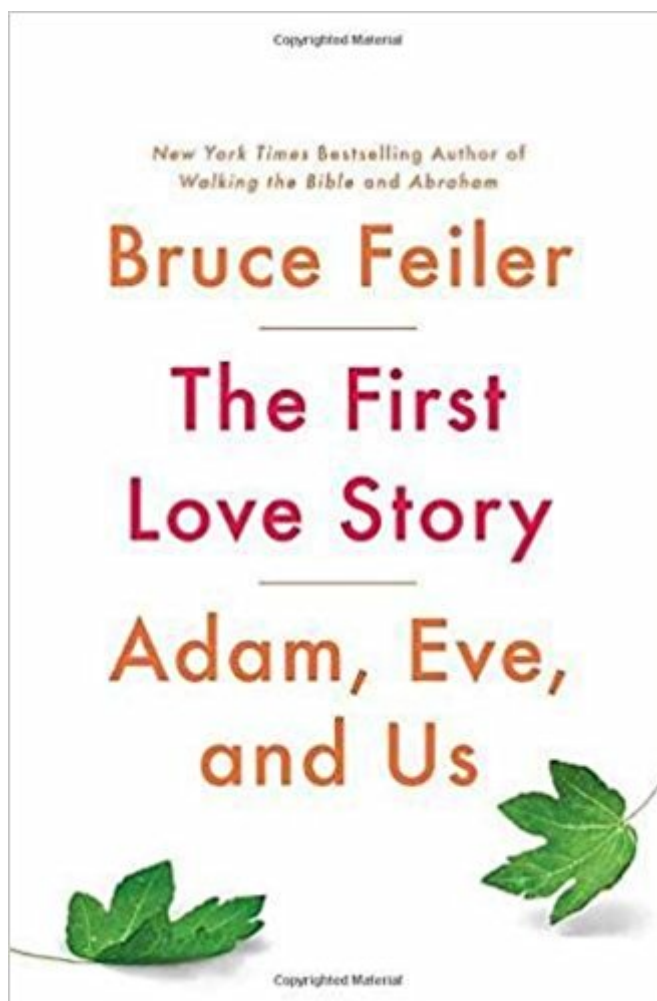


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# The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, And Us



## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Walking the Bible* and *Abraham* comes a revelatory journey across four continents and 4,000 years exploring how Adam and Eve introduced the idea of love into the world, and how they continue to shape our deepest feelings about relationships, family, and togetherness. Since antiquity, one story has stood at the center of every conversation about men and women. One couple has been the battleground for human relationships and sexual identity. That couple is Adam and Eve. Yet instead of celebrating them, history has blamed them for bringing sin, deceit, and death into the world. In this fresh retelling of their story, New York Times columnist and PBS host Bruce Feiler travels from the Garden of Eden in Iraq to the Sistine Chapel in Rome, from John Milton's London to Mae West's Hollywood, discovering how Adam and Eve should be hailed as exemplars of a long-term, healthy, resilient relationship. At a time of discord and fear over the strength of our social fabric, Feiler shows how history's first couple can again be role models for unity, forgiveness, and love. Containing all the humor, insight, and wisdom that have endeared Bruce Feiler to readers around the world, *The First Love Story* is an unforgettable journey that restores Adam and Eve to their rightful place as central figures in our culture's imagination and reminds us that even our most familiar stories still have the ability to surprise, inspire, and guide us today.

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Feiler plunges into this thicket with verve, intelligence and style. He's done a miraculous

thing, the literary equivalent of breathing life into a figure made of clayâtaken a story Iâve been hearing since services were held in the old sanctuary and made me experience it again as if for the first time.â

•â The New York Times Book Reviewâ Feiler shows how Adam and Eve have always been and continue to be mutable, rebooted through the ages to suit their times like comic book superheroes. By investigating the history of these re-imaginings, Feiler tracks the evolution of how people have thought about relationships between humanity and God. He focuses on the artists and intellectuals who have subverted mainstream religious dogma and found, in Adam and Eve, radical inspiration for what it means to be human, and what it means to loveâwhich are the same thing, really...Feilerâs chapters are stuffed with interesting people and concepts. They move briskly, delving into every iconic moment in the first coupleâs short tale, each an opportunity to examine a different wrinkle of love: collegial, romantic, sexual, familial, extramarital, the blush of youth, the pale of twilight.â

•â The Rumpusâ A convincing case that mankind still has much to learn from the first human beings... Itâsâ a thought-provoking odyssey, and by its end it is hard not to nod in agreement.â

•â USA Todayâ This may be Feilerâs best work yet. A wonderfully readable, powerfully presented look into the influence of the original love.â

•â Publishers Weeklyâ An eye-opening look at one of the most famous stories of all time. The First Love Story is a provocative journey that reconceptualizes the tale of Adam and Eve as not one of sin, but romantic love.â

•â The First Love Storyâ also serves as a history of love itselfâhow we comprehend it, and how we express it. Eloquently written, Feilerâs book forces even the most experienced of religious scholars to rethink our understanding of sacredness and profanity.â

•â Reza Aslan, author of Zealotâ With his characteristic insight and grace, Bruce Feiler has painted a revealing portrait of the archetypal human story of love, temptation, betrayal, and endurance. There is much to learn and ponder in these pages.â

•â Jon Meacham, author of Thomas Jefferson â The First Love Story is full of wit and wisdom. â In charting the story of Adam and Eve, Bruce Feiler unfolds the history of love itself, showing how our sense of guilt and discomfort coincides with our experiences of passion, commitment, and joy.â

•â Andrew Solomon, author of Far from the Tree â Somehow Bruce Feiler has taken what may be the most mulled-over story in western culture and not only found something fresh in it but found something compelling, inspiring andâperhaps most amazing of allâtimely. He guides the reader across rich and varied terrainâarchaeology, art, literature, psychology, history, theologyâwith the grace, wit, and wisdom weâve come to expect from him.â

•â Robert Wright, author of The Evolution of Godâ A wise and nourishing book that shows how the first story is really our story.â

•â Rabbi David Wolpe, author of Why Faith Matters â Adam and Eve, dismissed as merely allegorical by some, derided as a relic of fundamentalist

belief by others, are revealed by Bruce Feiler in his fascinating new book, as not only relevant to our modern understanding of love and community, but absolutely essential. As he has shown in his books and television series, Mr. Feiler has the unique ability to introduce readers to the insights of art, history and theology in a way that makes a seemingly hidebound topic come alive and the oldest of Bible stories seem fresh, inspiring and even exciting. "James Martin, SJ, author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* Read from Bruce Feiler's *The First Love Story* and your eyes will be opened to love in all its messiness and mystery, struggles and sacredness, uncertainty and wonder. This book is filled with life affirming wisdom that is accessible, authentic, and profound. You will never think about Adam and Eve or love in the same way again. "Rabbi Irwin Kula, author of *Yearnings*

Bruce Feiler writes the "This Life" column for the Sunday New York Times and is the author of six consecutive New York Times bestsellers, including *Walking the Bible*, *Abraham* and *The Secrets of Happy Families*. He's also the writer/presenter of the PBS series *Walking the Bible* and *Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler*.

This book works at every level. Meticulous in his research, eloquent in his approach, and profound in his philosophy, Bruce Feiler has taken this, the most necessary of all our myths "distorted for centuries by misinformation and society's reinforcement of patriarchal dogma" and turned it on its head. His timing could not have been better. Approaching his last years, Joseph Campbell asserted that our old myths "the metaphors for the spiritual potentialities of our lives" were no longer operative, and effective new ones had not arisen to replace them. Today, Mr. Feiler has, in effect, given rise to a new Creation myth, one which goes to the core of every relationship we have as humans on this planet. Reading this book will change your life. It could also change the world. My highest recommendation. Peter Wilkes, author of *Lucifer Eve and Adam: the absolutely true and completely honest story of Creation*

A magical, thoughtful treatment of the First Couple. I recommend it unreservedly for anyone seeking illumination on stories from the scripture as they apply today.

*The First Love Story* is a curious and fascinatingly different approach. The broad experience of author Feiler and his personal background allow a rich and thought provoking approach. Quite an enjoyable read and well worth the time.

With an almost poetic look at our first Biblical couple the author uses a variety of sources and provides a modern midrash on love.

We truly enjoyed how Bruce tied the first couple's love story into today. We enjoy all of Bruce Feiller's books and can't wait for the next one to come out!

I was fascinated by the unfolding of the story of Adam and Eve has shaped and colored our culture, especially in regard to women. Great book.

Fun gift for an anniversary.

the book is very interesting. I feel like I am getting a history lesson in the evolution of human history.

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