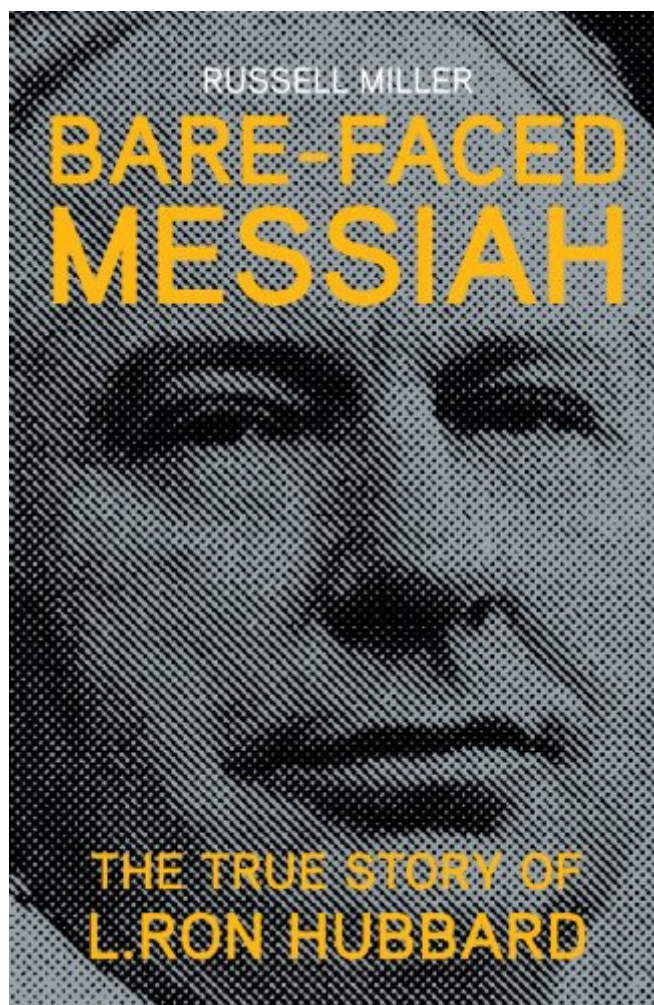


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Customer Reviews

This is the best researched and meticulously detailed biography I have ever read. Mr. Hubbard is quoted as saying that the sure way to make money is to start a cult or a religion. And so he did. How tragic that this farce continues today with so many blind souls who are willing to sacrifice their lives for this cult. I am grateful to the author for revealing the character of LRH. I highly, highly recommend this book.

Very good read. Eye opening and frustrating. Why is this BS going on in America? Slavery to an idiotic ideal that is beyond comprehension. Read more about this nonsense, a lot of good info out there. I have shared this book with everyone as a warning. CULTS ARE DANGEROUS!

This is a meticulously researched account of Hubbard's stranger-than-fiction life. While it has been

superseded to some extent by more recent books about Scientology, this earlier book remains a very useful resource in the study of the organization. Miller uses many interviews, firsthand accounts, and original records to delve deep into Hubbard's story. The biggest failing of the book is that there are essentially three Hubbard biographies -- what actually happened to the man, the fantastical autobiography he claimed for himself, and the official version the Church of Scientology has forged over time in an effort to smooth out the contradictions between these (and between points of Hubbard's own claimed truth). There are many gaps and gray areas in Hubbard's real biography up until about the Second World War, and it is not always possible to separate self-serving myth from reality. There are also gray areas even later on, once Hubbard was a world-famous figure, due to his and his organization's penchant for secrecy and drama. Miller cannot be faulted for this. However, he can be faulted for using all three of the forms of Hubbard biography without always making clear what is fact and what is the claim of Scientology or its founder. Still, this is a very good work that anyone interested in Scientology or new religious movements should find worthwhile.

This was a very interesting book on the founder of the "Church" of Scientology. There were parts however that seemed to drag on in some chapters, but over all was a good account of how this cult got its beginnings. Mr. Hubbard was quite creative, imaginative and charismatic. It's baffling however, that so many people have followed his ideology and accepted it as the gospel truth, but then that's true of all cults I suppose.

This guy was nuts. Even crazier are the people who follow him.

If you want to peek behind the curtain of the Hubbard and Scientology story, this is your first book to read. Oh, and google the story about how he stifled the author and this book for decades.

Sooooooooo much information is in this book. There is so much detail that you wonder how the author could have collected all of it. Assuming that all the information is correct (and it has to be more accurate than the church's version), this is the most complete (real) biography of Hubbard that exists. I enjoyed reading it because it is interesting, however, I did not find it to be a true page turner. I agree with the author, the true story of his life is just as interesting or more interesting than the fake story pushed by the church. I'm glad I read it, and I recommend it to anyone that is interested or who has left the church.

Russell Miller's research is impeccable. This is simply a must read for anyone who wants to really understand Scientology.

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