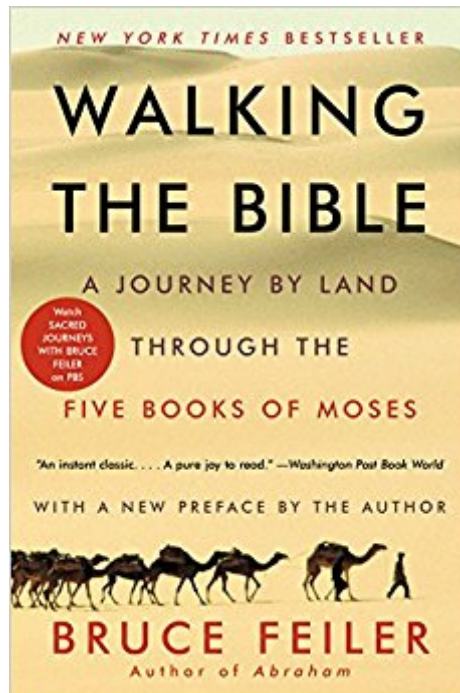




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Bruce Feiler is the author of six consecutive New York Times bestsellers, including *Abraham, Where God Was Born*, *America's Prophet*, *The Council of Dads*, and *The Secrets of Happy Families*. He is a columnist for the New York Times, a popular lecturer, and a frequent commentator on radio and television. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and twin daughters.

I bought this book to go along with the DVD series by the same name. I used this material with my Confirmation class and they loved it. It helps youth through adults better connect with the geography of the Bible. Feiler actually follows the journey of Abraham by walking the modern day route and offering commentary on the Bible and the culture and lives of the people then with the people who live there today. It is extremely well done and fascinating. Feiler's own Jewishness does not get in the way. Any Christian, Moslem or Jew can watch this and learn from it about the elements central to each's faith's origins.

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This is a very readable book; and I can see why it spent so much time as a bestseller. There is, however, one mistake on p. 356. The first sharif was the eldest grandson (not son) of the Prophet Muhammad. Elsewhere, in the book, the author notes a J. Ryder Smith. I could only find a C. Ryder Smith when searching for more information on this citation. The book covers so much territory, it certainly gives the reader a many-sided view of the geographical areas and stories covered.

This was a valuable read because of its description of Israel, Egypt, and Jordan and the people the author met. It provided our book club with a really good discussion. I would've given it a higher score, but it was a chore to read with all of the difficult place names, unknown to me and all of the details. However, I am certainly glad that I read it and I am interested in the author's other diverse works.

My wife loves this book. We have bought several to give to friends and family. Good description of the land of Moses and gives a physical appreciation for what is described by Moses.

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