Brigham Young, Pioneer Prophet

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Abstract

John G. Turner, an assistant professor of religious studies at George Mason University, used a novelist’s convention by beginning his scholarly biography of Brigham Young near the end of the story. The opening paragraphs take the reader to St. George in 1877 and the dedication of Utah’s first temple with the author summarizing Young’s sermon.

From the St. George Temple dedication, the author essays on the founding of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The summary includes Joseph Smith’s discovery of the gold plates, their translation, and the controversy generated by his ministry.

I recommend this book for all readers, scholars, Church members, and the lay public. It is well written and, most importantly, reveals much about Brigham Young’s spiritual and marital life that has not been well known.

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