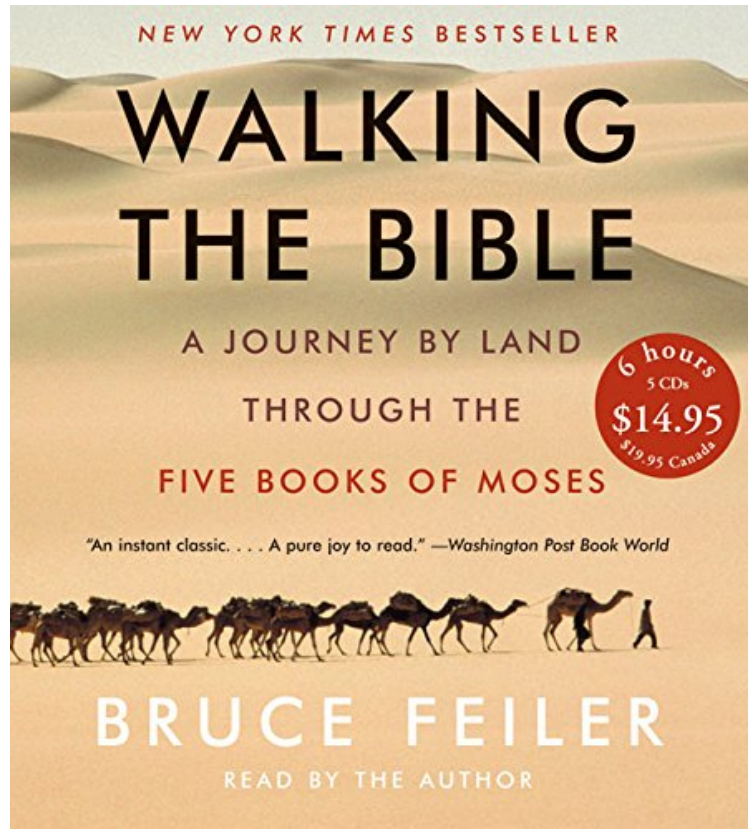


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and Where Judeo-Christian Faith Began By Rev. D. Thomas Ford, Jr. Highly recommend to anyone seeking to understand the Judeo-Christian journey of faith and what the physical and spiritual landscape looks like today and where it was first experienced. Feiler's work is top notch! Excellent learning and teaching tool.

One part adventure story, one part archaeological detective work, one part spiritual exploration, *Walking The Bible* vividly recounts an inspiring personal odyssey by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel through the greatest stories ever told. Feeling a desire to reconnect to the Bible, award-winning author Bruce Feiler set out on a perilous, 10,000-mile journey retracing the Five Books of Moses through the desert. Traveling over three continents, through five countries, and four war zones, Feiler is the first person to complete such a historic expedition. He crosses the Red Sea, climbs Mt. Sinai, and interviews bedouin and pilgrims alike, as he attempts to answer the question: Is the Bible just an abstraction, or is it a living, breathing entity? Both a pulse-pounding adventure and an uplifting spiritual quest, Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible* is a stunning and elevating work of courage, scholarship, and heart that revisits the inscrutable desert landscape where the world's great religions were born and uncovers fresh answers to the most profound questions of the human spirit.

Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses is the story of Bruce Feiler's 10,000-mile trek from Mount Ararat to Mount Nebo, undertaken for reasons he did not understand at the outset and accompanied by a companion who was very nearly a stranger. In the book's first chapter, in characteristically understated style, Feiler suggests a viable parallel to his journey: Abraham was not originally the man he became. He was not an Israelite, he was not a Jew. He was not even a believer in God—at least initially. He was a traveler, called by some voice not entirely clear that said: Go, head to this land, walk along this route, and trust what you will find. Feiler, a fifth-generation American Jew from the South, had felt no particular attachment to the Holy Land. Yet during his journey, Feiler's previously abstract faith grew more grounded. ("I began to feel a certain pull from the landscape.... It was a feeling of gravity. A feeling that I wanted to take off all my clothes and lie facedown in the soil.") Feiler's attentiveness, intelligence, and adventurousness enliven every page of this book. And the lessons he learned about the relationship between place and the spirit will be useful for readers of every religious tradition that finds its origins in the Bible. --Michael Joseph Gross From Publishers Weekly Prolific author Feiler has turned from his earlier subject (clowning, in *Under the Big Top*) to more serious fare: the Bible and the Middle East. Jewish author Feiler offers himself here as a pilgrim, walking through biblical lands and interviewing individuals from many religious traditions and walks of life. He reads the stories of the Pentateuch in the places they are thought to have happened, he records the latest archaeological understandings of the Bible, and he wrestles with his own faith. Of course, contemporary politics sneaks into the story, too; Arab-Israeli conflicts are hard to avoid when one is writing about the biblical Canaan. Feiler is an accomplished wordsmith. When he describes the "smells of dawn cinnamon, cardamom, a whiff of burnt sugar," the reader is transported to Turkey. He has the rare talent of being able to write in the second person, a gift he uses sparingly here: "Light. The first thing you notice about the desert is the light." In the sections of the book where his content is banal (readers can only take so many descriptions of dusty museums, bustling streets and breathtaking sunsets), Feiler's prose carries the narrative through. This book belongs on the shelves next to classics such as Wendy Orange's *Coming Home to Jerusalem*. Readers who find Westerners' encounters with the Holy Land enchanting will cherish this book. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal A journalist and contributor to National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, Feiler (*Dreaming Out Loud*, LJ 4/15/98) traveled over 10,000 miles on three continents and five countries to retrace the route of the Hebrew patriarchs throughout the Middle East. His "objective was less to prove the Bible and more to witness its atmosphere and lingering appeal." To investigate the latest archaeological findings, he teamed up with Avner Goren, former chief archaeologist and preserver of antiquities in the Sinai region and currently one of Israel's most eloquent authorities on life in the ancient world. For the two men, reading the biblical accounts within their natural surroundings turned into a two-year journey throughout Turkey, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Egypt, and Jordan to such famous sites as Mt. Ararat, Jerusalem, St. Catherine's Monastery, Mt. Sinai, and the Dead Sea. At the end of their pilgrimage, both men came away with a deeper faith and a better appreciation of the Bible as a living, breathing testimony to man's relationship to the divine. Essential for anyone interested in religion, archaeology, or travel, this is highly recommended for most collections. --DMichael W. Ellis, Ellenville P.L., NY Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.