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THE HISTORY BOOKS

ITEMS NEEDED:

A yearbook

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Phil - A door to door salesman

Mary - An unsuspecting customer

Phil enters, flipping through a high school yearbook. Mary enters.

MARY: Hey, what are you doing?

PHIL: Forgive me, madam, I was just looking through your old high school yearbook.

MARY: Give me that! No one's supposed to see that.

PHIL: I always enjoy looking at people's past history. It's such a wonderful thing. But this hairstyle, madam? It's a little on the poofy side if you ask me.

MARY: We don't need to talk about my history.

PHIL: Quite right, madam. We need to talk about Bible history. For that is the next group of books I want to tell you about.

MARY: Really?

PHIL: Madam, aren't you a bit curious what happened after the Israelites reached the Promised Land?

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MARY: I really—

PHIL: You really are, aren't you? Well I'll tell you. Beginning in the book of Joshua, we see what happens when the Israelites enter the Promised Land. They have some great victories, like when the walls of Jericho crumble. But they also suffer some very bad times now and again. And do you know why?

MARY: Sir, please!

PHIL: I know. It's a simple question with a simple answer. When the people disobeyed God, they suffered the consequences every time!

MARY: Can you give me—

PHIL: The run down of the history books? Of course I can, madam. There's Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. I could go into great detail about the heroes of the faith who led Israel back to God and the dastardly villains who led them astray, but I think I can sum it up in just two stories.

MARY: Doubt it.

PHIL: If we rebel as King Saul did, we will fail. But if we trust like David did, God will give us victory. Pretty concise, just like this note Dale Cooper wrote on page 161. "Mary, To a neat girl I met in Biology. Have a great summer."

MARY: Give me that!

PHIL: Okay, madam, I'll give you that list one more time. Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther!

MARY: I mean the yearbook.

PHIL: Okay, here you go. And by the way, I think it's really cool you used to play the oboe.