

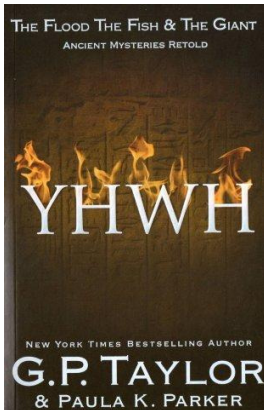
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## New Book Birthed by A Concern For Biblical Literacy

***NY Times Bestselling Author G.P. Taylor & Noted Playwright Collaborate on YHWH***



(Waterloo, ON) –What happens when a bestselling fiction author (former rock band roadie turned Anglican minister) and an award-winning playwright collaborate to make Old Testament stories accessible for a new generation? The result is a vibrant collection of ancient, mysterious tales that captivates readers from its very first pages.

***YHWH: The Flood, The Fish and The Giant*** (Authentic Media, 9781860248009, June 2010), the first volume of the highly anticipated *Ancient Mysteries Retold* series by New York Times Best-Selling British author, G.P. Taylor and American playwright, Paula K. Parker, is receiving rave reviews and critical acclaim from leading figures in the literary, film, and religious communities.

Masterfully combining elements of love, deceit, betrayal, and ultimately redemption ***YHWH: The Flood, The Fish and The Giant***, is a collection of twenty stories from the Old Testament, including Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, Esther, and Isaiah. While these are not a straight translation from scripture, they are written with the intent of bringing the stories to life in their historical time period.

This fresh retelling of classic, ancient stories that were first told in the pages of the Old Testament will hold great appeal to a generation more familiar with Harry Potter’s Hogwarts than The Garden of Eden.

"The purpose of the book" says G.P. Taylor, "is to give children, young people and adults a taste of the mystery of one of the most life changing books ever written. It is an introduction to the stories that have entertained and thrilled people for thousands of years."

A great advocate of encouraging children to read, Taylor says he felt compelled to participate in co-authoring ***YHWH: The Flood, The Fish & The Giant*** when he discovered that up to 90% of children and young people in the UK are Biblically illiterate, with even such classic tales as David and Goliath, Noah and the ark, Samson and Jonah going unnoticed. "I know many young people and adults who don't read the Bible simply because they don't think the language is understandable," says co-writer, Paula K. Parker. This book presents these ancient stories from a fresh perspective in order to appeal to contemporary readers.

"2011 is the 400th anniversary of the Bible in English," Taylor says. "Much of our language is rooted in that book. Sadly, we are in the position that within a generation the understanding of the book that underpins our language could be gone forever."

"I just read over the first two pages and I'm hooked." says Kim Bindel, Syndicated Morning Show Host, Salem Music Network, Inc.

Popular Christian recording artist and author, Bonnie Keen (First Call), commented, "this fits the bill for any reader longing to embrace a heart-pounding story where the underdog wins the day and good triumphs against all odds over evil. "

**YHWH: The Flood, The Fish and The Giant** is also generating buzz in the film and music communities. "What an absolute delight," says Mitchell Galin, producer of such films as Stephen King's *The Langoliers*, *Pet Sematary*, and *Journey to Everest*. "Rarely have I seen stories so vividly portrayed."

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**Paula K. Parker and G.P. Taylor are available for interview.**

**To schedule an interview or receive more information on *YHWH*, contact Julie Warkentin, Graf-Martin Communications at 519-342-3703 ext. 3 or [julie@grafmartin.com](mailto:julie@grafmartin.com)**

#### **About the Authors:**



**G. P. Taylor** is the author of the best-selling novels *Shadowmancer* (a #1 New York Times bestseller that has been translated into 48 languages). A motorcyclist and former rock band roadie turned Anglican minister, Graham Peter (G. P.) Taylor has been hailed as "hotter than Potter" and "the new C. S. Lewis" in the United Kingdom.

Taylor's popular works include *Wormwood* (another New York Times best seller), *The Shadowmancer Returns: The Curse of Salamander Street*, *Tersias the Oracle*, and *Mariah Mundi*, and *The DoppelGanger Chronicles*. His books have sold over three million copies worldwide. For more information about G.P. Taylor visit [www.GPTaylor.com](http://www.GPTaylor.com).



**Paula K. Parker** is a nationally recognized playwright, author, and freelance writer. She is highly respected in the Christian entertainment industry and is frequently called upon to write about it. She has contributed more than 1000 articles, personality profiles, and CD, book, and theatrical reviews to such national publications as *Christian Single Magazine*, *Disney's Family Fun Magazine*, *Profile Magazine*, *ParentLife Magazine*, and *Clarity Magazine*.

Paula is an accomplished playwright, having written numerous professionally produced full-length plays, short sketches, and One-Acts. She is best known for her sparkling stage adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice*. Paula provided commentary for the New York Times Best-Selling Biblezine, *Becoming*, and is a contributing author to *The Young Believer's Case Files* with Stephen Arterburn. For more information about Paula K. Parker visit [www.PaulaKParker.com](http://www.PaulaKParker.com).

### More info on *YHWH: The Flood, the Fish & The Giant*:

- For a preview visit <http://YHWHbook.com>
  - On Google Books <http://is.gd/eyZvM>
  - Fans can stay current with the book and its authors at <http://facebook.com/YHWHBOOK>
  - *YHWH: The Flood, The Fish & The Giant* is distributed in North America by STL Distribution
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### Suggested Interview Questions:

1. Why did you write YHWH? What is the 'heartbeat' behind this project?
  2. Why did you fictionalize Bible stories? Why 'retell' these ancient stories?
  3. Which is your favourite of the 'ancient mysteries retold'? Why?
  4. How did the YHWH project & partnership between GP Taylor & Paula Parker come about? What was it like to work on this project together
  5. What do you most want readers to walk away from this book with?
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### Endorsements:

"Mega kudos to Paula Parker and G. P. Taylor for bringing this fresh collection of timeless adventures to a new generation. As one often hears, 'You can't make this stuff up!' YHWH, The Flood, The Fish & The Giant fits the bill for any reader longing to embrace a heart-pounding story where the underdog wins the day and good triumphs against all odds over evil. " -Popular Christian recording artist and author, Bonnie Keen (First Call)

I just read over the first two pages and I'm hooked – beautiful picture painting!!!!  
-Kim Bindel, Syndicated Morning Show Host, Salem Music Network, Inc.

"What an absolute delight. Rarely have I seen stories so vividly portrayed; portrayed in a way that makes them come alive the way a good campfire story comes alive. And the source, the greatest stories ever told, but in a way that makes them accessible as they have not been before. You can walk through the gardens, feel Noah's confusion, experience Abraham's anguish, but in all we see unquestioned faith. We've heard or read the stories before, but what G.P.Taylor and Paula K. Parker have done is make you "feel" the stories in a new profound way."  
-Filmmaker, Mitchell Galin (Stephen King's 'The Langoliers')

"A walk through the garden was never so pungent, so earthy as the stroll you will take with GP Taylor and Paula K. Parker in the pages of their masterwork, YHWH: The Flood, The Fish and The Giant. Smell the loamy earth, see the light glint from the scales of the serpent, taste the sweet-tart fruit of doom as the juice drips down your chin. Then wipe your mouth and turn the page and listen as the raindrops fall and the hammer pounds the nail into the cypress wood and the smell of pitch rises from the page to greet you. GP Taylor and Paula K. Parker have taken our Sunday School stories off the felt-board and created a world so vivid, so tactile and real, that you and your children will gasp, wide-eyed at the stench of meat on the lion's breath and feel the sway of the ark itself. This book is a masterpiece. Step into its pages and you will forget you are learning and simply experience the wonder and the miracle of God's word, reminded again and again that you, too, are part of the story." - Melanie Wells, Dallas-based psychologist and author of *My Soul to Keep*, *When the Day of Evil Comes* and *The Soul Hunter*