n this collection of Mormon short stories, a disaffected young woman burns her temple clothes while dancing to an old pop song. A teenage boy worried about the future of the planet prays for God to send a devastating plague on humans. An eager polygamist endures a miserable wedding night with his multiple wives. A government assassin tries to incorporate Blood Atonement into his work. A youth outing reenacting the Mormon Handcart trek goes terribly wrong. A rebellious college graduate gets a tattoo on her back—of the Plan of Salvation. A zealous restaurant worker devises a horrifying plan to force customers to obey the Word of Wisdom. Millions of Latter-day Saints apostatize by joining the Republican religion.

Johnny Townsend has published stories and essays in Newsday, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Humanist, The Progressive, Medical Reform, Christopher Street, The Massachusetts Review, Glimmer Train, Sunstone, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, in the anthologies Off the Rocks, Queer Fish, In Our Lovely Deseret: Mormon Fictions, Latter-Gay Saints, and in many other publications. His books The Abominable Gayman, Marginal Mormons, and The Mormon Victorian Society were named to Kirkus Reviews' Best of 2011, 2012, and 2013.



Cover images: © Dreamstime.co

5.50 x 8.50 216 mm x 140 mm

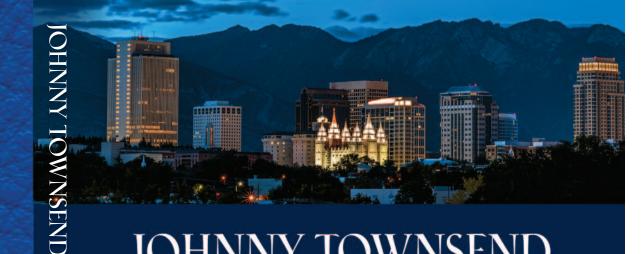
.493 12.52mm

Behind the

Curtain

## Behind the Zion urtain

Stories of Unorthodox Mormons



5.50 x 8.50 216 mm x 140 mm

JOHNNY TOWNSEND

Content Type: Black & White Paper Type: Creme Page Count: 216 File Type: EPS Request ID: CSS1280534

**Perfect Bound Cover Template** 



Document Size: 15" x 12" 305 x 381 mm