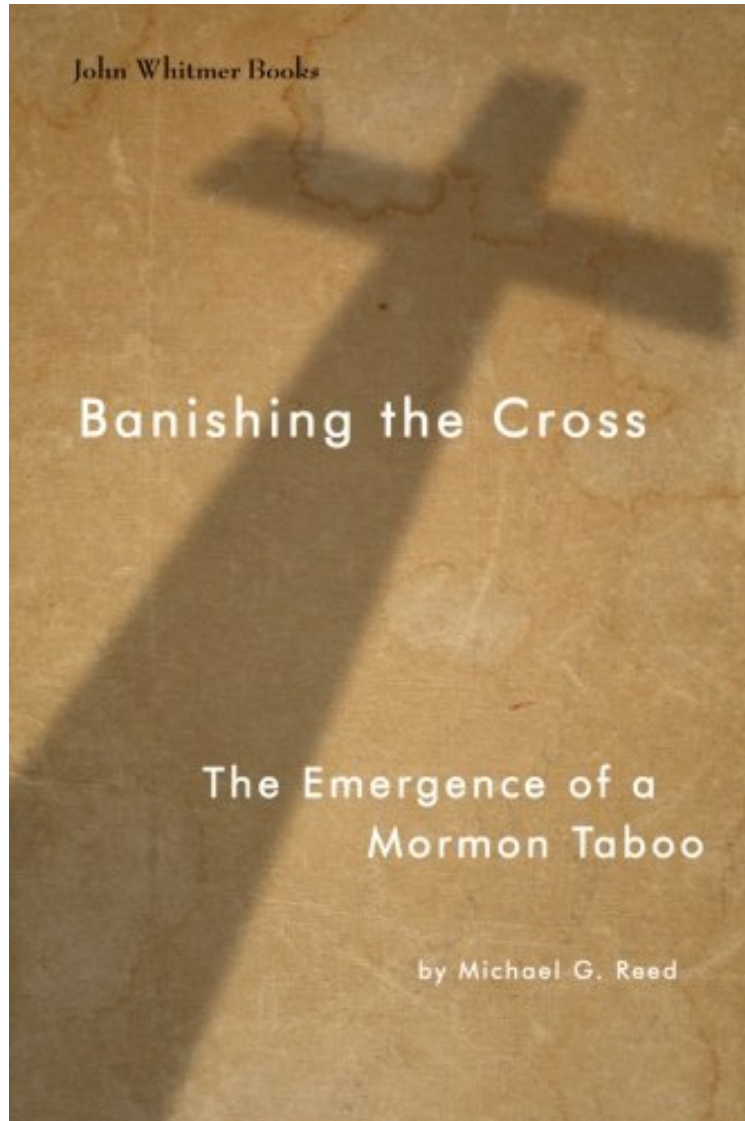


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Michael Reeds invaluable study shines new light on Mormons complex and ambiguous relationship with the cross. Reeds research, the most exhaustive ever undertaken on this subject, should help other Christians understand the historic, cultural and religious context out of which Latter-day Saint attitudes toward the cross emerged and it should help Latter-day Saints find greater spiritual meaning in this most poignant and profound of Christian symbols.