and the author of Facing the ‘King of Terrors’: Living with Death in an American Community in Schenectady, New York, 1750-1990 and other works.

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As companies increasingly look to the global market for capital, cheaper commodities and labor, and lower production costs, the impact on Mexican and American workers and labor unions is significant. National boundaries and the laws of governments that regulate social relations between laborers and management are less relevant in the era of globalization, rendering ineffective the traditional union strategies of pressuring the state for reform.

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Although there has been a resurgence of scholarly interest in Jane Addams, much of the recent literature has dwelt more on her extraordinary and pioneering life than on the philosophical contribution of her twelve books and hundreds of published articles. This study is the first book-length work to focus entirely on Addams as a philosopher, a moral and political theorist who was steeped in the classic American Pragmatist tradition but who transcended that tradition to emphasize the significance of gender, race, and class.

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Addams’s philosophical work remains relevant to current feminist ethical discourse, and The Social Philosophy of Jane Addams leads to an understanding of a cosmopolitan theorist who eschewed ideological stances in favor of intermediary steps toward social progress.

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This study of feminist labor reform examines how working women pursued equality by claiming new identities for themselves as citizens and as breadwinners. Lara Vapnek tells the story of American labor feminism from the end of the Civil War through the winning of woman suffrage rights, a period in which working women in the nation’s industrializing cities launched a series of campaigns to gain economic equality and political power.

Focusing particularly on disjunctions between middle-class and working-class women’s notions of independence, Vapnek highlights the specific contributions of reformers such as Jennie Collins, Leonora O’Reilly, and Helen Campbell, and organizations such as the National Consumers’ League, the Women’s Educational and Industrial Union, and the Women’s Trade Union League. Locating households as important sites of class conflict, Breadwinners recovers the class and gender politics behind the marginalization of domestic workers in debates over labor reform while documenting the ways in which working-class women raised their voices on their own behalf.

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Science on the Home Front
American Women Scientists in World War II
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A critical essay of the rhetorical and cultural obstacles faced by women scientists

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During World War II, women scientists responded to urgent calls for their participation in the war effort. However, the war produced few long-term gains in the percentage of women in the sciences or in their overall professional standing. In this book, Jordynn Jack argues that it was the very language of science—the discourses and genres of scientific communication—that helped to limit women’s progress in science even as it provided opportunities for a small group of prominent female scientists to advance during the war. The book illuminates the broader limitations of masculine scientific culture and its discourses of expertise, gender neutrality, technical expediency, and objectivity. The study identifies key characteristics of scientific culture and rhetoric that continue to limit women’s advancement in science and to stifle their unique perspectives.

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Studying American Jewish feminism from the 1960s and ‘70s, Jewish Feminists examines how second-wave feminist activists retrospectively construct their identities as Jews and how these constructions have changed throughout their lives. Dina Pinsky argues that these Jewish feminists experience a sense of ambivalence as both feminists and Jews as they ask how being Jewish makes them different from other feminists. Drawing from interviews with more than two dozen second-wave feminist Jews, of which five are men, Pinsky describes how these identities sometimes coincide or contrast. The book demonstrates that Jews share a unique relationship to gender, influenced by their experiences and perspectives as Jews. Pinsky adds to the feminist dialogue about cultural difference and intersectionality by exploring the narratives of a group that has long been absent from this discussion.

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Foreword by Ellen Goodman

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The Making and Meanings of Film and TV Stardom
MARY C. BELTRÁN

A penetrating analysis of the construction of Latina/o stardom in U.S. film, television, and celebrity culture since the 1920s

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