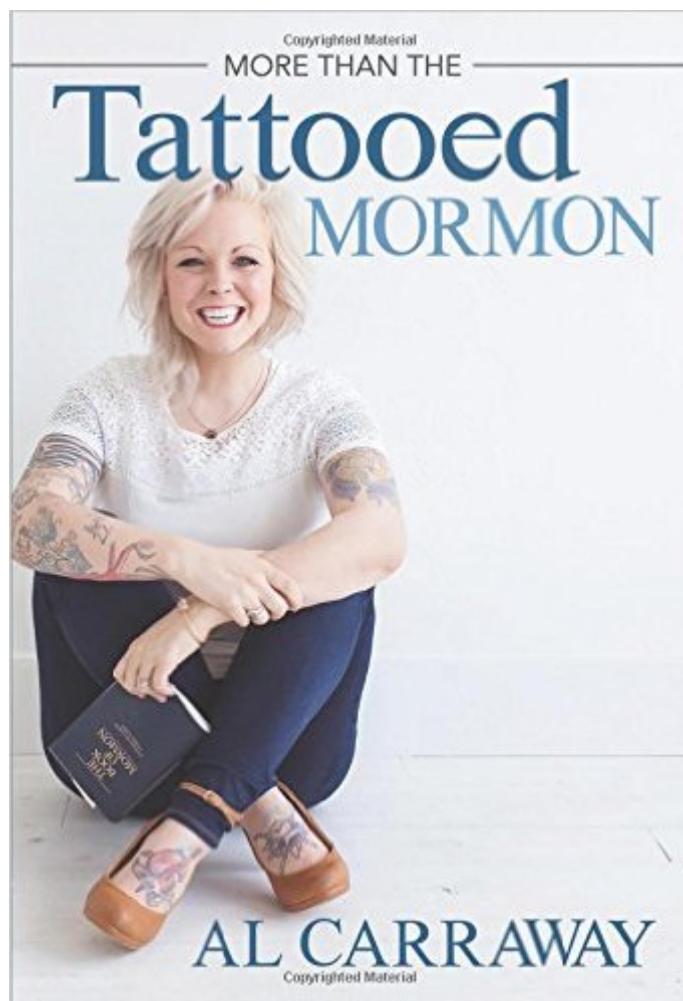


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More Than The Tattooed Mormon



Synopsis

Al Fox Carraway has spent the last four years inspiring the world with her story of conversion, redemption, and finding faith. As a blogger, social media personality, and award-winning public speaker, her message has reached millions. This moving biography and up-close account of her life and membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (sometimes called the "LDS" or "Mormon" church) will show you what it means to truly trust in the Lord. "Don't go, Al. You won't fit in." Being baptized and following the Lord has made Al's life harder than it ever was before. She endured criticism from friends and family for becoming a Mormon. She faced harsh judgments from Church members for her appearance. She gave up everything and felt more alone than she ever had in her life. All because she chose God. Now she shares an up-close look at how trusting God has led her to places she never expected. As a blogger, YouTuber, and award-winning public speaker, her message has reached millions. Sharing her love of the Savior, Al goes beyond her own conversion and encourages readers to choose God above anything else. This uplifting book inspires readers to build a true relationship with the Lord that will bring them real, lasting happiness.

Endorsements for More than the Tattooed Mormon "Al Fox Carraway is a wonderfully fresh combination of energy, humor, and testimony. At first, you might think this book is all about Al. But the more you read, the more you will find personal motivation to keep going, to keep trying, and to stay close to the Lord through all of life's challenges." --John Bytheway, author of *How Do I Know If I Know?* "Al shares her story with frankness and passion. She fills each chapter with memorable insights and true wisdom. But this book isn't really about Al. It is about God and you! It is about the transformation that is possible for all of us through the Atonement of Jesus Christ." --Brad Wilcox, professor at Brigham Young University, author of *The Continuous Atonement* and *The Continuous Conversion* "Al takes you on one of the most faith-building journeys you'll ever experience. Al is real. Al is authentic. . . . Al's story will bring you closer to Christ." --Hank Smith, PhD, bestselling LDS author and speaker, BYU religion instructor

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Customer Reviews

I liked the first half of the book, but after she "arrived" in Utah, it became a little repetitive. Most of the twenty-something women I know in the church have never read the Book of Mormon (with real intent and prayed about it) and have a huge hang up with church history (i.e. polygamy), women's rights in the church and of course the whole gay marriage thing. They are rebelling against their fathers in droves and leaving the church. In comes Al Fox. A non-religious product of a broken family, tatted up like a badass biker and living in a bathtub-sized apartment in up state New York. No way she fits in to the Mormon narrative. Period. Until a couple of bubble-headed missionaries offered her a Book of Mormon (and steak). She takes the Book of Mormon and actually reads it -- like it was for real. And what do you know? Reading it makes her feel happiness. Joy. The spirit. Who knew. In fact, she feels the spirit so much she jumps out of bed early one morning and begs the missionaries to baptize her. Anyway, soon after she announces her new found faith to her co-workers, the typical onslaught of anti-mormon material washes over her. Her co-workers, mother, and even her father tell her to get a grip and bail. Her dad even spent extra hours researching all the crazy stuff on the mormons and hands Al a giant stack of material -- then gives her the ultimatum: Leave the church or you are dead to me. Whoa. What a nice, understanding dad. So Al says, sorry pops, love you and all that but I'm not gonna stop reading the Book of Mormon, and I'm staying Mormon -- Because it makes me happy and brings me joy. And the kicker is the dad follows through and stops speaking to Al. Wow. These days, there are countless millennial women sprinting away from the church... but then here's Al -- lowering her head and running right past them. Toward the church. She's like the eighth wonder of the world. A true anomaly. And what are the issues driving away the millennial women? How about gay marriage? Doesn't matter to Al. Polygamy? Whatever. The Temple ceremony? AL LOVES IT!!!! Weird mormon underwear that makes you look frumpy? She couldn't wait to get them on!! The role of women in the church? Awesome!! The Book of Mormon anachronisms? Who cares, the point is reading the book makes Al feel joy, happy and close to Jesus Christ. I'm sure there are a LOT of people on both sides of the mormon fence scratching their

head over this woman. How can she be so crazy positive about the church these days? That's so not in right now. What's cool to the millennial generation is to Do as Thou Wilt. But Al says NO, what's cool is to go to the temple. What's cool is to read the Book of Mormon. What's cool is to wear garments. What's cool is to honor your father and mother. What's cool is to pray to God constantly. And most important of all, what's cool is: Not my will but thine, be done. Thank you Al, for showing your generation how to follow Christ. Thank you for shinning a giant spot light on satan's battle cry: Do as thou wilt. Thank you for sacrificing your will to the Father's and reflecting Christ's light for all to see.

I've followed Al Carraway's blog for the past two years, and even though I've looked forward to every post and video, when she shared the news that she was writing a book I was a little worried... Would it just be a collection of her already published blog posts? Would it be something sterilized, something lacking her spirit and wisdom? For those who even remotely feel the same way, I promise this is not the case! Al has been able to write about her conversion and her faith from an even fresher perspective. She is able to share more personal details with the reader, which are used to help keep the spirit close as you read. Even more, the book is split into two parts: "my story" and "your story". In doing so, Al is able to teach by example and inspire us to do as she has done: live fearlessly by faith, never give up, and help build the Kingdom of God here on earth. This is a special story that I would share with my Young Women, my non-member family, and even my friends. You can tell that Al Carraway prayed for guidance during every step of writing his book, and I look forward to reading it again.

Her book was Heaven sent!! I truly believe she was inspired by God to write this book. It touched my heart in many ways & has inspired me to never give up & to do my best. Try my best. I think it's a book everyone should read & especially young women. I also feel she was directed to write what she wrote by the spirit. Such a great book!! Truly will bless lives, change lives & help others come unto Christ. I was able to hear her speak & it was amazing!! She's such a happy person & I think it's because of how she chooses to live her life. If you're wondering if you should buy this book, don't! Just do it!! It will bless your life & you'll feel inspired to share with others. It's really that good!!

This. Book. Is. Amazing!!!! I am a huge reader. I have read 80 books this year alone! This is the first time I have filled a book with highlights. There was so much that Al said that I wanted to remember. I have been a member of the LDS church my whole life but that doesn't mean this book still

didn't apply to me. To read about the strength and faith she has had since being baptized is inspiring. So many of us get to points in our lives where we take advantage of the way we have been raised. I can't say I am one of those people because my Husband is a convert and is currently inactive so I definably view both sides of the fence. He is actually the one that wanted to read this book. I really hope he does because he will see that there are other people out there that think the way he does. This book helped strengthen and lift me up and made me want to be a better example to my husband and my children and everyone around me. It also reiterates how crucial it is that we aren't judgmental about the people we see daily and especially at church. You don't know what their story is or how they got to where they are. They could be so AMAZING like Al and just judged because you are scared of the unknown. When we first moved to Utah my husband couldn't find a job anywhere. At the time he had shaved his head bald because we weren't used to the hot summers. He has tattoos but they aren't very visible being on his upper arms. My brother said to my husband, " know you don't want to hear this but if you want a job you are going to have to grow hair again." As soon as he let it grow out he found a job right away. It shouldn't matter how we look. My husband still has a testimony but he has just allowed himself to be influenced by the world and by being judged at church, that he chooses not to have the gospel in his life right now, and it is so hard to see him missing that light and that happiness that Al talks about and that I feel daily. I highly recommend this book to everyone Member or Not. She really tells you like it is and helps you to see all sides of everything. It is such a great book I will be reading it again over and over. Thanks so much for putting yourself out there and sharing your story with the world Al. This is truly the mission Heavenly Father had for you!

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