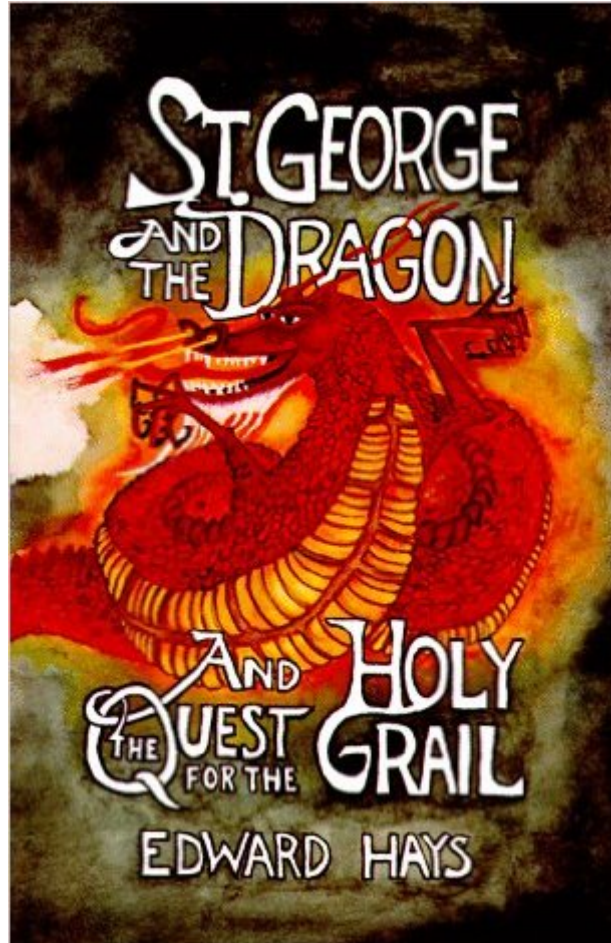


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# St. George And The Dragon



## Synopsis

For its over 60,000 fans this journal has become a handbook that has inspired and challenged. A reluctant seeker, St. George (the St. stands for Sent, Servant and Saint-to-be) meets a spiritual master, a dragon with glowing wounds named Igor, who directs George to begin a great adventure. The engaging dragon and his wise parables are a sure guide for those who wish a spiritual adventure but can travel no further than their backyard most of George's quest took place in the back of his garage. In the pages of this book of twenty-two parables within a single parable, master storyteller Edward Hays opens the doors of the mind's magic theater and provides a collection of mystic maps to set you on the path to the most fabulous of all hidden treasures. Translated into several languages, this volume has inspired and become beloved by men and women of various faiths and even those of no faith. The dragon's parables will guide you, as they lead George, on the spiritual quest as ancient and universal as the search for the Holy Grail. This book is part of a trilogy of tales about St. George, St. George and the Dragon, The Magic Lantern and The Quest for the Flaming Pearl. They are each intended, however, to stand on their own and can be read in any direction, starting with the first, the last or in the middle. Such is the mystery of a magical text!

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## Customer Reviews

Fr. Hays is a gifted storyteller. His parables find their way through cynicism and doubt, and work in the reader's heart at a profound level. Having read nearly all of Fr. Hays's books, I recommend St. George and the Dragon as a starting place for his compassionate, loving, inclusive, and atavistic

theology. It is the story of a man with a deep spiritual longing who is uncertain how to fulfill it. His mentor appears in the form of an ancient dragon offering assistance, guidance, and a slyly humorous wisdom. This is not a book to be read once and put aside, nor is it a book to be read quickly. It will seem new-age-y to some readers, but it isn't. It will appeal to those who are hurting, those who are young at heart, teenagers, and especially to those whose religious background includes ritual. Everyone embarking on, or already on, a spiritual journey will find something holy here.

Edward Hays is a tremendously gifted writer and a thought-provoking theologian. His parables are truly amusing, but at the same time offer the reader much to think about. Hays has the rare ability to write for many levels. This book was recommended to me by a member of the clergy, but I have shared several stories with young teenagers who are just beginning to grapple with their own spirituality. Reading this book was a personally rewarding experience. The best part is that when I pick it up again in a year or two, I will have completely new insights. It is a book about a spiritual journey that meets you where you are on your own spiritual journey. I also recommend the sequel "The Magic Lantern" and "The Ethiopian Tattoo Shop".

I was a senior in High School when I was first introduced to this author. At that time in my life I sought guidance in a spiritual sense but found few sources from society to help me. A theology teacher showed me 3 parables from Hays' writing and I quickly went out to buy the book. I won't try to explain the messages you get from this book because everyone takes away something different from reading it. Look at the other reviews and decide for yourself but this book is definitely worth the price and you won't spend too much time reading it since the book's length isn't all that long. Although be forewarned you will probably find yourself picking this book up off the shelf after completing it. I don't think I know anyone who has read it only once.

As I was sitting on a bench at the end of a long desolate road, slowly sipping my oolong tea, when I pulled out this book and began to read. Oh the joy. I breezed through the pages as my mind wandered through the wonderful tales that Mr. Hays spins. I couldn't put the book down and the memories and myths will stay with me for a long time. I recommend this book to anyone that is trying to find their spiritual inner self.

This is an excellent book for anyone who is navigating a personal spiritual journey. We used this

book in a church study group and the discussions it generated were lively and interesting. Although I think I would have enjoyed this book if I had read it by myself, having a group to share with and an informed spiritual leader deepened my understanding. Edward Hays has an amazing talent for gently waking up spiritual areas in the brain.

Bought this is a required text for a class at DePaul University. Love the book! It has an underlying theme of how we should all live our life and treat others. I think of it often and don't refer back to it often enough. I can honestly say this is one of the few books I have read that had truly shaped a little piece of me as an adult. Read slowly, enjoy it and pay attention to the details. You will be glad you did!

This is a great book IMHO. Edward Hays is able to put more advanced concepts into simple stories and understandable words. Even though I have training in this area, I find this book to be quite enjoyable, very entertaining and encouraging. Hays is creative -- each book of his is quite different than the others. I highly recommend Edward Hays and his books.

The object of all art is to ask questions or inspire questioning. Hays, with his own cover art that suggests a childhood story book, takes us on a very adult quest for spiritual clarity. Rarely has theology been this much fun or this clear about the relationship of God with his creation. Reading this magical book is as exhilarating as riding a great red dragon through a starry night. When you go with Hays on the quest for the Holy Grail, be prepared for a wild ride resulting in a whole new way of seeing. To quote e e cummings, "And now the ears of my ears are awake. And now the eyes of my eyes are opened." Don't lose a minute. Start your quest now. This is a book to be given as a gift to those you love the most.

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