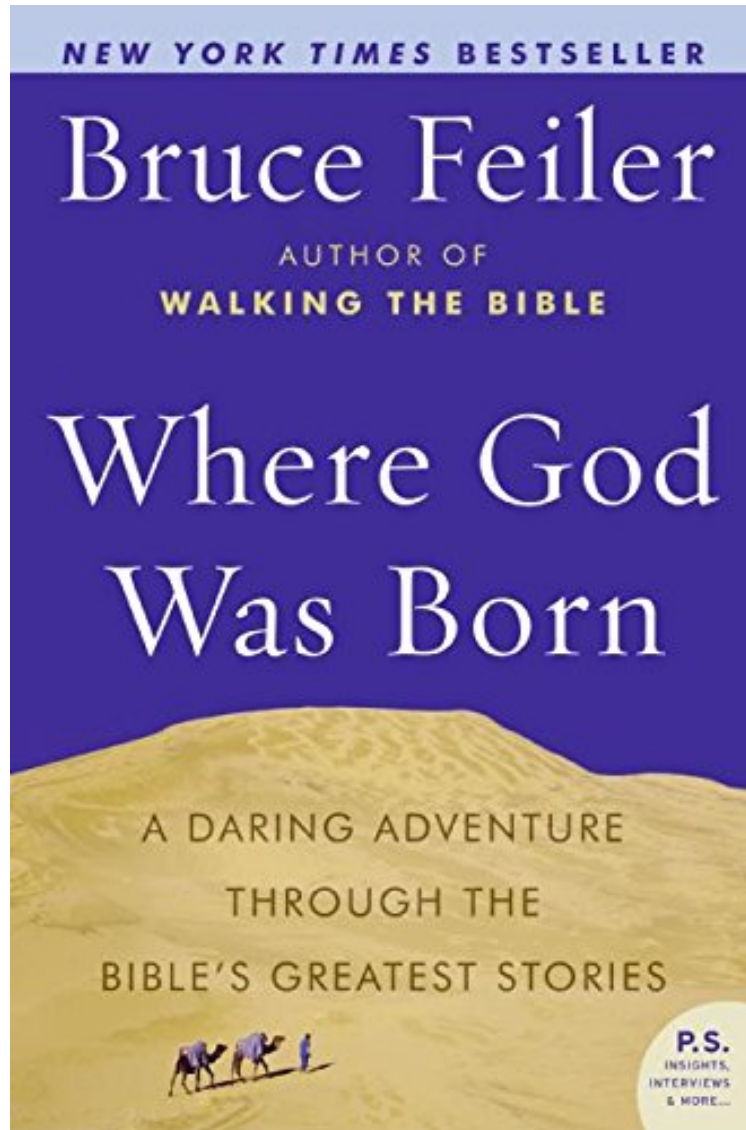


(Free download) Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories (P.S.)

## Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories (P.S.)

*Bruce Feiler*

*ePub | \*DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#557349 in Books 2007-02-05 2007-02-06Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.00 x 1.01 x 5.311, .84 #File Name: 0060574895448 pages | File size: 43.Mb

**Bruce Feiler : Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories (P.S.)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories (P.S.):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great exploration of Bible landBy Kindle CustomerVery interesting exploration and discussion with current people of the land. Author's goal seems to be the bringing together of all the

region to peace and acceptance of each other religion.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommendBy Shirley R. OlinikBruce Feiler has written several books similar to this, and they're all excellent reading. You almost feel like you're there with him.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Monotheism On ReviewBy Wandering Pilot in SeattleA slow and overdone beginning soon morphs into a fascinating narrative of discovery by a man in search of his culture's ancient roots and the significance of his Jewish past. Join in this tour of myths and facts spread across the deserts, ruins and dusty towns of the Middle East and southwest Asia for a look at from where and why the most important foundations of Judaism, Christianity and Islam were laid down.

At a time when America debates its values and the world braces for religious war, Bruce Feiler, author of the New York Times bestsellers *Walking the Bible* and *Abraham*, travels ten thousand miles through the heart of the Middle East—Israel, Iraq, and Iran—and examines the question: Is religion tearing us apart . . . or can it bring us together? *Where God Was Born* combines the adventure of a wartime chronicle, the excitement of an archaeological detective story, and the insight of personal spiritual exploration. Taking readers to biblical sites not seen by Westerners for decades, Feiler's journey uncovers little-known details about the common roots of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and affirms the importance of the Bible in today's world. In his intimate, accessible style, Feiler invites readers on a never-in-a-lifetime experience: Israel Feiler takes a perilous helicopter dive over Jerusalem, treks through secret underground tunnels, and locates the spot where David toppled Goliath. Iraq After being airlifted into Baghdad, Feiler visits the Garden of Eden and the birthplace of Abraham, and makes a life-threatening trip to the rivers of Babylon. Iran Feiler explores the home of the Bible's first messiah and uncovers the secret burial place of Queen Esther. In *Where God Was Born*, Feiler discovers that at the birth of Western religion, all faiths drew from one another and were open to coexistence. Feiler's bold realization is that the Bible argues for interfaith harmony. It cannot be ceded to one side in the debate over values. Feiler urges moderates to take back the Bible and use its powerful voice as a beacon of shared ideals. In his most ambitious work to date, Bruce Feiler has written a brave, uplifting story that stirs the deepest chords of our time. *Where God Was Born* offers a rare, universal vision of God that

.com Bruce Feiler's latest book combines now familiar elements into his own peculiar, delightful alchemy. Any particular page may be found effortlessly weaving together strands of theology, biblical exegesis, physical exploration, history and personal reflection as Feiler continues his journey of discovery, looking at the common roots of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The Middle East has become a more dangerous place since the writing of his first book in this vein, *Walking the Bible*. But Feiler is impelled to answer his continued call, even when a flak jacket is necessary. He explores tunnels under Jerusalem. Goes to where David may have slain Goliath. Even looks for the Garden of Eden in Iraq while acknowledging that "the garden would never be found." It is this externalization of searches typically only made in the heart that fascinates us and brings power to Feiler's narrative. In one of the more compelling sections of the book, a meditation on Jonah, Feiler makes a persuasive argument that "God cares only that you conduct yourself in a moral way And what might come across as preaching in another context is instead organic; Feiler's ideas seem to grow as much out of his travel and present-day experience as they do from Scripture and history. Of particular interest is his writing on King Cyrus II. He travels to Persepolis, in modern-day Iran, and finds an ancient precedent for religious tolerance in this king who helped the Jews build the Second Temple. Feiler provokes us to reflect that if the Bible itself can sing the praises of a king who accepted the various religions of those he ruled, perhaps there is hope we can find room for more tolerance in our own time. Highly recommended.--Ed DobeasFrom Publishers WeeklyStarred . The third of Feiler's books on the Bible and the Middle East, this is another absorbing blend of travelogue, history, Bible commentary, memoir, current events and passionate preaching. In *Walking the Bible* (2001), Feiler surveyed the Torah. This sequel picks up with Joshua, first of the prophetic books, and follows Israel's story through the Hebrew scriptures: from the invasion of Canaan through the reigns of David and Solomon to the Babylonian captivity and the Diaspora. What differentiates Feiler from most other Bible commentators is that he actually visits the places he describes, despite Palestinian suicide bombers, Iraqi insurgents, Iranian fundamentalists and his very worried family back home. Readers will almost effortlessly learn a lot about antiquity—thanks again to his travel companion, archeologist Avner Goren—and also about recent history, today's headlines and Feiler's own spiritual journey. Enlarging on his vision of unity in *Abraham* (2002), he contends that the Bible's moral vision transcends land, power and nationality. "The only force strong enough to take on religious extremism," he concludes, "is religious moderation." For Feiler, now ready to affirm his Jewishness, this means "willingly asserting your faith in public, not with raging fire but with a single, quiet flame." Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistFeiler treads on very dangerous ground in this marvelous account of his journey to Israel, Iraq, and Iran—an expedition beginning with a treacherous helicopter ride over the West Bank and ending with an equally perilous airlift into Baghdad. Using the second half of the Hebrew Bible as his guide, Feiler retraced, and he reinterprets, Joshua's conquest of the Promised Land, David's struggle with Goliath, the capture of Jericho, and the history of the prophets. In tandem, he recounts discussing the Bible with people he met along the way, who range from military chaplains to archaeologists. He visited Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Baghdad, the Tigris and Euphrates rivers,

Babylon, and Tehran, and found that exploring through the prism of the Bible allowed him to see everything in a new light. Now he wonders, most of all, about the role of religion in contemporary life. Can faith and tolerance coexist? Is religion a source of conflict or of peace? Erudite yet immensely readable, he chronicles a spiritual journey to the roots of Western civilization. June Sawyers Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved