

THE BIBLE

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The Bible, the single work at the heart of Christianity, is a complex text with a complicated and obscure history. Made up of sixty-six “books” written by various authors and divided into two testaments, its contents have changed over the centuries. The Bible has been transformed by translation and, through interpretation, has developed manifold meanings to various religions, denominations, and sects.

In this informative and engaging account, acclaimed historian Karen Armstrong discusses the conception, gestation, and life of history’s most powerful book. She analyzes the climate in which oral history turned into written scripture, how this scripture was collected into one work, and how it became accepted as Christianity’s sacred text. She explores how scripture came to be read for the information it imparted and how, in the nineteenth century, challenges to the historical accuracy of the Bible caused as much concern as Darwin’s theory of evolution. A brilliant and eye-opening book, Armstrong’s history of the Bible is crucial in an age of declining faith and rising fundamentalism.

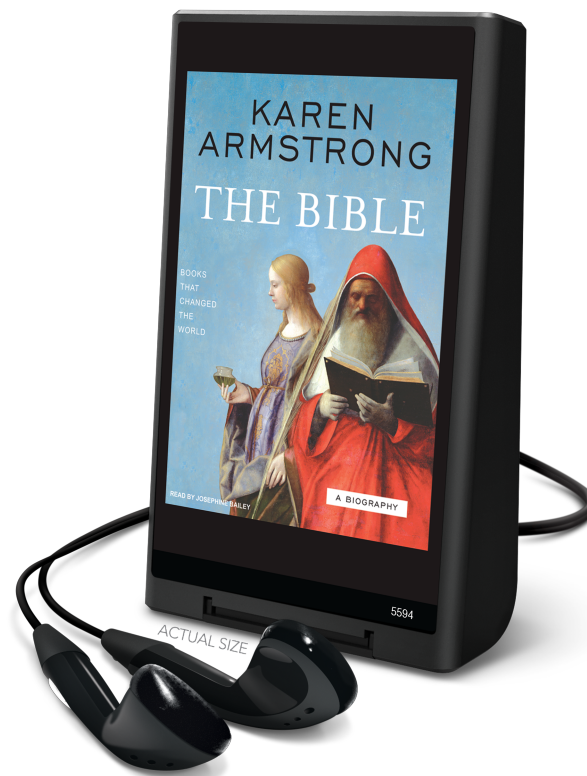
Karen Armstrong, a former nun and literature professor, is the author of many bestselling books, including *A Short History of Myth*; *Islam*; *The Great Transformation*; *Buddha*; *A History of God*; *Through the Narrow Gate*; and *The Spiral Staircase*.

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