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# History Of Joseph Smith By His Mother



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Lucy Mack Smith



## Synopsis

The History of Joseph Smith by His Mother is a biography of the Latter Day Saint prophet Joseph Smith, according to his mother, Lucy Mack Smith. It was originally titled Biographical Sketches of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, and His Progenitors for Many Generations and was published by Orson Pratt in Liverpool in 1853. Shortly following the death of Joseph Smith in 1844, and into 1845, Lucy Mack Smith dictated her recollections and family story to Nauvoo schoolteacher Martha Jane Coray. Coray worked with her husband to compile these books of notes and other sources into a manuscript, which was then copied.

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This book gave me a much greater appreciation for the sacrifice, total commitment, faith and courage of the Prophet Joseph Smith, his family and so many of the early Saints of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I am changed in solemn gratitude and increased commitment to live more courageously in defense of truth and righteousness. It also gives me a much deeper gratitude and appreciation for the restored Gospel and the Book of Mormon because so many

sacrificed all to bring this book to us, and to restore the Lord's kingdom again on the earth. I'm very glad I read this history, and have felt my testimony of the truth of this work greatly strengthened as a result.

Filled with many amazing truths about the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr. from the mouth of his mother, Lucy in clear remembrance from his youngest days to the untimely end 38 years later. Many details of the experiences concerning the translation of the "Book of Mormon" from the original source, the metallic pages or plates of gold, combined with the testimonies of the men who saw and touched these sources was fascinating. Reading the words of one who was present throughout Joseph's life was enlightening and rewarding to me.

I found the story compelling. How much suffering the Smith family went through and still remain faithful was amazing to me. This history is a must read to understand the divinity of the man who restored God's church to the earth. I gained new respect for the whole Smith family.

This is a book I will not soon forget. Lucy Mack was intelligent, strong, and faithful; A true inspiration for all. I had forgotten some of the trials Joseph and the early saints went through, and hadn't heard about others. What a travesty of justice; and what a gift and legacy they left!

This is my favorite of the various versions of Lucy Mack's history, because of the comments by Susan Easton Black. She delves into the background of the times and reveals truths that make Joseph more believable and revered. When I read church history, I like to read the actual words of the people who lived it. Lucy Mack gives a wonderful narrative. Susan Easton Black gives the proper historical perspective. Top it off with the beautifully designed pages and artwork of Liz Lemon Swindle and you have a real keepsake.

This is a very well written account providing interesting accounts of the faith and solidarity of the Smith Family in the face of immense tribulation and relentless persecution that can't be found elsewhere. A number of typos are a little annoying.

This is an interesting book. Lucy Mack Smith explains many parts of Joseph's life and how he conducted himself according to the will of the Lord and the persecution the family had to go through to establish the true gospel here on this earth..

This history from a woman who knew Joseph as no one else could is so vividly told. It is truly astonishing that the United States would allow such reprehensible behavior continue even when the highest government powers were informed. This nation was established to allow religious freedom. What a dark, unpleasant cloud our country had to navigate through because of this iniquity!

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