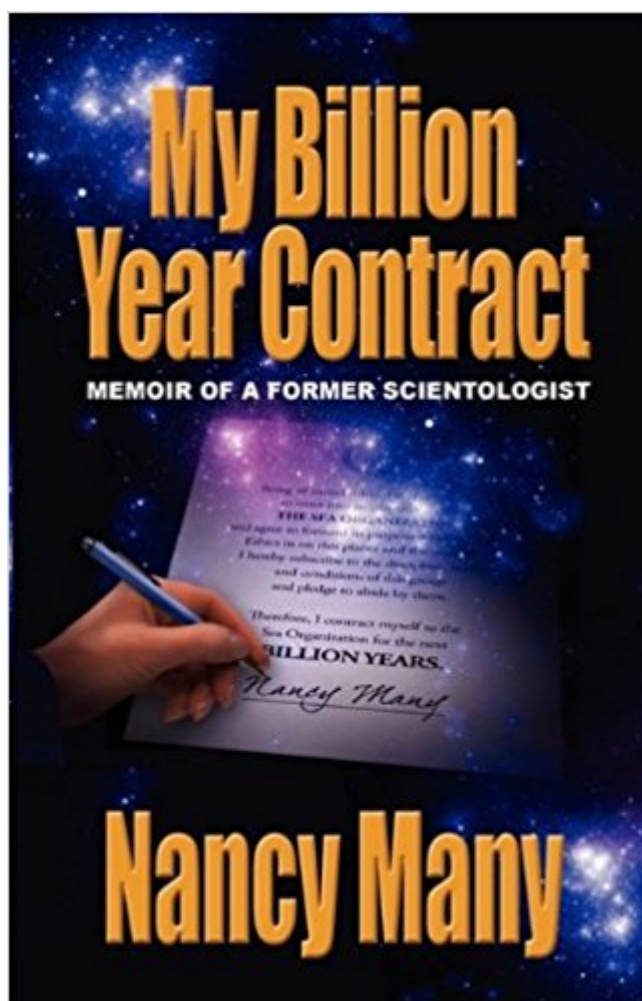


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My Billion Year Contract: Memoir Of A Former Scientologist



Synopsis

To a young, teenage girl, Scientology seemed to be just what the author was looking for; a way to improve herself and attain spiritual enlightenment. But it was only after she joined Scientology's elite inner circle, the Sea Organization, and signed a Billion Year contract that she discovered the dark world of fanaticism and abuse at the center of Scientology's vast empire. For more than two decades she worked at all levels of the organization, from serving as a personal aide to the founder of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, who placed her in charge of the religion's worldwide expansion to becoming the head of Celebrity Center, the organization that caters to its celebrity members. Early in her Scientology career, she spent five years as a covert agent engaged in espionage activities for the Church's shadowy Guardian's Office. After leaving the Sea Org she spent an additional two years as an undercover operative for the reformed Guardian's Office, the Office of Special Affairs, which continued the same pattern of covert intelligence and dirty tricks against the Church's perceived enemies while using intense legal attacks and bolstered by hire private investigators. She personally experienced the Sea Organization's Rehabilitation Project Force; a labor camp where erring members are re-educated. When her loyalty came into question she was subjected to weeks of grueling interrogation, ending up in restraints after being rushed to a hospital by ambulance, unable to even recognize her husband. It is a shocking story of abuse, imprisonment, espionage, lies, mental torture and suicide- vital reading for anyone who wants to know what goes on behind Scientology's curtain.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading it. I could not put it down! The title is based upon what is known as a Billion Year Contract to work for Scientology's elite para military force for the next billion years. Believe it or not, this is a real contract. This autobiography is based upon the author Nancy Many's commitment to that contract and the ensuing years of her life and the lives of others as members of the dark side of Scientology. It details the effects the contract and commitment had on her life while an active member and later on when deciding to no longer be a member of Scientology. Nancy is former high level Scientology member who went from dealing directly with the founder and Scientology celebrities to a babbling mess because of Scientology's seemingly endless security clearance interrogation procedures, deprivation techniques, and unanswered questions. One day she cracked. Not everyone cracks but many do. You'll read about what it's like to be forced into Scientology's 'rehabilitation project force (RPF) and what it's like to suffer from the gang bang mental torture sessions and Scientology attacks against its perceived enemies and what it took to recover. Nancy Many demonstrates what happens to the mind when totalitarian tactics and policies are used to control the individual and the thought processes that occur which result in a person staying in Scientology despite these dehumanizing tactics used against them. This is a story of love and how a cult brings its members to tow the line or jump off the cliff without a cushion or support. It is especially true that the book is a shocking story of abuse, imprisonment, espionage, lies, mental torture and suicide vital reading for anyone who wants to know what goes on behind the curtain. Beside the telling of her personal tragedy and that of others who were harmed by Scientology, Nancy Many really gives the reader a sense of what happens to the compliant member and those who are considered errant. For anyone dealing with cult issues, this is especially helpful. As she got better, she then worked to help others. She found resources for what might help even the most messed up of former members. She did this not only for herself but because others had died for lack of it. In the process of her own recovery, she came to understand how she was able to go along with doing things that were against her instincts or moral code or even the law and how Scientology creates this mechanism of control on members. There is specific information which I think will shock and dismay even the most jaded former members. Nancy also reveals information about L Ron Hubbard, his family and how they were treated when he was ill and his will was being redone. For those who wonder WHY she didn't just up and leave in the instant, you get to understand the mindset. Especially helpful was reading what it was like for her when the seeds of doubt would come in as she found herself in the middle between the pro and anti Scientology factions while working undercover for the higher echelons of the church. Because she was President of Scientology's Celebrity Center in Los Angeles, there's insider information on what Scientology does

with celebrities and how they manipulate them. Because of her investigative work for the church, you learn how that office worked against its enemies (and still works against them. Even the spies of scientology are spied upon to keep them in line! (Some church, heh?) There's lots of previously unrevealed info, which is especially eye opening. It's a fascinating and disturbing read. It is a story of the triumph over evil and the importance of grace but more importantly, it is something that the Church of Scientology DOES NOT want people to read. So go read it. --Mary MI wanted to let you know I finished reading your book last night. What a story! It held my interest all the way through, obviously because I lived through a lot of it myself and found it fascinating, but also because it was well written and kept me wondering what came next. You obviously put a lot of thought into putting these memories into order and making some sense out of some very senseless events. The result is very coherent and consistent and the picture it ends up painting of Scientology is appalling and frightening. I never lost my mind, thank god, but I remember coming close to it. And certainly I lost myself my own purposes, goals and my belief in myself. I just became an unthinking worker bee, day after day, accepting the abuse. I'm just thankful that I came to my senses enough to refuse to go back on post and refuse the RPF (Rehabilitation Project Force) and insist on being offloaded. I just knew I had to get out of there or die if not literally, then spiritually. I have a lot of admiration for what you have done for those who were hardest hit by Scientology abuses. I think it has an important message, and it shows the underside of Scientology in a way that no other book on Scientology that I have ever seen does. It is a very personal story, and it shows how Scientology messes with people's minds irresponsibly. You were very lucky to have Chris through the whole experience. More than anything, it is a story of how love and decency and real caring can do more than any of their vaunted levels. --Jeff H

Nancy Many was a college student in Boston when she first wandered into a Scientology office. That was the beginning of the end of independence and freedom, as she knew it. After 27 years of service at all levels of Scientology's Sea Organization, Nancy left the group, and now works to help others who have been victimized, and to expose the abuse and crimes of her former group. Nancy lives in Los Angeles with her family.

balanced expose' on the Church of Scientology from many different prospective s. Worth reading to gain knowledge of how one can buy a horse without checking its teeth. It is written in the first person about their experience through an entire career through all the levels of a member of the church uses to keep its business growing.

If you are interested in learning what really goes on in the Scientology religion, this is a "must read." I found the psychology of it fascinating. I always used to say "what kind of an idiot would get involved in a group like this?" But now I see that sometimes, people are missing something. They are searching for meaning in their life. The author, Nancy Many, had wonderful intentions of helping to make the world a better place, but instead, she endured mental and really physical abuse. This "church" uses people for their money, lures them in with promises of becoming a better, whole person and then subsequently breaks them down, leaving them broken and penniless. Hopefully, people thinking about joining this cult will read this book and think again. Really a good read. :)

I have read 'Blown For Good' & 'Abuse at the Top' and a few other popular books about people leaving Scientology. Of the three or four books I found this one to be the hardest to read. This book is about a lot more than just her experience leaving the Church. I got the Kindle edition, and as I was reading the first chapter I thought that I must be reading the wrong book, because it didn't seem to have anything to do with Scientology, it wasn't until much later in the book that I finally understood what was happening in the first chapter. She is very detailed in her writing but its not as quick of a read as some of the other big ex-Scientology books out there. The book is formatted oddly. Some bits of the book seem random, and somewhere in the middle the book seems to end and it just becomes a bunch of journal entries. I would like it if the book was more structured, it feels almost like a stream of consciousness style of writing. That said I enjoyed it overall very much, but it was not a page-turner like Blown for good and Abuse at the Top.

Interesting book, however Ms Many expresses herself in a very kind fashion, while she was treated like a criminal--a pregnant criminal, and I believe the book would have been far more interesting had she expressed herself in a more human way. Scientology is a vicious cult and should be noted as such.

I wasn't especially in love with the end of this book when she tapers off into her "non-scientology life" but this book is definitely worth the purchase if you want a glimpse into Scientology behind the scenes (the people who work for Sea Org). I am writing this review because I am convinced (after reading the book you will be too) that Scientologists are probably writing up fake lousy reviews for it because they don't want it read :). As a non-scientologists I can say it's good, not great, but an interesting read.

While I am more sympathetic than some with Scientology, and not always inclined to buy into hatchet jobs aimed at this and other religious organizations that one often finds in the publishing industry, Nancy Many's story is credible, and it rings true from the first page to the last. It is a forceful and revealing statement of a woman who descended into a hell of contrived hazing and atrocity within this "applied religious philosophy" after rising to its high echelons. Many offers a vivid portrayal of an organization, sick from top to bottom, that bears at once the impress of its originator's genius and his psychotic hatred.

Of all the Scientology books I have read this is the one I consider to be at the top of the tree. Nancy Many's experiences ranged from Ron L Hubbard, through to David Miscavige and her personal memories were so believable and balanced. It is no wonder that the followers find it so hard to leave such a poisonous environment and that families are fractured and malfunctioning. When you consider the restrictions placed on husbands, wives, girlfriends, abortions, money, freedom of expression, personal freedoms, human rights and reciprocal responsibilities, one wonders how these sects can be allowed to function in our supposedly developed society. Well done to Nancy and all of the sect members who have found the courage to not only leave the sect at great personal trauma, but to report on it to the world at large. I salute you!

The answer to that question is found in this book! Although the book is an excellent read and a horrific look at humans being held hostage and treated worse than prisoners, the saddest part is that they are mostly prisoners to their own brainwashing and that is why they will be held in 100+ degree heat in Florida in a parking garage while pregnant. It is really hard for a normal person to understand why they allow this to happen to themselves, but is a little easier to understand after reading the book because you see how slowly the brainwashing builds and the person's critical thinking skills are destroyed. I don't believe this author is 100% free of all the brainwashing yet (at the time of writing this book), but hopefully is on the road to complete recovery. Very horrible that once free she even went back and spied on other X- Scientologists! It shows the enormous hold this cult has on everyone who gets caught up in it!

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