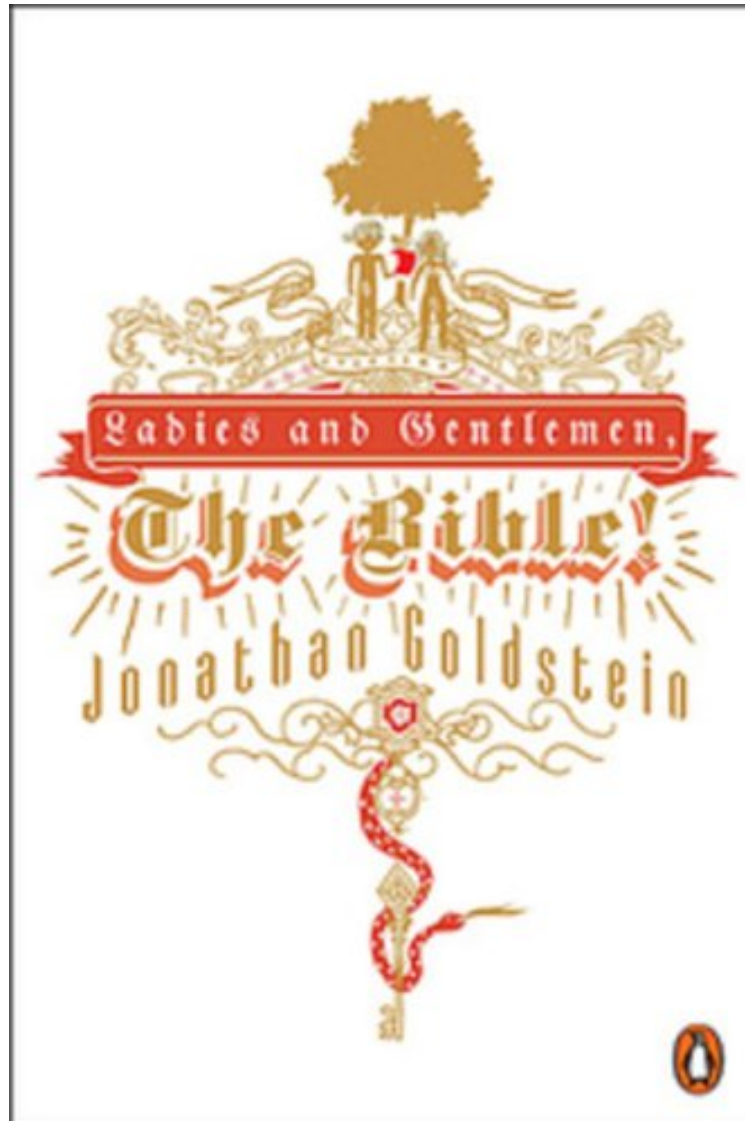


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is great. This book will make you laugh out loud By allthingsgood Quintessentially Jonathan Goldstein. Utterly charming. I could hear his voice through the whole book. Hilarious. But deftly not sacrilegious. A must read. There is a podcast on his show Wiretap where he shows up at his sister's house late one evening and reads an excerpt from the book to his young nieces. They are nestled in a chair with him while reads. Much to the annoyance of his sister. It is great. This book will make you laugh out loud. A lot. 22 of

23 people found the following review helpful. Starts off strongBy KubelskyI had heard the author reading the Adam and Eve story on NPR, which I thought was wonderful. It was a whole different take on the Biblical characters, and was a fascinating (and funny) imagining of their respective characters and motives...making 3-D people out of the relatively flat and familiar Bible characters. And the first half of the book is very much like that and highly recommended (also great to read at the same time as R. Crumb's illustrated version of Genesis).But then it runs out of steam, and gets too far away from the source material. King David is made into a sort of failed Shecky Greene wanna-be comedian, and it's more of just a superimposition of flat Jewish stereotypes onto Biblical characters. It has little flashes of brilliance, such as the following passage (thoughts of David): "Gone are the carefree days of slaying giants. As you get older you strip away the things you don't have time for, and then you are left only with things you have time for. Your life gets skinnier and skinnier until you wonder why you go on. You go on because there are things that must get done. You become no longer a person so much as a place, an unfunny place where things come to get done." Unfortunately, they're sandwiched between thick layers of schtick.Of course, humor is in the eye and ear of the beholder. If you're a deep Catskills devotee, then you may get a lot out of the second half. In my eye, the first half is worth the price of admission.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. if you're a Christian (or a Jew) and love the Bible or TorahBy Pete AndrewsOh . . . oh, if you're a Christian (or a Jew) and love the Bible or Torah . . . AND . . . you have a sense of humor, then THIS is the book for you! Mr. Goldstein's "take" on familiar Biblical stories is unique and refreshing, yet at the end of the day, always circling back to the original intent. Laughed all the way through!

Yes, it's the greatest story ever told, but let's face it: It always could have used a little punching up. In Ladies and Gentlemen, The Bible!, Jonathan Goldstein brings human depth, humour, and snappier dialogue to millennia-old biblical stories. Goldstein's version of the Bible answers the questions you need to know: Wouldn't a person get bored living inside a whale? How did Joseph explain Mary's pregnancy to the guys at work? How could anyone be as dense as Samson?

From Publishers WeeklySeveral Bible stories get a rewrite in this funny collection by This American Life contributing editor Goldstein (Lenny Bruce Is Dead). In this version, David kills Goliath not so much for his people as for laughs, and Jonah's lesser-known brother Vito fears that God's hand in Jonah's stint inside the whale has less to do with Jonah than Vito's own role in a youthful penis-touching incident. In My Troubles (A Work in Progress, by Joseph of N—), a worried father-to-be deals with the ambiguities of having one's wife knocked up by an angel. The voices of these stories sound like that of the semiobservant Jew in the book's preface, who describes one of God's failed universes as consisting of just one person—a man named Morris who sat in a room by himself, trying to decide whether to cuff his pants or let them drag. With refashioned language and reimagined motivations, Goldstein's biblical characters evoke the kind of touching truths only found at the bottom of deep barrel laughs. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistThe deeply religious might be offended by This American Life contributor Goldstein's often-raucous reimaginings of Old Testament tales. But the less devout may find themselves chuckling at the unholy hilarity of it all. Here readers find Adam and Eve talking to God after being banished from the Garden of Eden: "We get it," they screamed. "You've made your point. Now let us back in already." A misanthropic Noah hears a voice (inside his nose, no less) telling him to build an ark. An enterprising man operates a "Golden Calf" business to compete with the Almighty, marketing the bovine as a "more laid-back, cud-chewing lord." Swarthy Samson, who's been shacking up with foxy Philistine Delilah, threatens a mortal enemy: "I will make Jewish his penis with my teeth." After killing Goliath, an unsatisfied David finds that all he really wants to do is to make people laugh. Even God gets a dressing-down in a brave new biblical world that's part parable, part vaudeville: "He was . . . tough, stubborn, and prone to yelling in your face for pretty much no reason." --Allison Block "It's the Greatest Story Ever Told, only better. Who knew monotheism could be such fun?" -Sarah Vowell, New York Times bestselling author of The Wordy Shipmates"Jonathan Goldstein is one of the funniest and most original writers I can think of. Anything by him is better than anything by just about anyone else." -David Sedaris, #1 New York Times bestselling author of When You Are Engulfed in Flames