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In Search of Kings and Conquerors-Lisa Cooper 2016-01-28 At the height of her career, Bell journeyed into the heart of the Middle East retracing the steps of the ancient rulers who left tangible markers of their presence in the form of castles, palaces, mosques, tombs and temples. Among the many sites she visited were Ephesus, Binbirkilise and Carchemish in modern-day Turkey as well as Ukhaidir, Babylon and Najaf within the borders of modern Iraq. Lisa Cooper here explores Bell's achievements, emphasizing the tenacious, inquisitive side of her extraordinary personality, the breadth of her knowledge and her overall contribution to the archaeology of the Middle East. Featuring many of Bell's own photographs, this is a unique portrait of a remarkable life.

In Search Of Kings-Tony De Bolfo 2010-09-01 the classic Australian migrant story from acclaimed writer and journalist tony de Bolfo. In 1994, Melbourne journalist tony De Bolfo developed a burning need to discover what prompted his grandfather and two brothers to leave their homeland in northern Italy for a new life in Australia. He turned to his great-uncle Igino De Bolfo, the only surviving member of the original trio who undertook that arduous 46-day voyage aboard the steamship Re d'Italia (King of Italy) 75 years ago. But what began as simple curiosity became an overwhelming obsession for tony, which led him on his own unbelievable voyage of discovery. Working from the original passenger list, he set out to uncover the life stories of the 105 men, women and children who accompanied his forebears down the gangway, into the unknown. tony's search involved regular correspondence, countless phone calls and thousands of kilometres. It took him interstate and overseas and brought him in contact with many descendants, and in some cases the passengers themselves. Many years later after that voyage, tony uncovered extraordinary tales of love and friendship, suicide and murder, tragedy and success. And along the way he has even discovered something about himself.
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**Stalking the Elephant Kings** - Christopher Kremmer 1997

**In Search of King Solomon's Mines** - Tahir Shah 2003

King Solomon, the Bible's wisest king, was possessed of extraordinary wealth. The grand temple he built in Jerusalem was covered in gold. Over the ages, many have sought to find the source of the great king's wealth -- but none with so much flair, wit, or whimsy as Tahir Shah. Intrigued by a map he finds in a shop not far from the site of the temple, Shah assembles a multitude of clues to the location of Solomon's mines. From ancient texts to modern hearsay, all point across the Red Sea to Ethiopia. Shah's trail takes him on a wild ride by taxi, bus, camel, and donkey to the gold-bearing corners of this storied and beautiful country. He interviews the hyena man of Harar, is hauled up on a rope to enter a remote cliff-face monastery, and stumbles upon an illegal gold mine where thousands of men, women, and children dig with their hands. But the hardest leg of the journey is to the accursed mountain of Tullu Wallel, where legend says the devil keeps watch over the entrance to an ancient mine shaft...

**In Search of Ancient Kings** - Brian Willson 2021

The Egúngún society is one of the least-studied and written-about aspects of African diasporic spiritual traditions. It is the society of the ancestors, the society of the dead. Its primary function is to facilitate all aspects of ancestor veneration. Though it is fundamental to Yorùbá culture and the Ifá/Oríṣà tradition of the Yorùbá, it did not survive intact in Cuba or the US during the forced migration of the Yorùbá in the Middle Passage. Taking hold only in Brazil, the Egúngún cult has thrived since the early 1800s on the small island of Itaparica, across the Bay of All Saints from Salvador, Bahia. Existing almost exclusively on this tiny island until the 1970s (migrating to Rio de Janeiro and, eventually, Recife), this ancient cult was preserved by a handful of families and flourished in a strict, orthodox manner. Brian Willson spent ten years in close contact with this lineage at the Candomble temple Xango Cá Te Espero in Rio de Janeiro and was eventually initiated as a priest of Egúngún. Representing the culmination of his personal involvement, interviews, research, and numerous visits to Brazil, this book relates the story of Egúngún from an insider’s view. Very little has been written about the cult of Egúngún, and almost exclusively what is written in English is based on research conducted in Africa and falls into the category of descriptive and historical observations. Part personal journal, part metaphysical mystery, part scholarly work, and part field research, In Search of Ancient Kings illuminates the nature of Egúngún as it is practiced in Brazil.

**In Search of the King** - Thann Bennett 2017

Not since C.S. Lewis has a writer so accurately and empathetically described our human condition -- our deep longing for meaning and purpose. Lewis himself called it “the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.” With fresh insight and authenticity, Thann Bennett invites you to join him on the journey of discovering the one true King. Thann weaves biblical application with personal illustration in a compelling call to action. Bound to be a timeless classic, you will come away knowing your true purpose -- intimacy with and service to the King that will echo beyond your years. “In Search of the King is informative and inspirational. It is a must read.” -- Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), New York Times best-selling author

Thann Bennett’s book, In Search of the King, provides wise souls with an excellent road map. I highly recommend this book.” -- Scott Sauls, Senior Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and author of Jesus Outside the Lines and Befriend

“Thann Bennett’s very personal and engaging style will captivate your heart and imagination and send you on a relentless journey to learn the character of Jesus, walk in His ways, and join His mission.” -- Heather Zempel, Discipleship Pastor at National Community Church, and author of Community Is...
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to one of the biggest oil booms in American history. They eventually settle in the small town of Big Spring, where fast fortunes are being made from its own reserves of oil. For the next two generations, the Mealers live on the margins of poverty, laboring in the cotton fields and on the drilling rigs that sprout along the flatland, weathering dust and wind, booms and busts, and tragedies that scatter them like tumbleweed. After embracing Pentecostalism during the Great Depression, they rely heavily on their faith to steel them against hardship and despair. But for young Bobby Mealer, the author’s father, religion is only an agent for rebellion. In the winter of 1981, when the author is seven years old, Bobby receives a call from an old friend with a simple question, “How’d you like to be a millionaire?” Twenty-six, and with a wife and three kids, Bobby had left his hometown to seek a life removed from the blowing dust and oil fields, and to find spiritual peace. But now Big Spring’s streets are flooded again with roughnecks, money, and sin. Boom chasers pour in from the busted factory towns in the north. Drilling rigs rise like timber along the pastures, and poor men become millionaires overnight. Grady Cunningham, Bobby’s friend, is one of the newly-minted kings of Big Spring. Loud and flamboyant, with a penchant for floor-length fur coats, Grady pulls Bobby and his young wife into his glamorous orbit. While drilling wells for Grady’s oil company, they fly around on private jets and embrace the honky-tonk high life of Texas oilmen. But beneath the Rolexes and Rolls Royce cars is a reality as dark as the crude itself. As Bobby soon discovers, his return to Big Spring is a backslider’s journey into a spiritual wilderness, and one that could cost him his life. A masterwork of memoir and narrative history, The Kings of Big Spring is an indelible portrait of fortune and ruin as big as Texas itself. And in telling the story of four generations of his family, Mealer also tells the story of America came to be.

The King’s Dungeon-Powerone 2013-07 The King and his noblemen pursued a life of unbridled lust with those that submitted to their power by choice or for the unfortunate, in the dungeons below the castle where bondage insured their submission. Nothing is forbidden for the privileged, not even the unspeakable taboos of society. "King's Dungeon" is set in the 11th century where men dominate and woman had no choice but to submit to any and all demands a man could conceive. King Rulf, after conquering his enemies, returns to take his rightful place on the throne with a wife to bear him many heirs. But there is always time to find his pleasures in the bedrooms of any woman he desires or to satisfy his jaded lust in the dungeons.

Edmund-Francis Young 2018-03-13 What buried secret lies beneath the stones of one of England's greatest former churches and shrines? The ruins of the Benedictine Abbey of Bury St Edmunds are a memorial to the largest Romanesque church ever built. This Suffolk market town is now a quiet place, out of the way, eclipsed by its more famous neighbour Cambridge. But present obscurity may conceal a find as significant as the emergence from beneath a Leicester car-park of the remains of Richard III. For Bury, as Francis Young now reveals, is the probable site of the body - placed in an `iron chest' but lost during the Dissolution of the Monasteries - of Edmund: martyred monarch of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of East Anglia and, well before St George, England’s first patron saint. After the king was slain by marauding Vikings in the ninth century, the legend which grew up around his murder led to the foundation in Bury of one of the pre-eminent shrines of Christendom. In showing how Edmund became the pivotal figure around whom Saxons, Danes and Normans all rallied, the author points to the imminent rediscovery of the ruler who created England.

Digging for Richard III: The Search for the Lost King (Revised and Expanded)-Mike Pitts 2015-09-08 "As gripping as any detective fiction. Proof that one doesn't need to be fascinated with Richard III to be enthralled by the story of his body's discovery." —Publisher's Weekly In August 2012 a search began, and on February 4, 2013, a team from Leicester University delivered its verdict to a mesmerized press room and to the world: they had found the remains of Richard III,
whose legacy was perhaps the most contested of all British monarchs. Prior to this major discovery, there had been little new information about Richard III for some time. With no new evidence to fuel it, the debate over what kind of man he might have been seemed to have stalled. Thus the story of the discovery of Richard III is a story of the value of archaeology—careful analysis of physical evidence backed up by the latest science and technology—and how it can change our understanding of history. Firsthand accounts from the team that found the king, along with photographs from the author’s own archives and an expanded epilogue incorporating new DNA evidence, augment this compelling detective story as the evidence is uncovered.

In Search of Kings-Tony De Bolfo 2002 In 1994, journalist Tony De Bolfo developed a burning need to discover what prompted his grandfather and two brothers to leave their homeland in Italy in the 1920s, for a new life in Australia. His curiosity soon became an overwhelming obsession and he set out to uncover the life stories of the 107 men, women and children who accompanied his forbears down the gangway, into the unknown.

A Search for the King-Gore Vidal 1950

In Search of the King-Thann Bennett 2017-04-04 Not since C.S. Lewis has a writer so accurately and empathetically described our human condition—our deep longing for meaning and purpose. Lewis himself called it “the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.” With fresh insight and authenticity, Thann Bennett invites you to join him on the journey of discovering the one true King. Thann weaves biblical application with personal illustration in a compelling call to action. Bound to be a timeless classic, you will come away knowing your true purpose—intimacy with and service to the King that will echo beyond your years. “In Search of the King is informative and inspirational. It is a must read.” —Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), New York Times best-selling author

Search for the Beloved Community-Kenneth L. Smith 1974 Updated from the original version published in 1974, this book examines the thought of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the influences that shaped it. Kenneth L. Smith’s firsthand knowledge of King’s seminary studies provides the background for an incisive analysis of the influences of the Christian tradition.

The Ghost Kings Illustrated-Sir H Rider Haggard 2021-05 The original plot for this book was worked out by Haggard in collaboration with Rudyard Kipling. A novel of fantasy and the supernatural, set amongst the Zulu tribes in what is now South Africa. The author wrote, “The Zulus have a strange story of a white girl who in Dingaan’s day was supposed to ‘hold the spirit’ of some legendary goddess of theirs who is also white. This girl, they say, was very beautiful and brave, and had great power in the land before
the battle of the Blood River, which they fought with the emigrant Boers. Her title was Lady of the Zulus, or more shortly, Zoola, which means Heaven.” This is her story.

The Last King of Poland: And His Contemporaries-R. Nisbet Bain 2018-02-06 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this work may contain missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

An Old Chester Secret-Margaret Deland 2020-07-31 Reproduction of the original: An Old Chester Secret by Margaret Deland

In Search of Serenity-Sally J King 2020-09-27 In Search of Serenity recounts the stories of adoption through the foster system-not once, but twice-as Sally J King weaves her daughter's adoption odyssey with her own. Apprehended as a starved and neglected infant, Sally became a ward of children's services until being adopted at six months of age. Though placed with a caring family, trauma followed her though childhood with the insidious sexual abuse by a family member. Candid and raw, Sally's account cuts to the heart of the wounded foster child and exposes flaws in the system that is set out to protect its children. With an insider's perspective, and practical advice for foster parents and adoptive families alike, Sally does not pull any punches. For the children's sake, change must happen, both with the system and within hurting families. Readers will be encouraged and motivated by Sally's energy and irrepressible spirit to "do the hard things" that can make a difference for their children and families. Sally's positive message to families is "Healing, Help, Hope." This book dishes it out in huge helpings.

David and Solomon-Israel Finkelstein 2006

Taking Her Innocence-Sam Crescent 2017-05-15 Viper has always been a bastard, a nightmare, death for hire. He's known for his swift kills, so he isn't surprised when he's offered seven figures for a new hit. It's supposed to be a quick find and eliminate. When his mark turns out to be an innocent twenty-year old with big blue eyes, he shouldn't care one way or another, but he does. Viper wants to keep her for himself.

The Search for the King's Staff-Sophia Davidson 2020-03-05 Darkness devours the Spirit Realm. Burning within Cierra's memory is a childhood encounter with a powerful spirit who chose her to find the King's Staff, an ancient relic with the power to terminate the darkness before it moves from the Spirit Realm into the realm of man. When the Moon Trio align on the eve of her Coming of Age, the celestial event brings soldier sent by the King of an opposing nation to her home. With her cousin, James, by her side and years of training in her wake, Cierra must risk everything to voyage through uncharted wilderness and find the path to the King's Staff, teaming up with a princess and an assassin to outrun those who would prefer the staff remain lost - all while learning to control the magic within the key pendant the spirit gave her. If the Key's power doesn't destroy her first.

King Arthur in Search of His Dog and Other Curious Puzzles-Raymond M. Smullyan 2010-04-21 This fanciful, original collection for readers of all ages features arithmetic puzzles, logic problems related to crime detection, and logic and arithmetic puzzles involving King Arthur and his Dogs of the Round Table.

The Baseball King-Max C. Weiss 2015-07-01 The Baseball King, Max C. Weiss' first published
book, was inspired by this eight-year-old author's entrepreneurial spirit, his love for baseball, and his interest in storytelling. Encouraged by his younger siblings, Max weaves a narrative that explores the bond of friendship and the dedication and sacrifice required to become the best. Illustrated by Max's grandmother.

**In Search of Joshua King**

Jason Kalaus 2014-06-06

Joshua King spends his nights sitting on different stools in different bars, listening to music that reminds him of the days and more importantly, the people he has lost. He only has one person left in his life. Liam, his best friend, has been with him from day one, and he may be the last reason for Joshua to hold onto the bar he's sitting in front of. He's stuck in a cycle of always searching the past for answers to his present state and looking for the one thing that will help him stop looking back and help him break free from his cycle of bars and lonely nights. Joshua is the only one who can see himself. No one around is let in to see what he really looks like. In Search of Joshua King examines the cracks that occur in a person when divorce becomes his earliest childhood memory. Songs play throughout as a soundtrack to Joshua's life and as a navigation tool that reveals how the divorce of his parents affected both him and the relationships that he so desperately clings to. His primary escape is to find a bartender who is willing to fill his glass for him and let him forget about everything he has lost in life including his two loves.

**Nali**

Esther Henry 2011-10-07

In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

**In Search of King Solomon's Mines**

Tahir Shah 2014-12-17

King Solomon, the Bible's wisest king, possessed extraordinary wealth. The grand temple he built in Jerusalem was covered in gold from the porch to the inner sanctum, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. Long before H. Rider Haggard's classic adventure novel King Solomon's Mines unleashed gold fever more than a century ago, many had sought to find the source of the great king's wealth. In this new adventure—"a hybrid of Indiana Jones and Herodotus" (Sunday Times, London)—Tahir Shah tries his hand at the quest. Intrigued by a map he finds in a shop not far from the site of the temple, Shah assembles a multitude of clues to the location of Solomon's mines. Some come from ancient texts, including the Septuagint, the earliest form of the Bible, and some from geological, geographical, and folkloric sources. All point across the Red Sea to Ethiopia, the land of the Queen of Sheba, Solomon's lover, who bore Solomon's son Menelik and founded Ethiopia's imperial line. Shah's trail takes him on a wild ride—by taxi, bus, camel, donkey, and Jeep—that is sure to delight all travelers.

**In Search of the Silk King**

Maya Herman 2005-08-24

Among many stories I heard in Southeast Asia, the most fascinating is the story of the legendary American "silk king" of Thailand – Jim Thompson. It is as mysterious as Asia itself. The name Jim Thompson seemed to follow me from the first moment I arrived in Bangkok. The more stories and rumors I heard, the more I became fascinated by them. They had all the ingredients of a good novel or a major movie – romance, mystery, glamour, exotic locations, and more. The legend of the "silk king" and his disappearance remains as mysterious today as it was in 1967. No clues were ever found. Only unanswered questions remained. Using poetic license, I decided to write a novel that might answer some of them. As such, the novel is very loosely and only in part based on the real life of Jim Thompson, as I learned of it primarily through living in Bangkok, traveling extensively.
In Search of the Cannibal King—Nanine Case

2021-05-25 It all began when Nanine laid eyes on an old newspaper article titled Yankee Cannibal King... Nanine’s quest to learn the true story that inspired the fantastical article led her on a global adventure, eventually landing her on the Marquesas Islands. On her journey, she discovered missionary descendants and oral storytellers. Each discovery brought her closer to John Rumell’s life and decision to live in a culture that practiced cannibalism and engaged in tribal wars. Had it been his love for a native princess that led Rumell to leave the Western world and subject himself to painful tribal tattooing, or another reason? After sixty years of investigating detailed letters, diaries, and eyewitness accounts that revealed her ancestor’s life among savages, Nanine is ready to share this incredible story. Experience the nearly unchanged French Polynesian Islands Nanine researched to bring readers the incredible tale of the Cannibal King.

The Friends of Neptune King—Magda Jozsa

2013 This is the 10th book in the Neptune King series. In The Case of the Amnesiac Client Neptune’s maid introduces him to Mary North a troubled young woman working as a maid with no memory and a vague impression that everything is not quite right. He figures it’s a case for K&J. Intrigue, deception and imposters lead them to France and back again to high society in search for her real identity. In The Case of the French Blackmailer Shark’s sins come back to haunt him when Monique, the French waitress he met while on the trail of the Shadow in France turns up with a baby, claiming it is his and threatening to tell Lord Evans unless he pays. Shark is shocked and desperate and turns to Neptune for help, while hoping to keep the whole sordid affair secret from Rachel and Becky, but he underestimates the women in his life. In The Case of the Deadly Sleepwalker Lisa Hatherly is arrested for murdering her neighbour in her sleep! Philip Briton, Neptune’s solicitor hires the boys to investigate. The evidence looks black against her—her footprints in the snow to and from the dead woman’s house, the dead

throughout Southeast Asia and writing about it in my book of travel essays, The Jade Window (Bangkok, 1998). It is also in part based on the information I gathered in my research from the newspaper articles on Thompson, William Warren’s indispensable biography of him, on the interviews with Warren and Henry Thompson, through Alexander Macdonald’s notes and OSS archives, for all of which I am immensely grateful. Still, my “Jim Thompson” is not a historic but a fictional character. In Search of The Silk King is a work of fiction written in many voices that are tempered with the measure of truth. Any errors - biographical, historical, intended, or otherwise - are solely mine. This is the story of an adventure told in hero’s voice and in various voices of the people who knew him. It is also the story of his life that had the sweep of a historical romance and the power of a heroic quest. As Jim Thompson’s absorbing tale unfolds, the reader discovers what happened after his disappearance, how he succeeded and suffered and eventually found the truth. It is a novel of suspense, of fate and love lost and found. The “Jim Thompson” of my novel thinks of himself as an ordinary man in extraordinary circumstances. There are, on the tapes he sent from his after-life in exile to a journalist friend, his memories of the past: his childhood desire to travel to exotic places ... of his first and greatest love, of his marriage. As a young man, Jim went to New York and worked as an architect. He met Vera, a Russian ballerina, and fell in love with her. He gave her a brooch designed as a pair of ballet slippers made of emeralds and diamonds as a token of his great love. When Vera decided to go back to her old lover she returned one of the two slippers. Jim kept the slipper as the memento of his love that would prove to be fatal. After the breakup, Jim tried to find a new direction in life. He married a woman he barely knew and enlisted in the Army. This was his way of escaping the loss of his first great love that would mark his whole emotional life. He went to Africa where he worked for the OSS with Maurice, a half-French, half-Laotian mystery man. Not eager to return home, Jim volunteered to go to Southeast Asia. This was the real beginning of his journey. He fell in love with Bangkok and wanted to stay there even after the war was over. His wife Pat did not share his enthusiasm and agreed to a divorce. Jim returned to Bangkok with a plan to renovate the Oriental hotel. He did not succeed in that, but found his true vocation in a forgotten art of silk making. Jim almost single-handedly revived the Thai silk industry and became the most successful American businessman in Thailand. There is a story about silk. Jim’s life seemed full. He built a beautiful house and opened a new store. He seemed to have finally found his fulfillment. He had a beautiful young mistress, Nicole, and seemed
woman's jewels hidden in her wardrobe and her own admission that she'd had an argument with the deceased and was sleep walking that night with her soaked slippers matching the prints. Neptune's boutique is being robbed in The Case of the Shoplifting Shop Assistant, and it doesn't take him long to find the culprit. Meantime, Shark's family have arrived from Australia in time to celebrate Christmas with his friends in his new house.

**The Stories of Goom'pa: Book 1**

Vikrant Malhotra 2014-11-26

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?