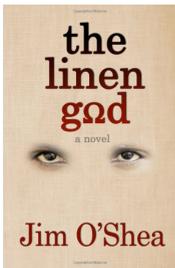


RECENT PUBLICATIONS (1) FICTION

Rather to my surprise, the Shroud of Turin has inspired a remarkable number of fictional treatments, some 150 in the last twenty years or so according to Amazon, and around ten even since the last newsletter. I haven't read any of them, but perhaps they deserve at least a mention. From July onwards, then, in order of publication:



The Linen God, James O'Shea

Written World Communications

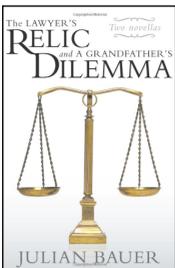
"Grace Barden is not only Manny's best friend, but she's also secretly in love with the physics student and soon-to-be Catholic priest. Across the globe, three grisly murders and the theft of a secret manuscript thrust Grace and Manny into a generations-old conspiracy of biblical proportions."



The Window Curtain, Mark D Pendergrass

DreamWordz

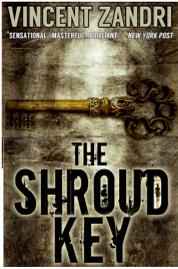
"A young mother is weaving a curtain to shield her newborn baby from the heat of the sun, when the child develops a life-threatening fever. Desperate to save her child, she sends her husband out to search for help. What starts out as a simple window curtain, turns out to be something profoundly unexpected."



The Lawyer's Relic & A Grandfather's Dilemma, Julian Bauer

WestBowPress

"How would an agnostic lawyer react if he found a bloody napkin wrapped as a Christmas gift, with a card attached describing it as the burial face cloth of Jesus Christ? Would his legal skills be a factor in his search for an answer to what it all means?"



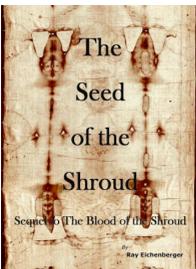
The Shroud Key (A Chase Baker Thriller), Vincent Zandri
Bear Media

“At the direct request of the Florence police, Chase Baker finds himself on the trail Dr Andre Manion an archaeologist who’s gone missing. Having worked for him before, Chase smells a renewed opportunity to uncover the most prized archaeological treasure in the world: The mortal remains of Jesus.”



The Shroud, David W Moore III
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

“We have the technology to clone human beings. But do we have the right? We have the ability to play God. But what if we could clone God? We can... And already did.”



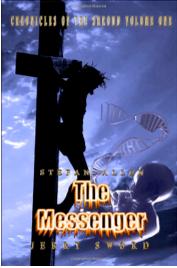
The Seed of the Shroud, Ray Eichenberger
Publisher: Ray Eichenberger

“Book 2 of the Shroud Saga and the sequel to *The Blood of the Shroud*. The child created from the Shroud of Turin, Jesse Rothfuss, becomes a world famous Christian evangelist.”



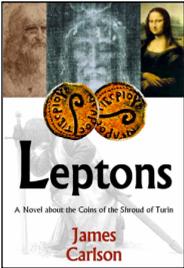
High School Heroes: 3 - Hero Heist, James Mascia
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

“Christine finds herself playing double-agent for the MHDA as she is forced to go along with Quinn’s plans and make herself an international criminal. How will she stop Quinn and the MHDA from obtaining the Shroud and possibly destroying human life as we know it?”



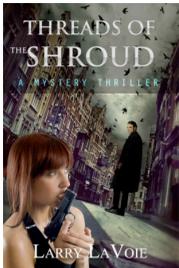
Chronicles of the Shroud: 1 - The Messenger, Stefan Allen
Full Moon Publishing

“While millions throughout the world have revered the Shroud of Turin as the authentic piece of linen that wrapped the body of Christ, one man stumbles upon an undeniable truth that will ultimately end in the final epic battle between good and evil.”



Leptons, James Carlson
Amazon Media

“In 1978 three NASA scientists were astonished to discover that, following an ancient custom, coins had been placed over the eyelids of the body in the Shroud. The story of these sacred coins as they passed from one hand to another through two millennia is the focus of this novel. Miracles followed them everywhere.”



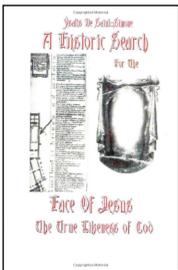
Threads of the Shroud, Larry LaVoie
Amazon Media

“The Shroud of Turin is tangled up in a modern day murder. The clues lead to a town in France and an ancient organization dating back to the Knights Templar and the Assassin who does its bidding. We are sent on a journey of intrigue involving the Shroud, the Poor Clare Nuns of Chambery and the Crucifix de Chapelle Chambery.”

So there you have it. At a time when it sometimes appears that the general public profile of the Shroud is rather poor, it is nevertheless maintaining some sort of recognition (not least among the young, to whom at least two of these titles appear to be targeted), and if these fictitious treatments lead to further inquiry on the part of their readers, so much the better.

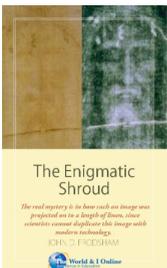
RECENT PUBLICATIONS (2) NON-FICTION

There are several new books referring to the Shroud, but these are the only few in which it plays a prominent part. Ysatis de Saint Simone is a hypnotherapist and apocalyptic visionary with several books to her name, John Frodsham is a specialist in Chinese poetry, and David Pietras an author of several books on famous crimes and mysteries.



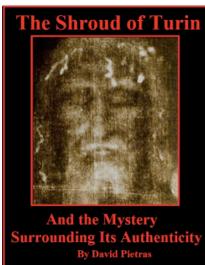
A Historic Search for the Face of Jesus, Ysatis de Saint-Simone
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

“...the real images of Jesus found in different sources: a mural of early Christendom, the imprints of His image on the Vero-Ikon and on the Holy Shroud of Turin, and of a real photo of Jesus taken by Sor Anna Ali in one of His apparitions to her. If you really want know what Jesus looked like...”



The Enigmatic Shroud, John D Frodsham
The World & I Online

“Controversy has raged for centuries over the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin. The dispute has naively centered around two questions: Was it, in fact, the Shroud in which Jesus Christ was buried? Or merely a forgery? It was not until the last century that scientific tests could be applied to the reputed relic.”

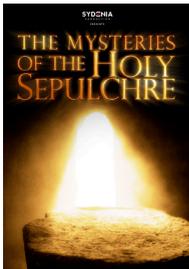


The Shroud of Turin and the Mystery Surrounding its Authenticity, David Pietras
Amazon Media

“Is it really the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a medieval forgery, perpetrated by some clever artist? The controversy still rages.”

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (3) FILMS

Documentaries are made fairly frequently, and the one below is the most recent. It is due to be aired on the History Channel before the end of the year, and will no doubt turn up on YouTube before long. More unusual are the two feature films, the first starring Oscar winning actor Christopher Walken. Neither of them are available in 'European' format.



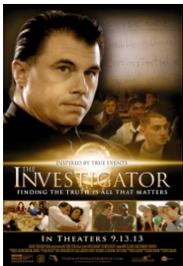
The Mysteries of the Holy Sepulchre, Sydonia Entertainment

“Could the Resurrection have been an historical fact, leaving physical traces? One trace exists, that even the most sceptical regard with interest and respect: the Holy Shroud of Turin. But it is not the only one: more cloths could have reached us straight from that tragic day of two thousand years ago, such as the Sudarium of Oviedo.”



The Power of Few, Vivendi Entertainment (Blue-Ray)

“Spies, cops, holy fools and well-armed children cross paths on a day of danger, mystery and possible transformation. 'The Power of Few' unfolds on one New Orleans afternoon, experienced through the lives of five characters who are unknowingly connected to a smuggling operation as religious conspiracy collides with urban crime.”



The Investigator, Gabriel's Messenger Films

“A veteran police detective becomes a criminal justice teacher and baseball coach at a local high school, leading him to the most important investigation of his life. Inspired by true events.”