



Contrary to Popular Belief

by Neil Anthes

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Fact and the reinterpretation of ancient stories are blended together to find the truth in this captivating and challenging historical fiction.

Did early Christianity evolve from Roman culture and customs? Was it based on truth? Were the social issues of the early Roman Empire a driving force to adapt old customs to a new philosophy? A young Hebrew man seeks answers beyond his religious traditions by spending fifteen years traveling and studying spiritual principles in India and Alexandria, Egypt. Upon returning to his homeland, his

message of self-awareness is feared by the elders and Temple priests.

At the same time, the ruling elite in Rome are determined to use this controversy to their advantage. Keen to find a solution to the social and economic issues that have developed after their relentless conquests of foreign lands, they find that the young man's spiritual message can be altered to suit their needs. Facing the upending of his message, he must act quickly to document his teachings and preserve the true meanings for his followers and future generations to come.

Contrary to Popular Belief by Neil Anthes is a thought-provoking novel inspired by the quest for truth, interpreting history and the stories we all know with a fresh perspective and an open mind. Entertaining and packed with historical accounts of Mediterranean life, it will challenge readers' perceptions of the ancient world and the roots of modern religion.

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