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A Christian book on sexual purity. The night we met, I only
tagged along to support my best friend. Then I saw Lilly. There's

no harm in picking up a girl for myself, right? One time. A few hours with her underneath me. No longer than a night. That's all I ever need with a woman. I'm the Vice President of the Lost Kings MC. There's no shortage of women waiting to warm my bed. Lilly's appetite matches my own and one night suits her fine. But it's not enough. I can't get her out of my head, even though she makes it clear she's not available. Suddenly, I find myself seeking Lilly out on holidays and special occasions, using any excuse to be near her. That's when I realize she's the only one I want to spend all my nights with. Now if I can convince her what we have amounts to more than a few lust-filled hours. I don't know how it all got so twisted, but this is where it all begins... Topics: motorcycle clubs, romance, opposites attract, family saga, ongoing series, free book, prequel, motorcycle club vice president, Lost Kings MC, Autumn Jones Lake, duet, alpha male hero, alpha, lake george new york, upstate new york, empire new york, Empire, weddings, holidays, celebrations, short stories, collection of romance stories, Slow Burn Lost Kings MC #1, Slow Burn, After Burn, After Glow, Warnings and Wildfires, Bullets and Bonfires, Tattered on My Sleeve, Corrupting Cinderella, Strength From Loyalty, White Heat Lost Kings MC #5, One Empire Night, Beyond Reckless, Teller's Book Part One, Zero, Zero Tolerance, Beyond Reason, More Than Miles, Murphy's Book, Wrath's Book, Wrath, Murphy, Rock, Teller, Z, Lilly, Autumn Jones Lake, Lost Kings, Lost Kings Motorcycle Club, Zero Hour, Zero Tolerance Lost Kings MC #12, After Glow, Afterglow, Afterburn, After Burn Lost Kings MC #10, free book, free read, free starter, free series starter, free, free lost kings mc free autumn jones lake, Zero Hour: A Prequel, Lost Kings MC Prequel, Zero Hour Lost Kings MC #11.5 (Lost Kings MC #11.5) Short stories, holiday romance, biker romance, Wrath and Trinity, Heidi and Murphy, Rock and Hope, wedding, hook up, one night stand, moonlight ride The century spanning the wars of the roses and the reigns of the Tudor kings was a volatile time of battle and bloodshed, execution

and unexpected illness. Life could be nasty, brutish and short. Some met their end in battle, others were dragged to the block, losing everything for daring to aspire to the throne. Some were lost in mysterious circumstances, like Edward V, the elder of the Princes in the Tower. But the majority of these young men died in their teens, on the brink of manhood. They represent the lost paths of history, the fascinating "what-ifs" of the houses of York and Tudor. They also diverted the route of dynastic inheritance, with all the complicated implications that could bring, passing power into some unlikely hands. This book examines ten such figures in detail, using their lives to build a narrative of this savage century. London, 1893. Mild-mannered watchmaker Cyril King harbours a secret wish to be an explorer. When he acquires a mysterious timepiece from a notorious criminal, Cyril gets his heart's desire, the clues he finds propelling him halfway around the world on the trail of a fabulous treasure. On the borders of India and Afghanistan, Cyril meets a real-life adventurer who seems to be everything he aspires to. But high in the Karakoram mountains there are lessons to be learned, as nothing is quite what Cyril expects: neither the treasure, nor his companion, nor the life of discovery and excitement which he imagined -- and certainly not the deadly peril into which he stumbles with all the insouciance of the innocent abroad. Meanwhile, intercut with Cyril's account of his 1893 adventures are the letters of famous explorer Sir Paul Linley-Small, written to Cyril from various points of the compass fifteen years later, as Small pursues a rare, perhaps mythical, creature. And as Small's tale grows ever more fantastic, the way in which the two narratives link with one another reflects on the nature of truth and the lives which we envisage for ourselves. Impeccably researched, and written like a thriller, Edmund Richardson's *The King's Shadow* is the extraordinary untold and wild journey of Charles Masson - think Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid meets Indiana Jones - and his search for the Lost City of Alexandria in the "Wild East"

during the age of empires, kings, and spies. For centuries the city of Alexandria Beneath the Mountains was a meeting point of East and West. Then it vanished. In 1833 it was discovered in Afghanistan by the unlikeliest person imaginable: Charles Masson, deserter, pilgrim, doctor, archaeologist, spy, one of the most respected scholars in Asia, and the greatest of nineteenth-century travelers. On the way into one of history's most extraordinary stories, he would take tea with kings, travel with holy men and become the master of a hundred disguises; he would see things no westerner had glimpsed before and few have glimpsed since. He would spy for the East India Company and be suspected of spying for Russia at the same time, for this was the era of the Great Game, when imperial powers confronted each other in these staggeringly beautiful lands. Masson discovered tens of thousands of pieces of Afghan history, including the 2,000-year-old Bimaran golden casket, which has upon it the earliest known face of the Buddha. He would be offered his own kingdom; he would change the world, and the world would destroy him. This is a wild journey through nineteenth-century India and Afghanistan, with impeccably researched storytelling that shows us a world of espionage and dreamers, ne'er-do-wells and opportunists, extreme violence both personal and military, and boundless hope. At the edge of empire, amid the deserts and the mountains, it is the story of an obsession passed down the centuries. A newly discovered material rewrites early Danish Viking history. In 2014 a 11-year-old girl, Maja Sielski, and her younger sister Julia, made a sensational discovery among their deceased grandmother's belongings. They found a small golden plate with a Latin script telling the story of the legendary Viking king Harald Bluetooth. It soon turned out that the golden plate was once placed in the king's tomb and this tomb contained world's largest known golden treasure of Viking-era. A transcript of a previously unknown chronicle, "Gesta Wulinensis ecclesiae pontificum" from the 990s has also been found. The manuscript

was written by the king's own priest Avico, probably in an attempt to canonize the king after his death in year 985. Avico has been in the service of the king since the 950s. His extensive account gives a remarkable and dramatic picture of the Viking age Scandinavia during the 10th century. Here is a story of the struggle for power and the foundation of the future dynasties in Denmark, Sweden and Norway as well as Viking raids in Ireland and England. The account also tells of the founding of the legendary Viking fortress of Jomsborg and the fortress's powerful mercenaries. The book describes in detail these unique facts, but it also gives an overall picture of the Viking Age era for those who are not familiar with the subject.

The Curmsun Disc The Curmsun Disc is a concave gold disc of a weight of 25.23 grams (0.890 oz) and a diameter of 4.5 centimetres (1.8 in). The Danish Viking king Harald Bluetooth and the name of the stronghold of Jomsborg is mentioned in the latin inscription on the disc. The disc was reportedly found as part of a Viking Age hoard discovered in 1841 in the cellar crypt of the ruined chapel at Groß-Weckow village in Pomerania. This location is just east of the bank of the river Dievenow and near the place where the semi-legendary Viking stronghold of Jomsborg stood between the 960's and 1043. According to the author the entrance to the crypt was accidentally discovered by a 12-year-old Heinrich Boldt (actor Ben Affleck's said-to-be maternal great-great grandfather), who was playing with some younger children at a construction site near the ruined chapel. Fully illustrated description of King's Lynn well known, and lesser known, places that have been lost over the years. Now with a new chapter. The official inside story of the life, death and remarkable discovery of history's most controversial monarch. On 22 August 1485 Richard III was killed at Bosworth Field, the last king of England to die in battle. His victorious opponent, Henry Tudor (the future Henry VII), went on to found one of our most famous ruling dynasties. Richard's body was displayed in undignified fashion for two days in nearby

Leicester and then hurriedly buried in the church of the Greyfriars. Fifty years later, at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, the king's grave was lost - its contents believed to be emptied into the river Soar and Richard III's reputation buried under a mound of Tudor propaganda. Its culmination was Shakespeare's compelling portrayal of a deformed and murderous villain, written over a hundred years after Richard's death. Now - in an incredible find - Richard III's remains have been uncovered beneath a car park in Leicester. The King's Grave traces this remarkable journey. In alternate chapters, Philippa Langley, whose years of research and belief that she would find Richard in this exact spot inspired the project, reveals the inside story of the search for the king's grave, and historian Michael Jones tells of Richard's fifteenth-century life and death. The result is a compelling portrayal of one of our greatest archaeological discoveries, allowing a complete re-evaluation of our most controversial monarch - one that discards the distortions of later Tudor histories and puts the man firmly back into the context of his times. Road to Royalty includes the first three full-length novels in the intensely passionate Lost Kings MC™ series by USA Today bestselling author Autumn Jones Lake. If you're ready for a badass, tattooed outlaw who'll do anything to claim the heart of his strong-willed attorney, climb on and enjoy the ride! Inside Road to Royalty, you'll find Slow Burn (Lost Kings MC #1), Corrupting Cinderella (Lost Kings MC #2), Strength From Loyalty (Lost Kings MC #3), as well as bonus content not available anywhere else—bonus scenes, character interviews, and more!

SLOW BURN (Lost Kings MC, Book #1) Original Publication Date: October 14, 2014 Forced to represent an outlaw biker, a married attorney must come to terms with her feelings for her client while avoiding the danger he brings into her sedate life.

CORRUPTING CINDERELLA (Lost Kings MC, Book #2) Original Publication Date: December 2, 2014 Although attorney Hope Kendall cares deeply for President of the Lost Kings MC, Rochlan

"Rock" North, the truth is they come from completely different worlds. Add to that the fact that they are also both headstrong people, and they have a very rough road ahead of them.

STRENGTH FROM LOYALTY (Lost Kings MC, Book #3) Original publication date: March 17, 2015 As a dark cloud descends over Hope and Rock's already precarious future, will a long-hidden secret push them both past the point of no return? Bonus Scenes: At the Gun Range: Rock, Hope, Wrath and Trinity. Prom Dress: Hope, Heidi, Muphy, and Teller. Plus, playlists, character interviews, and previews of upcoming books. "Fascinating . . . laugh-aloud funny." - The Los Angeles Times In December of 1968, Phyllis Raphael landed in London as the restless wife of a Hollywood movie producer. With their three young children in tow from L.A., she was prepared for a London vacation on MGM's dime while her husband was on the set. Instead - in a maneuver Raphael wasn't expecting - he left her for an eighteen-year-old actress. And in a decision she never could have predicted, Raphael stayed in London with her kids. Off the King's Road is Raphael's courageous and funny story of being an expatriate let loose in the turbulence of Swinging London in the 1960s. She arrived naive, dependent and dissatisfied, and left several years later as another person entirely: a single mother, a writer, a woman in command - for better or worse - of her own life. Written with seductive elegance, humor and sexual candor, Off the King's Road speaks to all women of the possibilities of a life transformed by circumstance. "A compelling work that captures an era . . . Raphael's account of the English teetering between ingrained restraint and letting-it-all-hang-out is acute - hilarious and sad. Raphael is a talented writer, and she captures her heightened awareness of post marital-split life with refreshing vigor." - VeryShortList.com "At once a powerful coming-of-age memoir and a vivid study of London in the Swinging '60s." - Columbia Daily Spectator "What a journey! Raphael cavorts with everyone from tripping poets to Marlon Brando." - Marie Claire "Spirited . . .

Eloquent." - East Hampton Star "Stylish" - Publishers Weekly "Savvy . . . Vibrant . . . An elegant memoir of a swinging time" - Kirkus Reviews "Immensely appealing" - Booklist "A delicious book - warm and witty - one that evokes the Swinging Sixties from a point of view rarely heard from." - Vivian Gornick, author of Fierce Attachments "[It has] acutely observed detail, a tactile immediacy, a cool, appraising eye, and humor. Plus, Swinging London! Phyllis Raphael has bid her memory speak, and we can only listen. It is a pleasure to do so." - David Rakoff, author of Don't Get Too Comfortable and Fraud "Her decision to stay in London with her children is the first she's made for herself in a long time and a turning point in this fascinating book. Her weeding through London's poseurs and hypochondriacs to find a good man is laugh-aloud funny. She emerges a full-fledged single woman." - The Los Angeles Times "Every sentence is constructed with enviable grace and economy . . . Rare and evocative." - Haven Kimmel, author of A Girl Named Zippy "Tender, hilarious and utterly charming." - Hilma Wolitzer, author of An Available Man "A sheer delight." - Lynne Sharon Schwartz, author of Two-Part Inventions "Hugely enjoyable, a chronicle of a feverish time as well as a riveting personal journey." - Molly Haskell, author of Love and Other Infectious Diseases "On the money and deliciously deadpan. It is also very, very smart." - Patricia Volk, author of Shocked: My Mother, Schiaparelli, and Me "As vivid and engrossing as any novel." - Frances Kiernan, author of Seeing Mary Plain: A Life of Mary McCarthy "Wonderful . . . witty, wry and irrepressible." - Elizabeth Kendall, author of American Daughter: Discovering My Mother Why did God take Adam from the earth and move him to a special garden? Who were the 'sons of God' in Genesis Chapter Six who cohabited with women and produced the giants that roamed the ancient worlds? A man with a 'writer's inkhorn' is mentioned in Ezekiel - do you know who this important man is? The Bible mentions 'two' marks not one, and God has a mark of His own. Read about the ladder that reaches

into the celestial realm. An unusual army of two hundred million - who are they? What are they? Here are amazing new discoveries about the Bible from the Lost Books of Adam and Eve/Eden and Enoch. The Lost Shepherd and the Three Kings is a tale of how one distant event and a single person can create ripples that impact entire cities. It shows that although life can be full of challenges and tragedies, it can also be full of happiness. Whether an individual is a king or a shepherd, these things shape who a person becomes, how they see others, and what they hold to be true. Come along on a journey of sorrow, happiness, unbeatable odds, and unlikely heroes... Just remember to keep your mind open. Love, lust, and obsession all collide on Christmas Eve for three members of the Lost Kings MC! Nothing stops a Lost King from claiming his woman in the latest installment of the Lost Kings MC series by USA Today bestselling author Autumn Jones Lake. I thought I was beyond redemption. Too far gone to fall in love again. Somehow, she soothed my soul and slipped into my heart. The future I never thought I'd have was within reach. But the past wants to rip everything away. This is part two of Grinder's story and should be read after Crown of Ghosts. After the sudden death of a significant family member, one too many break-ups and a strange spiritual phenomena, Harriette finds herself utterly lost, and begins to question her choices in her final year of studies. It is is a true story about the real struggles of a lost girl, who dropped everything to go travelling, and delved deep into the New Age and other spiritual practices in an attempt to find meaning. But when her alternative lifestyle doesn't live up to the hype, but getting out of the occult proved far more difficult than she ever imagined. Escaping took a miracle. From from New Age occult practitioner to born again Christian missionary, proved to be a strange and, at times, dangerous journey. Finding your place in this world can be hard, especially when you feel you were never meant to fit in. King Hhalon of Genan is furious. Not only is his son Hhamen dallying with Dena, a merchant's

daughter, but the young fool has fallen in love with her. This cannot be allowed to continue. Hhalon's anger only increases when he discovers that Dena's father dares to decorate his home with precious white gold. Under Genan law, white gold is strictly reserved for the king himself. The king's rage sets in motion events that will shake the kingdom to its core. A rash decision to exile two powerful earls in order to colonize new land triggers rebellion...as yet hidden, but growing ever stronger. Meanwhile, a prince will abandon royal responsibilities for love, while savage forces in the kingdom prepare for war-and priests and spymasters vie for influence over a kingdom. The Books of the Kings expertly combines fantasy with the complex cultural and political structures of medieval Europe. Comparable to the series A Song of Ice and Fire in its breathtaking scope, Jay Effemm's sprawling epic merges the stories of six memorable characters into a cohesive, action-filled drama. London, 1893. Mild-mannered watchmaker Cyril King harbours a secret wish to be an explorer. When he acquires a mysterious timepiece from a notorious criminal, Cyril gets his heart's desire, the clues he finds propelling him halfway around the world on the trail of a fabulous treasure. On the borders of India and Afghanistan, Cyril meets a real-life adventurer who seems to be everything he aspires to. But high in the Karakorum mountains there are lessons to be learned, as nothing is quite what Cyril expects: neither the treasure, nor his companion, nor the life of discovery and excitement which he imagined -- and certainly not the deadly peril into which he stumbles with all the insouciance of the innocent abroad. Meanwhile, intercut with Cyril's account of his 1893 adventures are the letters of famous explorer Sir Paul Linley-Small, written to Cyril from various points of the compass fifteen years later, as Small pursues a rare, perhaps mythical, creature. And as Small's tale grows ever more fantastic, the way in which the two narratives link with one another reflects on the nature of truth and the lives which we envisage for ourselves. "A fascinating

study of the also-rans and almost-made-its of medieval history . . . Beautifully written and well researched, it is an engaging read.” —History . . . The Interesting Bits! When William the Conqueror died in 1087, he left the throne of England to William Rufus . . . his second son. The result was an immediate war as Rufus’s elder brother Robert fought to gain the crown he saw as rightfully his; this conflict marked the start of 400 years of bloody disputes as the English monarchy’s line of hereditary succession was bent, twisted and finally broken when the last Plantagenet king, Richard III, fell at Bosworth in 1485. The Anglo-Norman and Plantagenet dynasties were renowned for their internecine strife, and in *Lost Heirs* we will unearth the hidden stories of fratricidal brothers, usurping cousins and murderous uncles; the many kings—and the occasional queen—who should have been but never were. History is written by the winners, but every game of thrones has its losers too, and their fascinating stories bring richness and depth to what is a colorful period of history. King John would not have gained the crown had he not murdered his young nephew, who was in line to become England’s first King Arthur; Henry V would never have been at Agincourt had his father not seized the throne by usurping and killing his cousin; and as the rival houses of York and Lancaster fought bloodily over the crown during the Wars of the Roses, life suddenly became very dangerous indeed for a young boy named Edmund. “A journey through the minefield of opposing factions fighting for the crown of England.” —Books Monthly Princess Raven wants adventure! She longs for epic quest and death-defying obstacles awaiting her at every turn, what she has is the dull life of royalty. Her days are filled with embroidery, the constant nagging of her perfect younger sister, and boring prince Fergus. Refusing to accept the life that has been planned for her, Raven strikes out on her own great adventure. With the help of some magic boots, a talking squirrel, and a cowardly dragon, Reaven embarks on a search for the Kings lost treasure; and gets a bit more adventure

than she bargained for. The funny thing about fate - about life, is you never know what the next day holds. Live with no regrets. Quinn Beckett, Sergeant At Arms for the Kings of Retribution MC, knows life is all about what you make of it. For Quinn, he couldn't imagine life getting much better. Until a chance meeting, a couple of years ago with a bright, attractive doctor altered his course in life. She became his only desire - his obsession. Quinn wanted nothing more than to make Emerson his. To outsiders Emerson Evans had all the things in life you could ever hope for; family, friends, and a great career, but what they didn't know was she wasn't happy. Being a doctor means everything to her, but she finds herself longing for more out of life. Including wanting a sexy, long-haired biker, who happens to be part of the local MC. The very Club that fate decided was to be a part of her life. She could never have foreseen that giving her heart away and loving a man so fiercely would be the source of strength she would lean on when the unexpected happens. Tomb 5 - the tomb surrounding that of Tutankhamen - had been looted, explored and discounted decades ago. So convinced were the authorities that nothing more was to be found in this area that plans were going ahead to build a carpark. In one final exploration of what had become a dumping ground for previous excavator's debris, Dr Kent Weeks, an American archaeologist, discovered a multiple corridor tomb of 62 chambers. They had stumbled upon a crypt fit for 50 princes - the sons of Rameses II - which had remained undisturbed for 2,000 years. It is known now as KV 5 - the greatest archaeological discovery for 75 years and the biggest and most complex tomb ever found in Egypt. Kent Weeks has written the book himself using his daily journals. The journal method heightens the drama; the author had no idea that he was on the verge of such a major find. Springfield has a dynamic hockey history that dates back 80 years, beginning with the Springfield Indians. One of the first professional hockey teams in the United States, the Indians were an inaugural member of the Canadian-American Hockey League.

The Indians helped form the American Hockey League, where Springfield won seven Calder Cups, including a record three in a row from 1960 through 1962. Major-league hockey followed in the mid-1970s, when the New England Whalers came to town. Today, the Springfield Falcons carry on the city's great hockey legacy. Several hall of famers have skated for Springfield-based teams over the years, including Gordie Howe, Brian Kilrea, Chuck Rayner, Earl Seibert, Eddie Shore, Billy Smith, and Lorne "Gump" Worsley. Hockey in Springfield is the story of the teams, players, and coaches who make up one of the richest hockey traditions in all of North America.

An in-depth discussion of the latest archeological findings about the Mayan civilization explores the sophistication of this long-misunderstood culture and addressing such issues as why the civilization disappeared, why they built cities in jungles, and more. For hundreds of years, humankind has resided in the land of Ederia, where political tensions and hostility are on the rise as Cassius Helladawn, the future king, wastes his days away by drinking and ignoring his royal expectancies. His brother, Vidicus, is far more capable of being king and secretly loathes Cassius. Faraway, to the east, lies Medearia, an ancient and forgotten land, filled with eerie races, powerful kingdoms, and a growing threat. When the signs of Medearia's existence are read, Cassius embarks on a dangerous journey to not only find the forgotten land but to discover what type of king he is capable of becoming, and what type of man he wishes to be. Cassius's destiny shall be unveiled to him, brotherhoods will be forged, and most certainly, blood will be shed. *Rise of the Lost: Fall of Kings* is a grim adult fantasy novel that is sure to enlighten its readers to the definitions of horror and suspense. It asks its readers to take a deeper look at themselves, to realize their potential, and to wonder how they can become more than what they already are. Great kingdoms and rulers from the distant past can become lost over time. For some, no records survive to prove their existence. For others, the

records are woven with so many fanciful details they seem like legends. How do we distinguish what's true and what's false? This inclusive volume offers the latest insights into familiar legends such as Arthur and his Camelot, but also equally intriguing lore and history of lost kingdoms of Africa, Asia, and the early Americas. Readers will discover that the endeavor to unearth these realms reveals much culture, history, and geography about different world regions. (The original, complete, untouched and updated true life story of Elaine Elizabeth "Liz" Presley) This gripping true life account, "The King's Kid" unveils the compelling and intriguing journey of a unique kid growing up in the sixties in Essex, England. He was born a boy, but he innately felt the "girl" inside of him. He also strongly felt lost and sensed that he did not belong in his family. This courageous kid set out on an arduous mission to follow his instincts in seeking the truth. He not only became the girl that he knew he really was, but she made an amazing discovery! Piper didn't want to use the time machine she and her best friend Albie made to go back and see how the Egyptian pyramids where made. She wants to go to the beach like any normal person. And she certainly didn't want her sister Izzie or Albie's dumb brother Carlos to go with them, but of course, they did. Now, the four kids are marching around Egypt, a place with zero pyramids by the way, hoping to do a little harmless exploring because going home. That's their plan anyway. Egypt has a different plan in mind. A book perfectly timed for the re-setting of the Maya calendar in 2012.... Part history, popular science, armchair travel, and real-life treasure hunt, this is the story of pre-Columbian jade—the precious stone revered by ancient Aztecs, Incans, and Maya—and the scientists, collectors, explorers and entrepreneurs who have been searching for the mythical jade mines for more than a century. “A compelling tale.... This well-focused and well-told account brings America’s most mythologized gemstone into sharp relief.” —Wall Street Journal “[T]he story of the search for the long-vanished

mines of the Mayas . . . [with] engaging digressions into plate tectonics, the technology of jade carving and the brutal history of the regimes of a succession of Guatemalan generals. . . .

[Prospectors] Ridinger and Johnson endured earthquakes, coups, kidnapping, even civil war. But eventually they stumbled upon huge blocks of the alluring, elusive stone.” —New York Times Book Review Selected as an Indie Next List “Great Read” “The search for the sources of this mysterious rock reads like detective fiction, and involves geologists, archaeologists, entrepreneurs, poachers, and a host of other characters, but it’s all true. A wonderful read!” —Michael D. Coe, author of *Breaking the Maya Code*

A VIVID AND FASCINATING LOOK AT AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH THE PRISM OF THE COUNTRY’S MOST STORIED HIGHWAY, THE BOSTON POST ROAD During its evolution from Indian trails to modern interstates, the Boston Post Road, a system of over-land routes between New York City and Boston, has carried not just travelers and mail but the march of American history itself. Eric Jaffe captures the progress of people and culture along the road through four centuries, from its earliest days as the king of England’s “best highway” to the current era. Centuries before the telephone, radio, or Internet, the Boston Post Road was the primary conduit of America’s prosperity and growth. News, rumor, political intrigue, financial transactions, and personal missives traveled with increasing rapidity, as did people from every walk of life. From post riders bearing the alarms of revolution, to coaches carrying George Washington on his first presidential tour, to railroads transporting soldiers to the Civil War, the Boston Post Road has been essential to the political, economic, and social development of the United States. Continuously raised, improved, rerouted, and widened for faster and heavier traffic, the road played a key role in the advent of newspapers, stagecoach travel, textiles, mass-produced bicycles and guns, commuter railroads, automobiles—even Manhattan’s modern grid. Many famous Americans traveled the

highway, and it drew the keen attention of such diverse personages as Benjamin Franklin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, P. T. Barnum, J. P. Morgan, and Robert Moses. Eric Jaffe weaves this entertaining narrative with a historian's eye for detail and a journalist's flair for storytelling. A cast of historical figures, celebrated and unknown alike, tells the lost tale of this road. Revolutionary printer William Goddard created a postal network that united the colonies against the throne. General Washington struggled to hold the highway during the battle for Manhattan. Levi Pease convinced Americans to travel by stagecoach until, half a century later, Nathan Hale convinced them to go by train. Abe Lincoln, still a dark-horse candidate in early 1860, embarked on a railroad speaking tour along the route that clinched the presidency. Bomb builder Lester Barlow, inspired by the Post Road's notorious traffic, nearly sold Congress on a national system of expressways twenty-five years before the Interstate Highway Act of 1956. Based on extensive travels of the highway, interviews with people living up and down the road, and primary sources unearthed from the great libraries between New York City and Boston—including letters, maps, contemporaneous newspapers, and long-forgotten government documents—*The King's Best Highway* is a delightful read for American history buffs and lovers of narrative everywhere. First published in 1994. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

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