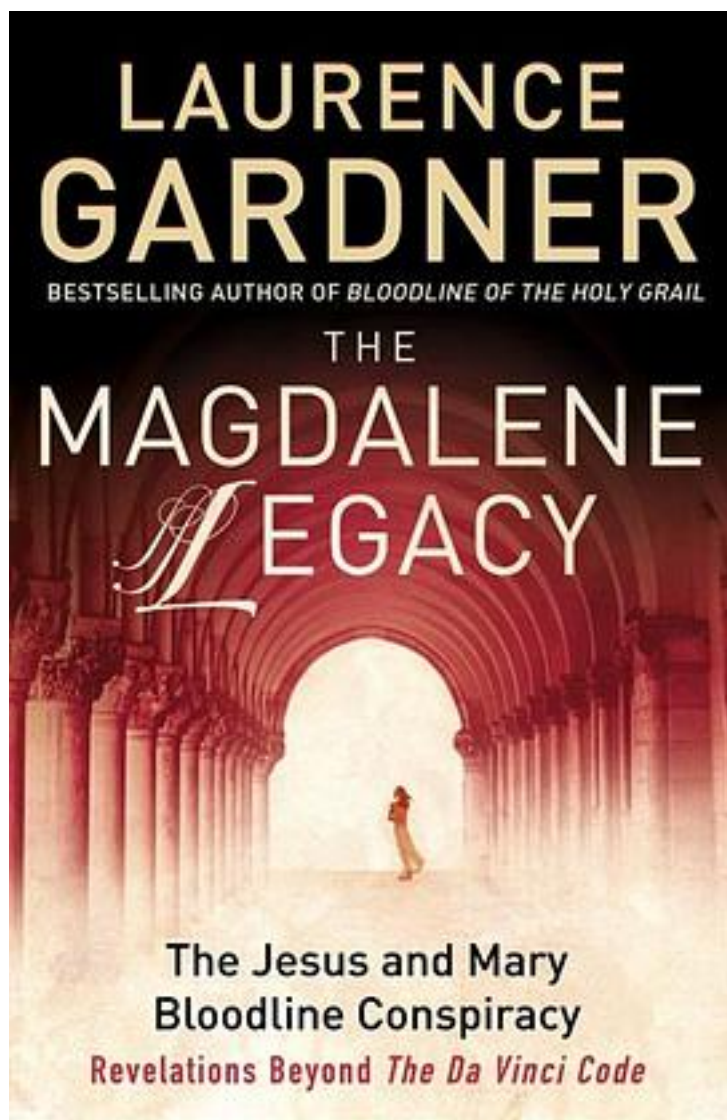


The Magdalene Legacy



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Mary Magdalene - Repentant prostitute? Or a woman whose true identity could rock the foundations of Christianity.

Laurence Gardner's historical detective work on the suppressed archives of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and their hidden lineage first appeared in his worldwide bestseller, *Bloodline of the Holy Grail*. Since then, these controversial themes have been taken up in the world of fiction with the bestselling novel *The Da Vinci Code*, triggering a new and heated debate about the mysterious life of the Magdalene.

In *The Magdalene Legacy*, Gardner moves these themes on to extraordinary new levels, revealing the implications for the history of the whole of Western civilization. —This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Book Description

Laurence Gardner's impeccable research takes us on an exciting detective trail to piece together the true, controversial significance of the Magdalene.

Mary Magdalene is described in the New Testament as Jesus' close companion and a woman that he loved. And yet, the Church teaches that she was a prostitute who, at some stage, became repentant. Why the discrepancy between scripture and dogma?

Why does Mary appeal so romantically to artists, who have painted her throughout the centuries as something much more significant than the Church traditionally portrays?

What is the secret of Mary Magdalene and how much do we really know about her relationship with Jesus? Were they married? Did they have children, and if so, who makes up the messianic lineage?

The book includes exclusive insights into:

- the Da Vinci connection: The real meaning behind Leonardo da Vinci's paintings and why the Renaissance Church censored portrayals of the Magdalene
- the sacred marriage of Jesus and Mary
- the truth about the enigmatic Templar society called The Priory of Sion and the underground stream that protected the sacred heritage of the messianic descendants
- the truth behind the Knights Templar – who they were and what their role was
- the hidden gospel of the Magdalene, excluded from the New Testament canon
- Mary Magdalene – goddess or prostitute? Her life and exile in France
- the forbidden tomb: the secret resting place of Mary Magdalene.

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