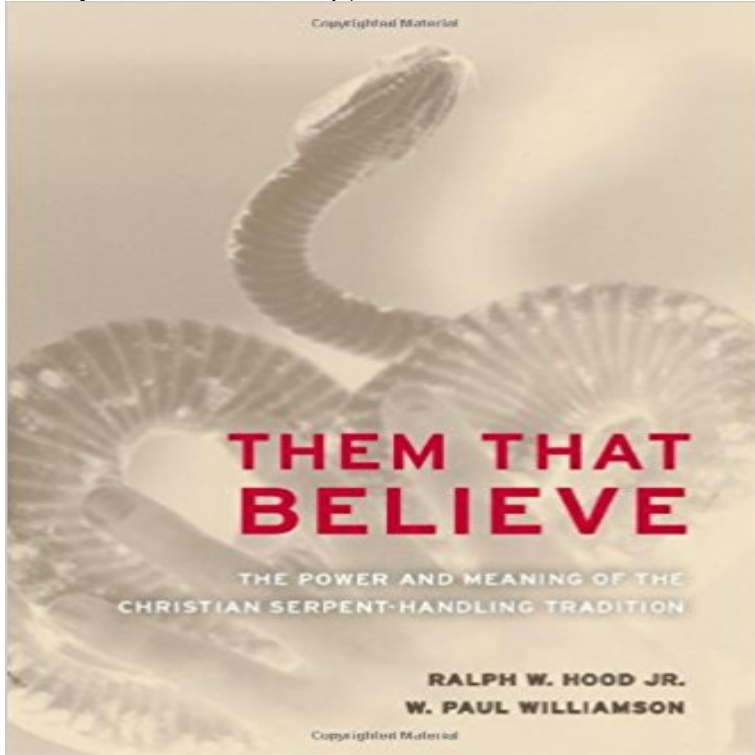


Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Serpent-Handling Tradition



Although outlawed in many states, serpent handling remains an active religious practice—and one that is far more stereotyped than understood. Ralph W. Hood, Jr. and W. Paul Williamson have spent fifteen years touring serpent-handling churches in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and West Virginia, conducting scores of interviews with serpent handlers, and witnessing hundreds of serpent-handling services. In this illuminating book they present the most in-depth, comprehensive study of serpent handling to date. Them That Believe not only explores facets of this religious practice—including handling, preaching, and the near-death experiences of individuals who were bitten but survived—but also provides a rich analysis of this phenomenon from historical, social, religious, and psychological perspectives.

image Welcome to TheBalladeers [img IRELAND](#) [img SCOTLAND](#) [img ENGLAND](#) [img WALES](#) [img NORTH AMERICA](#) [img OTHER COUNTRIES](#) [img ANTHOLOGIES](#) [img THE CLANCY BROTHERS & TOMMY MAKEM](#) [img THE DUBLINERS](#) [welcome top of page](#) [€](#) [home](#) [€](#) [site map](#) [€](#) [updates](#) © Nick Guida 20012015

Burton on Hood and Williamson, Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Serpent-Handling Tradition, By Ralph W. Hood, Jr., and W. Paul Williamson
 Ralph W. Hood Jr. and W. Paul Williamson, Them That Believe: The :
 Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Serpent-Handling Tradition (9780520255876): Ralph Hood, W. Paul Williamson:
 Them That Believe has 11 ratings and 2 reviews. Although outlawed in many states, serpent handling remains an active religious practice-and one that is f Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Them that Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Serpent-Handling Tradition. By Ralph W. Hood, Jr., and Paul Williamson. Berkeley: University of
 Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Although outlawed in many states, serpent handling remains an active religious practice-and one that is far more stereotyped than understood. Ralph W. Hood
 Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Them That Believe: The Power and Meaning of the Christian Serpent-Handling. Tradition. By Ralph w. hood Jr. and w. Paul williamson. Berkeley: Uni- versity of
 The Power and Meaning of the Christian

