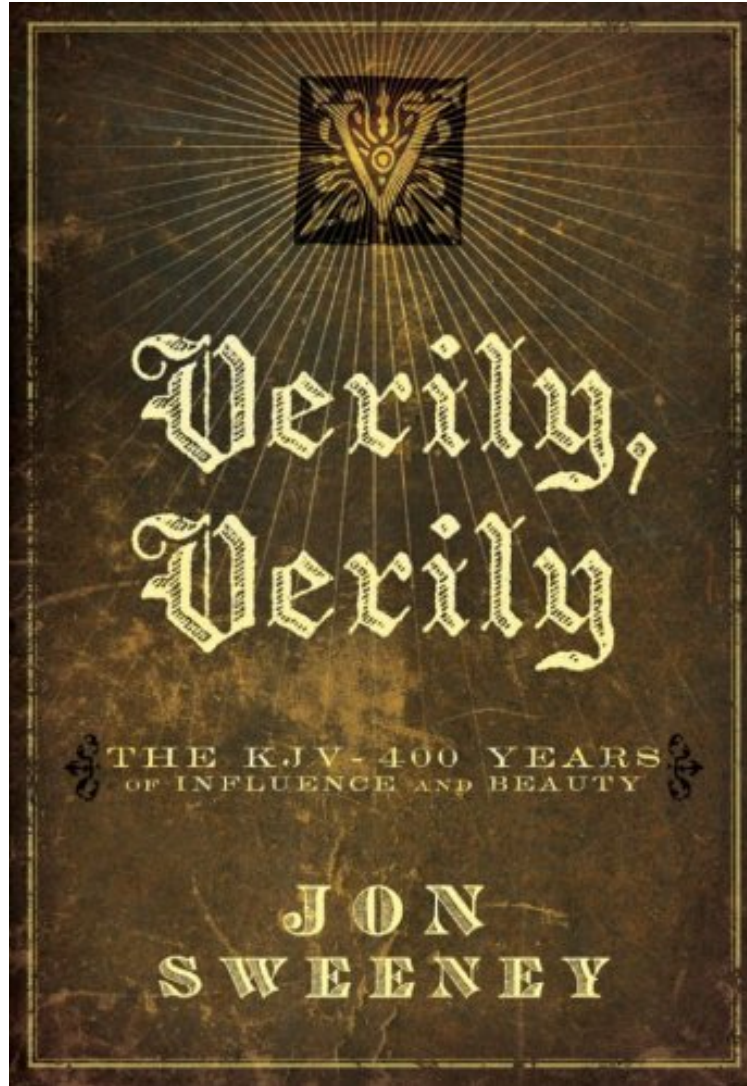


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Interesting, Light-hearted, but SuperficialVon James GallenMy reaction to this book is probably influenced by my background. I am a Catholic so the King James Version is something that I pick up in motels but nothing to which I have an emotional attachment. I have long heard that it is beautifully written but, because, like the Douay-Rheims Version, it was translated from the Vulgate rather than from the original it, is not as accurate as accurate as more

modern translations. I had understood that it was very important in the development of the English language and I picked up "Verily, Verily" in hopes of finding out why. I was mildly disappointed. "Verily, Verily" starts with a quiz to select which of a series of phrases are taken from the Bible. I found the sections dealing with the dealing with the religious and political landscape of England that shaped the KJV to be interesting. The explanations of earlier English Bibles and how their rise shaped and was driven by reaction to the Church's historic restriction of the Bible to the clergy provide insight into the development of the vernacular Bibles. The concept that the King wanted one Bible to unite the country makes the KJV's status as the "official" version for many understandable. Toward the end author Jon Sweeney includes a collection of Immortal Verses and examples of how many writers and orators, including Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Frederick Douglass, Emily Dickinson, found inspiration for their speeches and writings in the KJV. My disappointment arises out of the fact that, while the circumstances under which the Bible was written were what I was looking for and the author does make a good case that the KJV is more uplifting than some modern translations, I found the points made to be rather superficial. Although the Immortal Verses are presented as being Immortal because of the beautiful language of the KJV, I suspect that equally inspiring wording can be found in some of the other versions. If you are looking for a light hearted, superficial explanation of the origins and significance of the King James Version you will find this book to be very satisfying. If you are looking for a more in-depth study you, like me, will be disappointed.

KurzbeschreibungAs historian Tony Lane once noted, without the King James Version of the Bible, it can be speculated that, there would be no Paradise Lost no Pilgrims Progress no Negro spirituals no Gettysburg Address. And even though today there are more accurate and contemporary translations of the Bible, the KJV reigns supreme in the English-speaking world. It is printed and circulated more widely than any other version. The everlasting literary power of this phenomenal volume is unarguable. But how did this remarkable work originate? What were the historical circumstances driving its completion? What sorts of errors (many of them outright hysterical) crept into the translation? Why does it still outsell every other English translation? Verily, Verily offers an informative, inspirational, and light-hearted look into how the worlds most popular Bible was created and why it is still important. Jon M. Sweeney reflects on the cultural importance, spiritual value, beautiful phrasings, and occasional humor of the King James Bible. And Sweeny shows why the KJV has been the most important entry into the Christian scriptures for the English-speaking world and a new understanding of why it is still worth reading. KurzbeschreibungAs historian Tony Lane once noted, without the King James Version of the Bible, it can be speculated that, there would be no Paradise Lost no Pilgrims Progress no Negro spirituals no Gettysburg Address. And even though today there are more accurate and contemporary translations of the Bible, the KJV reigns supreme in the English-speaking world. It is printed and circulated more widely than any other version. The everlasting literary power of this phenomenal volume is unarguable. But how did this remarkable work originate? What were the historical circumstances driving its completion? What sorts of errors (many of them outright hysterical) crept into the translation? Why does it still outsell every other English translation? Verily, Verily offers an informative, inspirational, and light-hearted look into how the worlds most popular Bible was created and why it is still important. Jon M. Sweeney reflects on the cultural importance, spiritual value, beautiful phrasings, and occasional humor of the King James Bible. And Sweeny shows why the KJV has been the most important entry into the Christian scriptures for the English-speaking world and a new understanding of why it is still worth reading. BuchrckseiteAs historian Tony Lane once noted, without the King James Version of the Bible, it can be speculated that, there would be no Paradise Lost ... no Pilgrim's Progress ... no Negro spirituals ... no Gettysburg Address. And even though today there are more accurate and contemporary translations of the Bible, the KJV reigns supreme in the English-speaking world. It is printed and circulated more widely than any other version. The everlasting literary power of this phenomenal volume is unarguable. But how did this remarkable work originate? What were the historical circumstances driving its completion? What sorts of errors (many of them outright hysterical) crept into the translation? Why does it still outsell every other English translation? Verily, Verily offers an informative, inspirational, and light-hearted look into how the world's most popular Bible was created and why it is still important. Jon M. Sweeney reflects on the cultural importance, spiritual value, beautiful phrasings, and occasional humor of the King James Bible. And Sweeny shows why the KJV has been the most important entry into the Christian scriptures for the English-speaking world and a new understanding of why it is still worth reading.