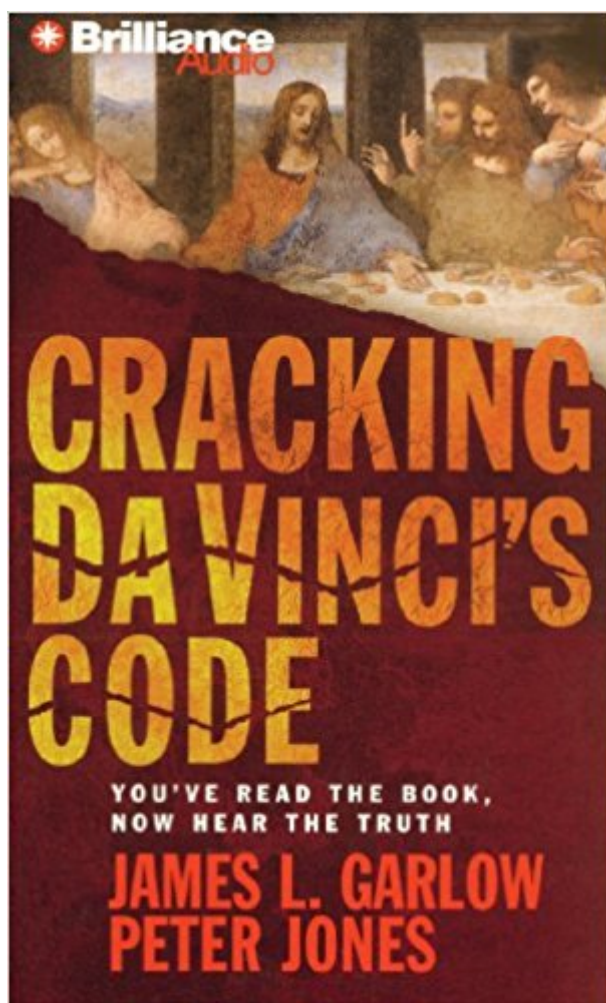


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Cracking Da Vinci's Code: You've Read The Book, Now Hear The Truth



Synopsis

The controversy grows with every sale of the bestselling novel. Throughout the contemporary fictional storyline of *The Da Vinci Code*, author Dan Brown skillfully weaves "historical" assertions intended to shake the very foundations of Christianity: Was Jesus merely human and not divine? Did Jesus and Mary Magdalene marry and have children? Is there a Holy Grail? If so, what is it and where can it be found? *Cracking Da Vinci's Code* is the long-awaited answer to these and other questions. Authors James L. Garlow and Peter Jones present compelling evidence that Brown's assertions are not only historically inaccurate, but may also contain a hidden agenda.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. James Garlow is the pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church, a congregation with an average attendance of 3500 in San Diego, California. Among his degrees are a MDiv from Asbury Seminary, a Master's in Theology from Princeton Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Drew University. He is the author of *How God Saved Civilization*, *A Christian's Response to Islam*, and many other works. Dr. Peter Jones holds a MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, a ThM from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a professor of New Testament at Westminster Seminary in Escondido, California, and is the author of numerous books, including *The Gnostic Empire Strikes Back*.

This fascinating contribution to the DA VINCI CODE controversy, ably narrated with only occasional excesses, is one of many rebuttals to the assault on conservative Christianity that Dan Brown's novel represents. Like arguments on both sides of the issue, the writing is full of pejorative hyperbole and logical lapses. But it contributes to the discussion by laying out some important differences in the way Christ is regarded by traditional Christians as compared to the Gnostic Christians, whose gospels were suppressed after Christ's death. With only some moralizing, the program tries to answer the question of whether understanding Jesus in Gnostic terms is part of a neo-pagan, quasi-religious movement or a healthy broadening of our relationship with God. T.W.
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There are 71 more reviews of this book already posted so far -- what more can I add? Overall, whatever you think of the ideology of the authors, they know what they are talking about. Peter Jones has a Princeton Ph.D., Garlow's is from Drew. It is also written in a non-technical, highly accessible style. Another appeal, for me, is that it deals with the broader cultural issues (Gnostic world-view) as well as just the details of the Da Vinci Code. I also appreciated Ben Witherington's book on the topic, and D. Bock, both world-class Biblical scholars.

I have not listened to this book, yet. But the service was good. would buy from this seller again

The same dishonest "reviewing" of books. It is so easy to see what is really going on here--atheists, agnostics, leftists, all who hate religion, Jesus, or any moral discipline are deriding the book, and the Catholics and other Christians are writing positive comments. There is nothing really bad, wrong, or misinforming about this book. It is written from a Christian perspective, which is exactly what the negative "reviewers" don't like. The authors take statements made in the book, that are supposed to be based on "fact", apart page by page and state their disagreement, and present their "facts" in an easy-to-read format, at the low reading level of an astonishing number of Americans. It is not a scholarly work. It is not intended to be a scholarly work. It is written for the masses, especially those not educated in things of the Bible, or much else. It could be read by young people (well, some young people who actually received an education in today's public schools) because of the reading level and format. It is astonishing how divided this country is along both political and religious lines. Atheists, agnostics, leftists, "liberals", deviants of all kinds, and other non-churched people discredit anything that speaks of morals, goodness, religion, discipline, and, more often than not, very

cowardly remain anonymous. Therefore we see a lot of one-star "reviews" on any book that stands up for these principles. Religious people, of course, rate these kind of books highly. Which of these "reviewers" really read the book? Decide for yourself, but please don't rate a book unless you've read it and can fairly rate it.

This was a great book at approaching the Da Vinci Code's message from a practical point of view. The authors, who are excellent scholars, write in a simple way to address the negative exhortations received via the Da Vinci Code. While many Americans may not have a problem with the message of the Da Vinci code (wrapped in the format of an excellent mystery novel) such as Dan Brown's identification of feminism with unbridled promiscuity, it is a true mystery as to why. This book provides a comparison of worldviews between the hopelessness of relativism and trivialization against the hope that truth and history are fortunately able to provide for us. This is a must-read for any Da Vinci code fan or skeptic. This is surely the best book on the Da Vinci code. Many of the other reviews couldn't possibly have even read this book or even the back cover with the patently false criticisms they made.

This book is merely a hundred something pages long and yet 99% of what the two authors said are in defense of the traditional church doctrine. The only credit they gave Dan Brown is the fact that he stirs up the debates regarding Mary Magdelene. That's it. The rest are just praises of how the church's version of the history makes better sense, has more morality and is more ethically-oriented. They completely dismissed any Gnostic ideas. You don't need to waste a few dollars on this book when you can attend the church for free and have the pastor tell you the same things.

Haven't read the book yet, but have enjoyed all of Dan Brown's books. Was given my first one as a birthday present. From then on it was read, read all of Brown's books.

Poorly written. The authors try to "defend" the church by criticizing the novel by Mr. Brown. I found it unconvincing.

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