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Through the personal histories of East German Saints, *Behind the Iron Curtain* brings to life a chapter of LDS Church history that cannot be missed. Witness these excerpts from two Latter-day Saints showing their perserverance and faith:

We started to walk along the river away from the death and destruction. We were part of a pilgrimage of thousands of people who were tired and homeless and in shock. The injured remained behind, lining the path.

—Dorothea Condie

Sister Herod pulled out a long stocking from behind a kitchen cabinet and began untying several knots. She made a dish of her hands and filled them with money from the stocking. “This is my tithing. Even though it has been twenty-five years, I knew that the priesthood would visit me some day.”

—Günter Schulze
written by Maya nobles, the mythic section of Popol Vuh presents the religious traditions of an ancient Mesoamerican people. Many of these beliefs were current during the Book of Mormon era, and Popol Vuh’s account of the Creation has parallels in LDS scripture.

This new translation by LDS ethnographer Allen Christenson is the first to uncover the full poetic structure of the Popol Vuh, including its extensive use of chiasms similar to those discovered in the Book of Mormon. Christenson reveals Popol Vuh’s true nature as the eloquent creation of master poets with a sophisticated literary heritage.
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Larry C. Porter

The author carefully delineates the dynamics of Joseph Smith’s life and movement in the context of the infant years of the Church, an era whose documented treatment has been in some ways previously obscure and sketchy. His study also examines the social and religious contexts in which the Church was organized and analyzes the types of early members who were attracted to the religion.

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Leland H. Gentry

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A Call to Arms: The 1838 Mormon Defense of Northern Missouri
Alexander L. Baugh

As United States citizens, Latter-day Saints in Missouri “had every right to take up arms to defend themselves, particularly when local and state officials failed or refused to intervene in their behalf.” While there was wrongdoing especially on the part of some Mormon extremists, this study, contrary to other recent interpretations, places the balance of responsibility for this antagonism heavily and decisively on the side of the Missourians.