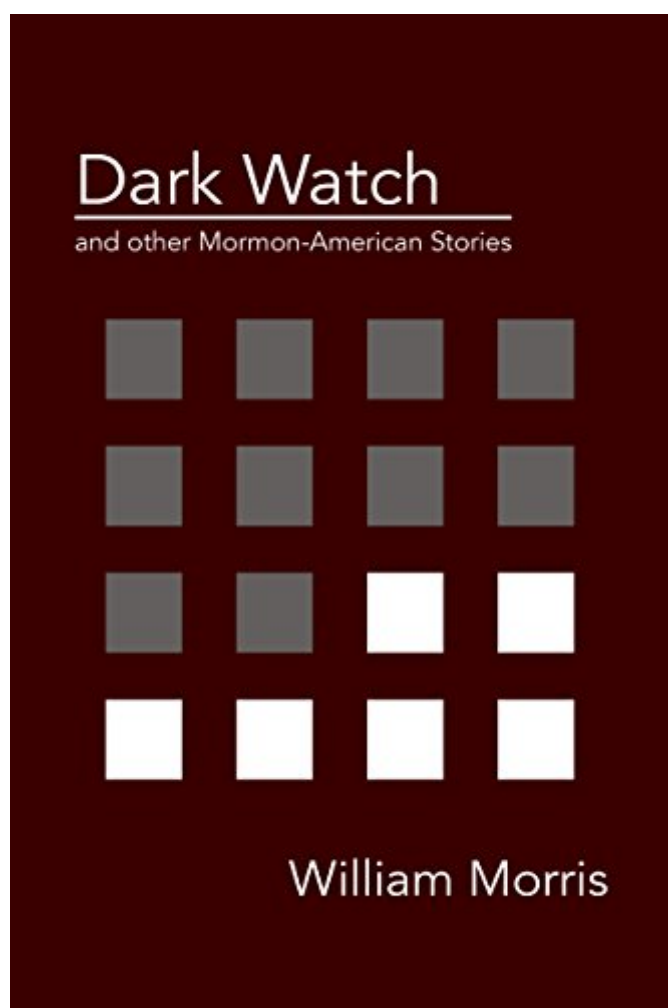


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In *Dark Watch* and other *Mormon-American Stories*, William Morris explores how Latter-day Saints navigate the challenges of living in the modern U.S. and participating in the modern Church. Spanning from the early 1980s to the present and into the next century, these 16 stories portray moments that are uniquely, thoroughly and sometimes bittersweetly Mormon-American.

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Customer Reviews

As a contribution to the pretty sparsely populated genre of Mormon fiction, this book is worthwhile. Moreover, I found the topics, settings, plots, and characters worth considering. I enjoyed reading it. And if my praise sounds a trifle understated, it's because it is. While I enjoyed the book and found it worth the purchase price--and would recommend it to others--for me it lacked the spark of visceral, motivating emotion. It's an anthology of short stories, and not one left me ecstatic or bereaved. Most (all?) of the stories featured the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, a hallmark of Mormon belief, but none of them ignited the fire of God's voice in my mind or heart. I'd hoped at least one would. Oh well,

maybe next time.

I wrote a long review of Dark Watch on my blog:

<http://mormonmidrashim.blogspot.com/2015/05/dark-watch.html>The stories set in the present mainly deal with characters caught up in their own everyday lives who also feel the pulls of other people's needs and their own spiritual experiences. To me, that dynamic is central to Mormon life. The stories are restrained, believable, and speak to my life experience. The stories set in the future mainly deal with what I would call Crypto-Mormons--people who have to hide their faith and pretend to fit into societies where their kind of faith is no longer welcome. I found those stories strangely resonant, too.

Morris's stories move from the present to the future, and at each stop they look with generosity at Latter-day Saints striving to understand their purpose---and Purpose generally---in a world whose open spaces don't always seem quite the right fit for Zion.

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