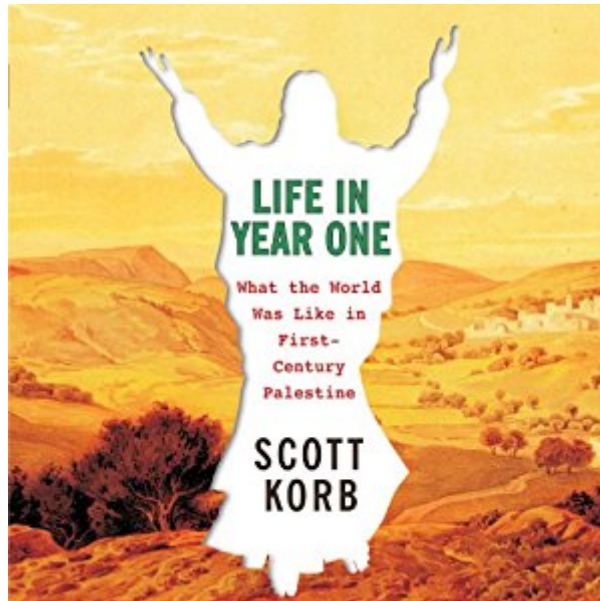




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Synopsis

What was it like to live during the time of Jesus? Where did people live? Who did they marry? What was family life like? And how did people survive? These are just some of the questions that Scott Korb answers in this engaging new book, which explores what everyday life entailed two thousand years ago in first-century Palestine, that tumultuous era when the Roman Empire was at its zenith and a new religion-Christianity-was born. Culling information from primary sources, scholarly research, and his own travels and observations, Korb explores the nitty-gritty of real life back then-from how people fed, housed, and groomed themselves to how they kept themselves healthy. He guides the contemporary listener through the maze of customs and traditions that dictated life under the numerous groups, tribes, and peoples in the eastern Mediterranean that Rome governed two thousand years ago, and he illuminates the intriguing details of marriage, family life, health, and a host of other aspects of first-century life. The result is a book for everyone, from the armchair traveler to the amateur historian. With surprising revelations about politics and medicine, crime and personal hygiene, this book is smart and accessible popular history at its very best. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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It is a easy to read, and understand outline of life back in a time where religion guided their lives more so than today. It really makes us realize how lucky we are to have good housing, with all sorts of ways to maintain our hygiene. Imagine rinsing off in a public bath with water which had been used many times already. And NO soap! Yeah, better them than us!

Informative, clear, easy read. First read a friend's copy. I now have a purchased copy for my home library.

I didn't like this book because it is not well-written. The author's sentences are so run-on that by the time I get to the end of his sentence, I have forgotten the subject. I am continuing to slog through the book, because he has a great deal of good information. But the book is difficult to read. I have learned, that if I read it out loud, I can follow his train of thought. The book seems to be a transcription of his lectures, with frequent post scripts added in parenthetically. I would not recommend this book for these reason.

An easy read with not as much hard information about year 1 as I had hoped. More informed speculation, but understandable given 2000 years have passed. The amount of verifiable writings from that period are limited.

Well written with a welcome dose of humor.

An interesting and easy read, but the author is frustrating in his views. It does help picture the world that Jesus lived in.

I found it to be a compelling book and would recommend it to anyone with an interest in ancient history.

This is an oddly frustrating book. An interesting subject, there are real gems here, but these gems are buried in junk observations and silly self-referential footnotes. Nearly a third of this book's 208 pages are footnotes. Bad footnotes. Stupid footnotes. So many footnotes (of no note) that it became difficult at times to even read as you're jumping from the top of the page to the bottom, back to the top, and again to the bottom, before jumping to the top again. And to lose your place on the page to read some dumb crap like "I thought so too," is just silly.

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