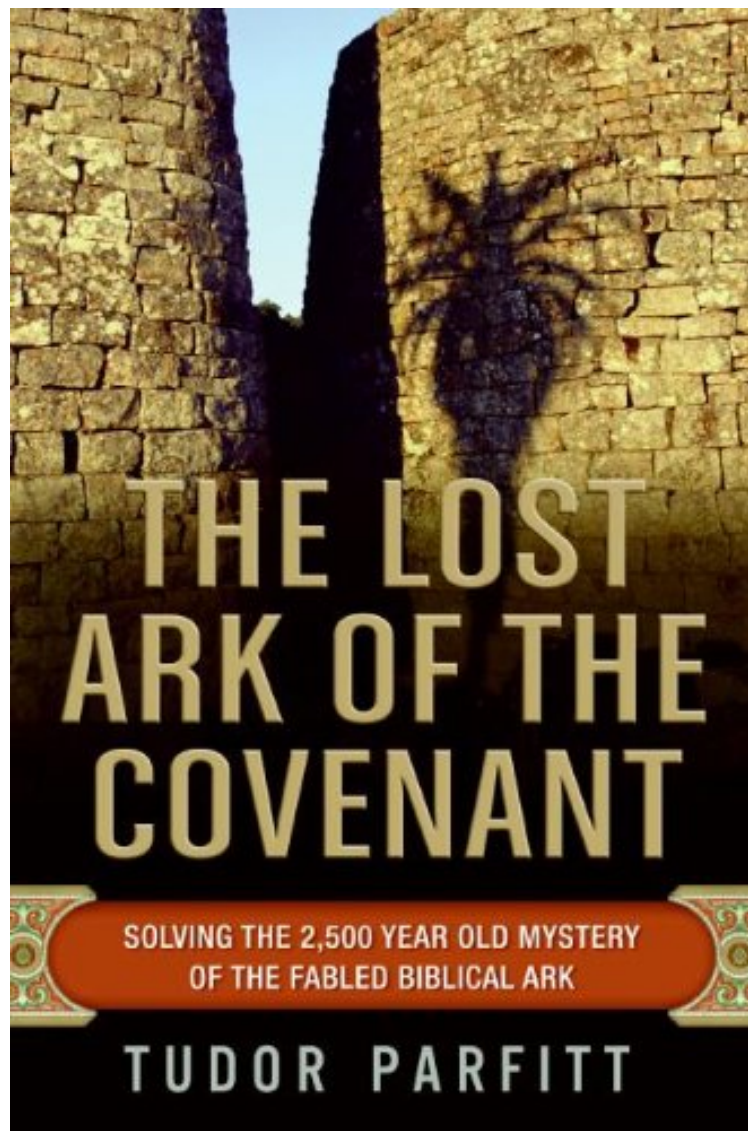


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Covenant was an interesting account of Tudor Parfitt's search for what he considers is the lost Ark of the Covenant. For the most part, Mr. Parfitt's account was written in an engaging and witty manner. His conclusions, though interesting, left a lot to be desired. The ending was a bit disappointing and unsatisfying. If you are looking for the resting place of the traditional Ark of the Covenant then you won't find it here. On the other hand, if you find the oral traditions surrounding the Ark worthy of further investigation then you will enjoy the author's decades of research into this intriguing subject. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. For a scholar, it was disappointing. I wanted ...By CustomerFor a scholar, it was disappointing. I wanted to know where the Ark went, not all the places the author drank whisky or the clever ways he could insult people. He brought up interesting facts, but didn't contact them well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy keep diggingA fascinating real life quest for the answer to an age old question.

The Lost Ark of the Covenant is the real-life account of an astounding quest professor Tudor Parfitt's effort to recover the revered artifact that contained the Ten Commandments, sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This holy object disappeared from the Temple when the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem in 586 BC and was lost apparently forever. According to the biblical account, the Ark was built at the command of God, in accord with Moses's prophetic vision on Mount Sinai. The Ark, believed to be the throne of God, was carried by the Israelite high priests in the wilderness during their harrowing search for a homeland. When the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, the Ark entered the domain of legend. The mysterious disappearance of arguably the most important religious artifact in history led to a plethora of theories about the location of the Ark. Its whereabouts unknown, adventurers risked their lives and fortunes for over two millennia in attempts to discover this sacred treasure. With painstaking historical scholarship, groundbreaking genetic science, and hair-raising fieldwork, Parfitt, who the Wall Street Journal calls "a British Indiana Jones," debunks the previous myths and reveals the shocking history of the Ark and its keepers. From Israel to Egypt, Ethiopia, and the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, the journey leads to places Parfitt could never have imagined. He encounters a cannibalistic tribe in Papua, New Guinea. He is ambushed and shot at in Africa. And he narrowly escapes being kidnapped by Islamist outlaws in the wilder reaches of Yemen. Throughout his search, he is aided by a motley crew of kabbalistic mystics, Muslim holy men, charlatans and crooks, tribal elders, and scheming politicians. The Lost Ark of the Covenant is a vivid and page-turning account of the culmination of two decades of research by an acclaimed scholar and adventurer. In the end, legend becomes reality as an unknown history comes to light, and with it our understanding of this lost treasure is changed forever.

From Booklist In 1993, Parfitt, a professor of Jewish studies in London, published *Journey to the Vanished City*, a fascinating look at the Lemba people of South Africa, who believed they were descended from Jews. In the intervening years, through use of DNA, the Lembas claim was proven correct. Here, Parfitt, a real-life Indiana Jones, details another quest, his attempt to solve the mystery of the Ark of the Covenant, a Jewish artifact said to have contained the Ten Commandments. Parfitt's narrative fits the Indiana Jones label; it's thoroughly cinematic in tone, with scenes of heartstopping action and featuring characters so quirky they feel more fictional than real. (With no notes, and the disclaimer that names and personal details have been changed, who can say for sure?) But the book also has strong scholarly underpinnings that explain the mystical nature of the Ark, its possible uses, and why and how it could still exist. The resolution of the mystery again evokes *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, but it could have real-world significance, and it just might lead to another fascinating adventure. --Ilene Cooper Its worthy of a Spielberg epic: an intrepid British dons 20-year mission to find the Lost Ark of the Covenant. (Daily Mail) Parfitt's passionately crafted new theory, like his first, could eventually be proven right (Time Magazine) Parfitt's scholarly, fascinating work explains and explodes a pervasive myth. (The Times) Deemed the British Indiana Jones by the Wall Street Journal, Parfitt is both scholar and adventurer. This real-life account [is] a gripping yarn. Recommended. (Library Journal) About the Author Tudor Parfitt's life's work has been tracking down the lost tribes of Israel in Africa and Asia. As professor of Jewish studies at London's prestigious School of Oriental and African Studies and Fellow of the Oxford Centre of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, he has written widely on the history of the Jews of Africa and Asia. In 2006, he was appointed Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Harvard University. He has traveled widely through remote areas of Africa and Asia and divides his time between London and the Templar region of the South Aveyron.