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Review of Robert J. Matthews, *Who's Who in the Book of Mormon*

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Abstract: As a most useful little book, *Who's Who in the Book of Mormon* provides a compact guide to the lives of Book of Mormon personalities that will prove helpful both to teachers and students of the volume. It will undoubtedly also be welcomed by parents seeking to relate the Book of Mormon narratives to their children.



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session. I simply could not understand how this fit in with any of the objectives of the program. It seemed to me that the time could be better spent; (3) when reporting results of pre- and post-seminar testing, such statements are made as "this increase (in an independence scale) may reflect either a real impact of the seminar on their basic values or simply their redefinition of the terminology. . . ." As a matter of fact, there was no increase. No significant differences were found in pre- and post-seminar measures with one exception, and this was when religious items were removed from the modified F scale, which measures authoritarian personality patterns.

There were strong points also. The "Operation Empathy," in which stake presidents were dressed in old clothes and roamed the slums of Los Angeles, seems to be patterned after a Peace Corps training method. The bringing in of a Negro minister to discuss involvement in community problems was, in my opinion, an excellent contribution. The descriptive data about the stake presidents were interesting. For example, other than Boy Scouts, a part of the LDS program, the leaders were involved in no community organizations except Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall, and YMCA. They also tended to reflect a traditional conservative view of politics and government and ranked low on independence and high on conformity.

Had this program been conducted among business executives or educators, I doubt whether any staff would have published this book. There are so many more well-designed and executed programs which are not published! Yet because it happened in the LDS Church, it is important. The design, execution and evaluation of the seminar could have been significantly improved. A book more useful to others would have been a result.

ROBERT J. MATTHEWS. *Who's Who in the Book of Mormon* (revised ed.), Provo, Utah: Robert J. Matthews, 1966. 64 pp. \$1.50.

(Reviewed by Eldin Ricks, assistant professor of undergraduate religious instruction at Brigham Young University. Mr. Ricks has published *Combination Reference* as well as articles in *The Improvement Era* and the *Herzl Society Yearbook*.)

In an easy descriptive style Robert Matthews, research editor of the Department of Seminaries and Institutes, has written a biographical concordance of the Book of Mormon that is a delight to use. Within the compass of 74 (8½ x 11 mimeographed) pages he has listed the name of every person in the sacred volume and indicated each separate incident of his life with supporting reference citations. That he has gone over each biography with a fine tooth comb is apparent from the comprehensive array of data that he presents. Helaman's son Nephi, for example, has 44 entries, while 84 entries unfold the career of the first Moroni. And in many instances where the author is obliged to interpret events in order to index them lucidly he shows himself quite at home in the role of commentator.

Inevitably, subjecting any volume to the kind of detailed scrutiny to which Matthews has exposed the Book of Mormon means that the investigator forms some kind of value judgment concerning the subject of his inquiry. In this respect Matthews is no exception. In "Some Observations" at the close of his little volume he reflects upon his literary detective work, and declares that "The greatness of the Book of Mormon was again and again impressed upon the writer." Though Matthews' little book does not pretend to compete with Reynold's comprehensive *Concordance* (852 pp.), it is more useful as a Book of Mormon biographical tool because it cites descriptive references to a particular person not only those in which his name appears.

As a most useful little book, *Who's Who in the Book of Mormon* provides a compact guide to the lives of Book of Mormon personalities that will prove helpful both to teachers and students of the volume. It will undoubtedly also be welcomed by parents seeking to relate the Book of Mormon narratives to their children.

TRUMAN G. MADSEN. *Eternal Man*. Salt Lake City: Desert Book Company, 1966. 80 pp. \$2.00.

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