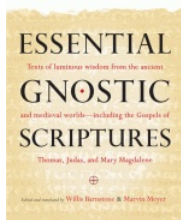


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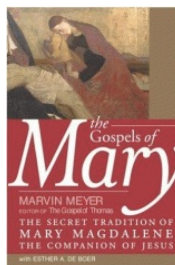
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Essential gnostic scriptures

[compiled by] Willis Barnstone and Marvin Meyer.

This book, completed by American scholars Willis Barnstone and Marvin Meyer, includes the full-text English translation of the Gospel of Mary, translated from the Berlin Codex and the two fragmentary Greek manuscripts (Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 3525 and Rylands



The Gospels of Mary

Marvin Meyer with Esther A. de Boer.

Written by Meyer in collaboration with de Boer, this book includes the full text of the Gospel of Mary, along with selections from the canonical New Testament and five other non-canonical texts that "proclaim the good news, or the gospel, according to Mary Magdalene in the literary traditions

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translation from the Coptic and commentary by Jean-Yves Leloup ; English translation and notes by Joseph Rowe ; [foreword by Jacob Needleman].

This book presents an original translation from the Sahidic Coptic text of the Berlin Codex into French by Jean-Yves LeLoup, a theologian and founder of the Institute of Other Civilization Studies and the International College of Therapists. Rowe's English translation is presented side-by-

The Gnostic gospels

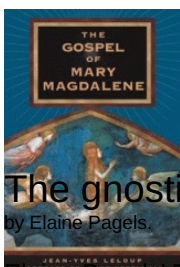
Alan Jacobs ; introduction by Vrej N. Nersessian.

Jacobs, an author, poet and student of mysticism, wrote his original, "poetic transcription" of the Gnostic texts included in this volume "in free verse form, paraphrased from the widely differing literal prose translations in existence." The Gospel of Mary is included on page 76. An introduction by...

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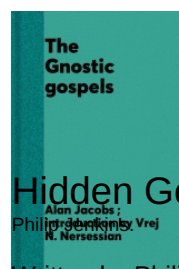


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by Elaine Pagels

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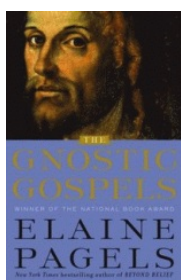
Hidden Gospels

Written by Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University, this work is the scholar's staunch, sobering critique of sensational claims that frame the non-

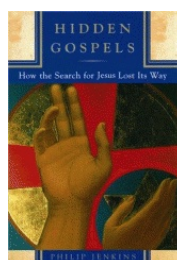
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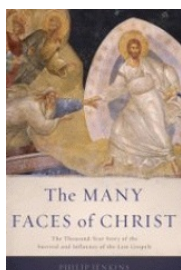


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