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## The Masks of Christ

By Lynn Picknett; Clive Prince  
Touchstone, \$16.00, 484 pages

Picknett and Prince have co-written two prior books, and Picknett has two of her own. They cover subjects such as the Templars, Shroud of Turin, extra-terrestrial life and ancient Egypt, guardians of Christ's blood-line, and the secret history of Lucifer. So one might assume that a book written by them, about Jesus' history, might be exploitive, looking for sales from controversy over substance. And while the pair apparently did do a great deal of research, most of their conclusions are reaching beyond what is justifiable, covering old ground or creating new unprovable allegations. The parts covering the differences between the Gospels and the errors from one to another when compared to the historical record have all been covered many times. The story of the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene has been grist for many books already, fiction and otherwise; and their new "revelation" that Jesus was a follower of John the Baptist and just usurped his leadership and followers has no real credible evidence behind it. Like many books that claim new "secret" findings using only already existing documentation, there is nothing really new here.

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