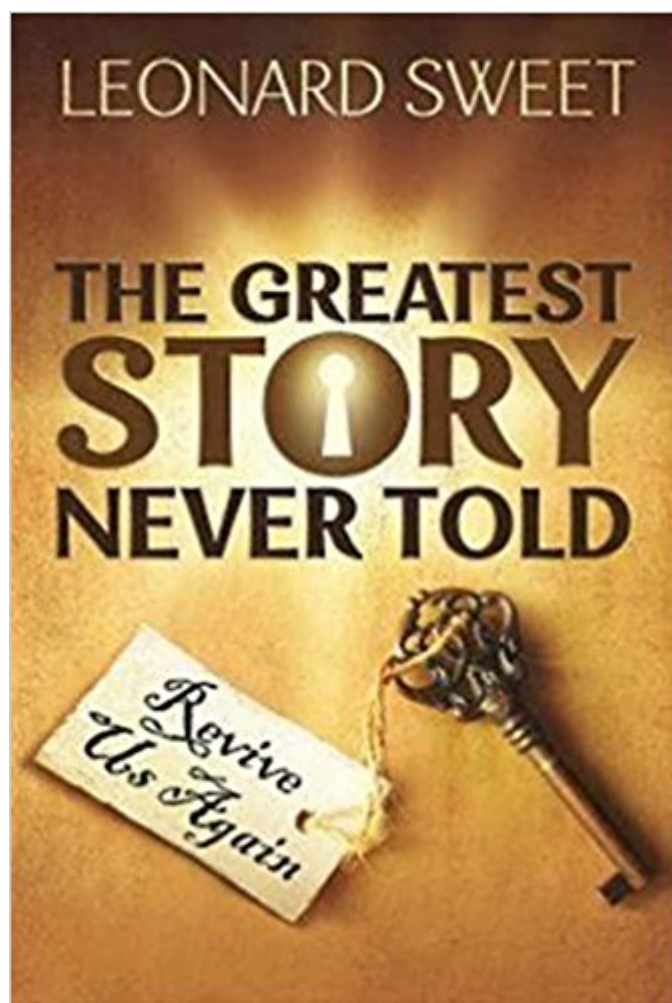


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The Greatest Story Never Told: Revive Us Again



Synopsis

God raises up Methodists for such a time as this. Here is a ditty Len Sweet's Methodist grandfather used to sing: A Methodist, a Methodist will I be A Methodist will I die. I've been baptized in the Methodist way And I'll live on the Methodist side. What "genius" of Methodism inspired this kind of love and loyalty in the earlier years of the faith? What did it mean to live in "the Methodist way" and to die on "the Methodist side"? Perhaps it is time to resurrect a neo-Wesleyan identity and to challenge the prevailing "one-calorie Methodism" that characterizes so much of our tribe today. What makes a Methodist? How can we re-ignite the spark of genius that motivated such commitment in our cloud of witnesses? The essence of Methodism's genius resides in two famous Wesleyan mantras: "heart strangely warmed" (inward experiences with a fire in the heart) and "the world is our parish" (outward experiences with waterfalls of cutting-edge intelligence). For Wesley, internal combustion, the former, led to external combustion, the latter. In the 18th century, Methodists in general (and in their younger years, the Wesley brothers themselves) were accused of being too "sexy." What else could all those "love feasts" and "strangely warmed hearts" be about? Why else were all those women in positions of leadership? With this book the author hopes to bring back to life some of Methodism's sexiness so that our current reproduction crisis can be reversed.

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I am reading the GREATEST STORY NEVER TOLD. I did some of the same research in American Revival hymns that Sweet did. Very Interesting! Very informative I totally agree that the vibe of Methodism was and should be found in our hymns and music. This books points us to a useful path forward!

Like his preaching, this book will open your understand about what Jesus is all about!

I have read several of Sweet's book prior with this book presenting the writer and person which left me with the impression of an individual who had struggles/experience what he had been writing about. He presented in this book as another human being with whom I would like to spend some over coffee -- Starbucks of course.

"The Greatest Story Never Told," is good music! Jesus is over, under, around and through every page. It is a jazz book of Jesus! Leonard Sweet is a jazz writer in service of the Master of all music. I'm still humming the hope and encouragement from the heart of this good writer.

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