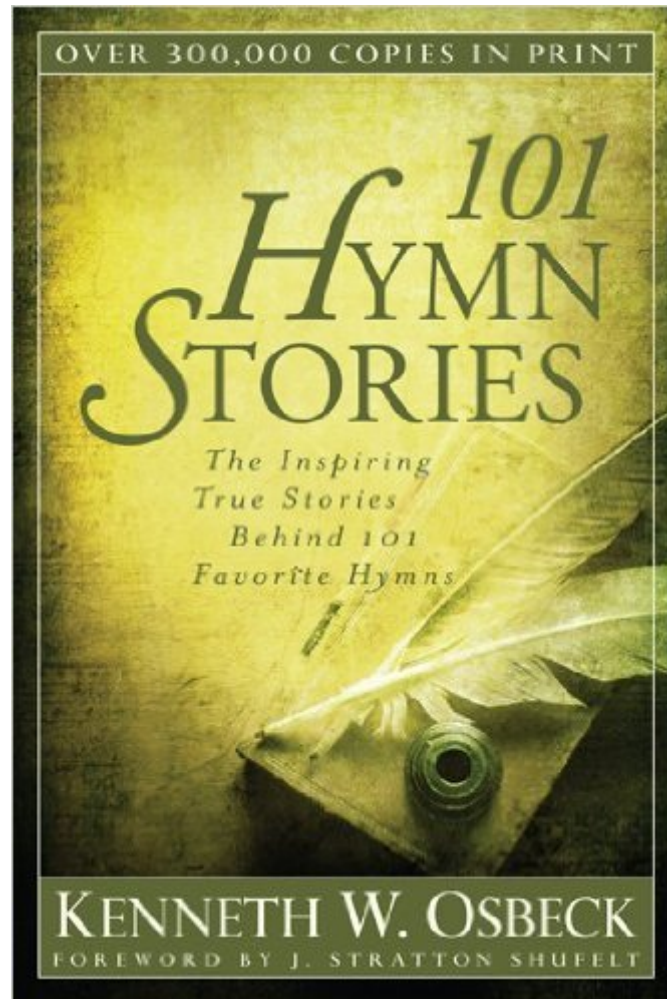


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# 101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This wonderful book is a must-have for every Christian! The author took 101 favorite hymns (including A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Just As I Am, and There Is a Fountain) and for each one reproduced the sheet music (just as you would see in a hymnal), and then gives you a page or two telling you about the author(s) and the hymn itself. This is a great book, one that told me a lot about the old hymns that I sang, but really knew nothing about. The shortness of each section, usually two to four pages, also makes this wonderful bedtime read. I highly recommend this book!

Absolutely LOVE this book. I love the old hymns, and reading about the history of each one is so interesting. Read it every night before going to bed and sometimes it's hard to put down.

Note: this is for the 1982 edition, not the revised edition. This has been a useful addition to my daily devotional time - and I encountered many hymns and authors / composers that I were unaware of - and for that I am thankful. However, I did find the prose to often be a little too factual. By that I mean that the Author seems to aim more at sharing with the reader information about the Hymn / Writer /

Music Composer rather than the passions that were involved. Thus making many of the articles a bit dry I think - but that is probably just my taste. I did find "Near to the heart of God: meditations on 366 best-loved hymns" by Morgan to be a far better devotional book. This book is a good reference book, as knowing the background of our hymns is worthwhile for all Christians.

This is an interesting book and may be rewarding for narratives about popular hymns, but there are errors in Dr. Osbeck' account of F. W. Faber's Faith of our Fathers (pp. 71 - 73), which make me suspicious of some of his other entries. The Oxford Movement was about considerably more than "better liturgical and ceremonial church services." The Movement's primary concerns were about establishing a Church identity apart from the State and research into early Christian belief and practice. High Church ceremonial, a relative term at best, was but one aspect, and one not shared by all members. Secondly, the "Fathers," capitalized in text as well as title, to which the hymn refers are not "many [Roman Catholic] leaders who were martyred during the reign of Henry VIII," but to Jesuit missionaries persecuted during the time of Elizabeth I. With all respect to Dr. Osbeck, I hope that this is the only example of a poorly researched and inaccurate entry. This is a reentry of a review that I wrote in 2012, but that was evidently deleted. I am presenting it once again, because I believe it provides an element that is missing in current reviews.

I bought two copies. One for our pianist at church and one for my Sunday School teacher who directs the singing. They were very pleased as well as I do. One day, I plan to purchase a copy for myself.

Wonderful book, very interesting.....very fast delivery, got it on 24th just in time for Christmas !!

This book was exactly what I wanted it to be. Good and concise stories behind the hymns we are familiar with!

I really love learning about the hymnwriters and how God worked in their lives! It's a very inspiring book. I decided to buy it after reading one of Ken Osbeck's other books.

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