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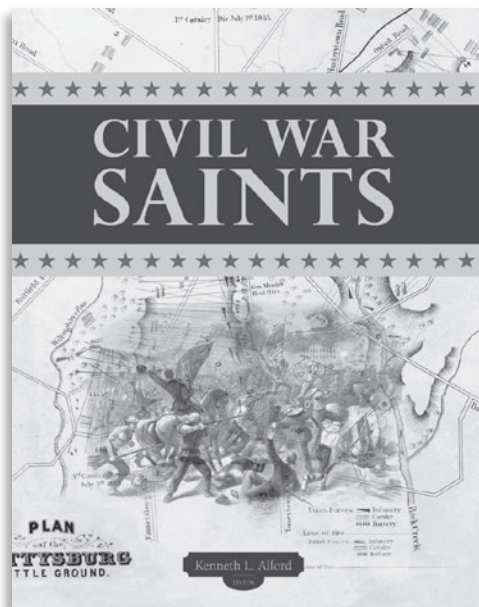
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Edited by Kenneth L. Alford

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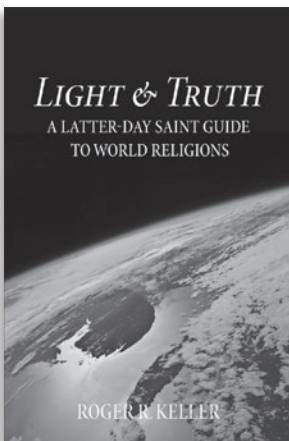
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Boyd K. Packer

This book features paintings, drawings, and wood carvings representing a lifetime of work. As an avid lover of nature, President Packer has carefully studied the appearance and habits of birds and animals and used them as his primary subjects. Above

all, his art expresses reverence for life. Through artwork he has shared the lessons of life with his family and with members of the Church in publications he has illustrated. His paintings and carvings have enhanced his home and have been given as gifts. Creating art has also provided respite from his heavy responsibilities as a Church leader and has enabled his mind to cultivate ideas. President Packer wrote, “During those hours working with my hands, I pondered on the marvels of creation, and inspiration would flow. As I carved wood, I carved out talks.”

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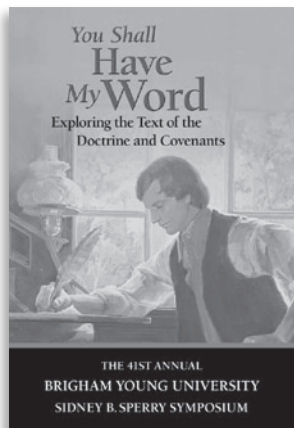
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Roger R. Keller

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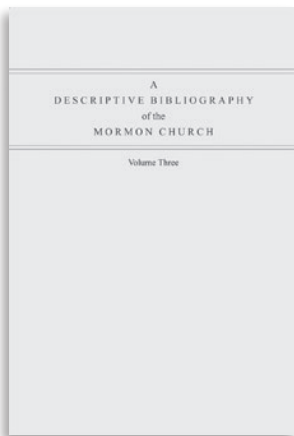
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Edited by Scott C. Esplin, Richard O. Cowan, and Rachel Cope

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Peter Crawley

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The BYU Church History Symposium

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