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You've probably heard of a few of the stories in this book. Noah's Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, David and Goliath, maybe. But there are more than 100 others that are unknown to pretty much everyone. Did you know, for example, that God: \*Forced friends and family to kill each other for dancing naked around Aaron's golden calf? \*Burned complainers to death, forced the survivors to eat quail until it literally came out their noses, sent "fiery serpents" to bite people for complaining about the lack of food and water, and killed 14,700 for complaining about his killings? \*Helped Samson murder thirty men for their clothes, slaughter 1000 with the jawbone of an ass, and kill 3000 civilians in a suicide terrorist attack? \*Smote Philistines with hemorrhoids in their secret parts? \*Slowly killed a baby to punish David for committing adultery? \*Killed 70,000 because David had a census that he (or Satan) told him to do? \*Sent a lion to kill a prophet for believing another prophet's lie, another lion to kill a man for not smiting a prophet, and more lions to kill people that didn't fear him enough? \*Killed 450 religious leaders in a prayer contest and burned 102 men to death for asking Elijah to come down from his hill? \*Sent two bears to rip apart 42 boys for making fun of Elisha's bald head? \*Killed Ahab for not killing a captured king, and then sent Jehu to kill all of Ahab's family and friends who had ever "pissed against a wall?" All of these killings, and more, are found in the Bible, and the God of the Bible is proud of each one. Here's what he said about them: "I kill ... I wound ... I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh." -- Deuteronomy 32:39-42 These stories fill the pages of the Bible, yet they are seldom read in church and are ignored by most Bible believers. Drunk with Blood brings them out into the open. It's time for us all to take a look.

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### **Joe says**

It was ok, Nothing special! pretty much proved how much of a rock of shit the old testament is.

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### **Sarah Asp says**

I would give this 3 and a half stars. Firstly it was extremely informative. As a former believer it surprised me how much extreme violence permeates the Bible. I was also surprised by how little I actually knew about a book I once claimed to follow. During the first half of the book I would routinely laugh out loud at the sheer absurdity of God's reasons for killing millions of people but eventually it became repetitive and I couldn't take one more mass slaughter because someone upset God's ego.

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### **Jordan Debben says**

If the "Horrible Histories" series ever did the bible this would be the end result. It's literally that.

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### **Mike Vieira says**

I do agree with the general premise of this book: to collect all of The God of the Bible's killings in one spot, so they are not diluted by reading the Bible over the course of a year or so.

The point is there are many, MANY killings to account for. Human sacrifice, war, murder, genocide, fratricide, and much more, either commanded or approved of by The God of the Bible.

Particularly in the days of the Old Testament, by also in the New Testament, The God of the Bible truly is very violent and drunk with blood.

This book removes doubt over that point. The source is the Bible itself. Many believers either never read the passages about God's killings, gloss over them or explain them away devotionally. My problem with the author, and why I deducted a star, is that his commentary can be needlessly crass. I wish he'd keep things more polite, as such a tone would possibly reach more readers. This is not a major flaw with the book, but something to bear in mind going in.

Reading this book, believers are left to decide whether they approve of the numerous killings or not. The killings are not only numerous, but often quite vicious. When human leaders kill on such a level they are resisted and toppled by freedom-loving peoples, not respected and revered.

I recommend this book to those who are willing to examine the Bible critically. For those who are only willing to approach the Bible with unflinching devotion I doubt this book will do much good.

When a Christian friend recently read this book and discussed it with me, though he admitted the killings were indeed numerous, vicious and beyond what he had thought to be recorded in Scripture, his final say on the matter was, "if God did it, it must be righteous."

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### **Graham Ash-porter says**

why anyone would want to be religious after reading this I do not know. do not call the bible holy either. a good eye opener.

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### **Jason says**

Steve Wells gives a good summary of the topic. His book lacks any deep insights or analysis, but he does his best to remain true to the text and explain the context of each passage. I recommend this book to anyone who either hasn't read the Bible or someone who sincerely believes in the Bible. The excerpts discussed in this book are great examples of Bible content that you won't hear about in Sunday school. As Isaac Asimov once said, "Properly read, the Bible is the most potent force for atheism ever conceived." This book will help you understand why this is a true statement.

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### **Arensb says**

The subtitle is a bit misleading: yes, this lists all the instances in the Bible when God kills someone. But the total includes not just the direct killings, but also God's assists, when he helps someone else kill someone, as well as the instances where he orders someone to kill someone, and the cases where God approves of someone's killing. If you were to count only the instances where God kills someone personally, you'd get a lower number.

However, I don't think this affects the total a whole lot, since one of the first things God does is to kill just about every man, woman, child, and animal on the planet.

In addition, the book is (or can be) only about half as long as it seems: Wells summarizes a section of the Bible, then quotes the relevant passage to show that he's not making stuff up. There's some editorializing as well, but perhaps less than one might think. Of course, there's plenty to annoy those who think the Bible should be held above reproach.

On the whole, Wells's approach is pretty direct: point out some of the more violent parts of the Bible and let it speak for itself. On the other side of the ideological fence, I found that Bible apologists prefer to have discussions about how we don't know God's plan and might perceive an act of kindness as cruelty, but are loath to discuss specific passages, like the various massacres in Kings and Chronicles.

If you're curious, the list of killings is summarized here. Or download the text from The Internet Archive.

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### **Christi says**

It's funny. I laughed out loud at times at how this author paints god... But that's about it.

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## Alex Burrett says

Everyone who believes in an Abrahamic religion should read this book. I would subdivide 'everyone' into two categories:

1. Those who have read and studied the entire Bible/Torah etc. I'll call these 'The Students'.
2. Those who know just bits of the Bible/Torah etc. I'll call these 'The Dabblers'.

Starting with 'The Students'. Nothing in 'Drunk with Blood' is new to them. They believe their god inspired, and actively took part in, the murders of hundreds of thousands/millions of Jews and Gentiles throughout the biblical time period. They know, for example, that 42 little children were torn about by two bears for teasing a prophet (Elisha) about his bald head.

Why should 'The Students' read this book when they're already aware of the genocidal nature of their god? Because 'Drunk with Blood' puts their god's atrocities under a new spotlight. If they still love their god after consuming a fresh catalogue of his vicious murders and enslavements – then they are welcome to him.

'The Dabblers' are the much larger group. You could legitimately call them a global throng or multitude. I was a 'Dabbler' in my younger years. I was preached a highly edited version of 'The Bible' and its characters during my school years. I was told that Samson was very strong – and that he used god's power to punish some wicked people.

I wasn't told Samson was wicked. And most probably unhinged.

I wasn't told that Samson caught 300 foxes; tied them into pairs by the tail; tied firebrands to each vulpine brace; then released his pyromaniac fox-pairs into the crop fields of an enemy to get revenge. The preachers either didn't know that detail (were 'Dabblers') or kept it from their congregations because it makes Samson sound like a psychopath. (If I knew anyone who caught 300 foxes then set them on fire and released them into crop fields – I'd inform the police. And they'd be arrested pretty quickly.)

There's lots more detail about the murderous and cruel behavior of god and his cronies in 'Drunk with Blood'. If you're a 'Dabbler' and you don't know this stuff – buy this book. If you still love your god after reading it...

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## Michael Abhainn says

More than a little racist at points, and heavy with cocky atheist cynicism, it's far from a perfect book. It remains, however, a thought-provoking read, being the only exhaustive chronicle of Biblical violence out there, listing quite literally the millions of people murdered in the Bible at God's behest. As such, it puts some serious and troubling questions to the faithful. It's a subject that deserves further, and moreover, more serious analysis. Nevertheless, if you enjoy reading Sam Harris or Richard Dawkins, the project undertaken by Wells here makes it well worth your time to read.

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### **Tony Heyl says**

It's a listing of all the times God kills a bunch of people in the Bible. And God loves murderin' folks. Whether it's one person, a guy and his family, or whole civilizations. Just thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of people getting killed, often with little explanation. The book is as advertised - a write up on each killing, done by God or condoned by God. It isn't great, but it doesn't try to be and it's an easy read and sometimes funny because of how comical some of it all is, like God striking people with hemorrhoids.

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### **Signor Mambrino says**

Pretty good book. Not many surprises if you've already read the Bible, but still entertaining. I wrote a longer review on my site if you're interested.

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### **Michael Hicks says**

Hopefully this gets adapted as the next big-screen Biblical Hollywood epic if Noah does well enough. While it would make for a terrific animated feature, I fear it might run into trouble with the MPAA, particularly the parts where God forces parents to cannibalize their children (when he's not forcing them to just flat out kill them, rather than kill them and then eat them, too), or the instances in which he cajoles a band of terrorists into raiding towns for some good old fashion slaughter and forcing holy circumcisions on infidel children. Now that we know how many God has killed, my next question is what is the final number of clothes rent and people falling on their faces?

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### **Gabriel says**

#### **The funniest dark book ever**

We all tend to think that we've read the bible, but when u start seeing the details the way this book present them, you will get a new perspective. Highly recommended for good laughter every day!

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### **Lillian says**

I've heard good things about this book, and though it's not as popular as SAB (the Skeptic's Annotated Bible) by the same author, I've seen people who prefer this. I tend to enjoy fictitious books about demons, murder, and beings who are written off as good or evil yet are - by behavior - the opposite. This book is clearly about a "person" a lot of people think represent objective morality being a blood-crazed... whatever you would call him. Perfect!

