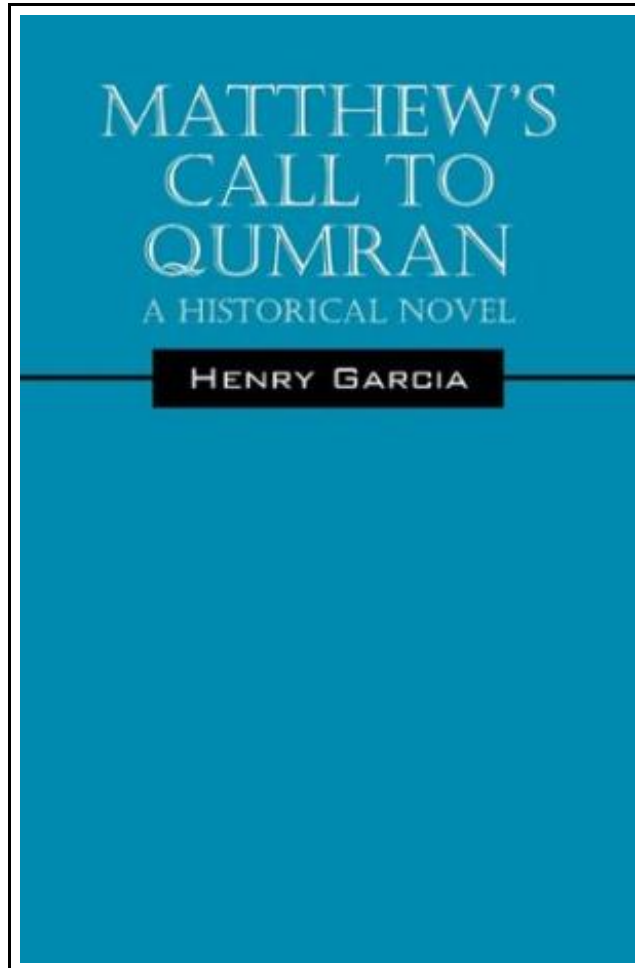


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Outskirts Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The ancient Qumran Community of Essenes is greatly to be credited for the Dead Sea Scrolls, which were discovered in approximately eleven caves close to the Dead Sea around 1947. Scholars studied, pieced together, deciphered and interpreted the large number of inscribed fragments of parchments for many, many years. They are currently made available for the public to view whenever and where ever they are displayed throughout the world. To the amazement of scholars and historians, the discovery of these priceless scrolls showed that no dark period of unproduced scriptural writings between the time period of the Old Testament and the New Testament really existed. Posterity stands to benefit from the scribal work of this unique Jewish sect once known as the Essenes, meaning pious ones or Hasids. Today, what once appeared to be a monastery lies in ruins. The author creates a fictional narrative which makes the Qumran Community live. He puts flesh and blood into the story of characters that live and work there. Matthew, from the town of Jericho, is the main character in this story. He joins that exclusive community to the disappointment of his parents who would rather see him married to a young Jewish maiden. He bypasses the status of a monk and becomes a priest in order to contribute to the creation of scrolls in the library. Celibacy is practiced by all the members of the all male Qumran community, but that does not deter him, since his motive is to please Adonai, the God of his belief. The author describes the different personages, their weaknesses and strengths, their temptations and punishments. The Manual of Discipline has to be followed...



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