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Episode 1: Welcome to Kilpo! Watch Now: Who is Jesus and what Did Religions Have?

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Kilpo
Welcome to Episode 1 of 101, A Kilpo's Introduction to Religion podcast.

Megan
Hey guys.

Kilpo
Hi Kelly, I'm Sister Phenomenon. Who's Sister Phenomenon? Who's your bewitching? Are I your Kilpo? Kilpo. Kilpo, Kilpo, Kilpo. Kilpo. Kilpo. It's the last day of school. Yay. Yay. Yay. Yay.

Megan
Yay. Yay. Yay.

Megan
Don't pack up your stuff yet, nerds: You've got homework.

Simpsons
Home work. What homework?

Megan
We know, we know, SUUUUMMMMMEEEEER. But since we won't be back for a few weeks here, some fun stuff to keep you occupied! Don't forget that all this and more will be in the show notes.

Megan
For today's homework, nerds, there's a lot of great summer-ish readings with religion at the core. Here's our go at a list of stuff that you can think about while we're on break. Ilyse, what do you have?

Ilyse
I've got G. Willow Wilson, who has a ton of fiction that I revisit. So first and foremost, _Ms Marvel_ for you comic book readers is a delight. _Alif The Unseen_ is, in my mind, a classic and a really fun read.

Megan
So good.

Ilyse
The Bird King, which is Wilson's most recent book, is so incredibly delightful. Beyond Wilson's work, for fiction often set in South Asia and with religion as a theme or an undertone, I am straight up in awe of Amitav Ghosh. Sidebar: We literally use the same or similar archives, like I have clocked the stuff in his bibliography that I have used. And while he writes these magnificent, built-out worlds where colonialism and imperialism and the horrors of them are just so tangible and real and the characters are so deep and magnificent, I write boring academic books with terrible titles, so I am, like, envious and in awe of this man. But specifically, the Ibis Trilogy is something I love. It's not light summer reading, because I do not read light things, but it is a really lovely, built out colonialism-imperialism-race read with extremely compelling characters.

Ilyse
But since it was my own assignment that we talked about, summer-ish reads, I should try to do my own homework, which--so when I when I read things that are light, I tend--I went back through my library card records and it seems like I read a lot of queer Muslim Y A? Because I guess that's the future I want! First, I've got Sabina Khan's _The Love and lies of Rukhsana Ali_; then I've got, _Like a Love Story_ by Abdi Nazemian; and finally the really well received _Darius the Great is Not Okay_ by Khorram. (And I know that there's a sequel coming out, I think it's coming out soon, but you want to get in on that book. It's--it's lovely,)

Megan
I'm putting all of these on my to read list I'm excited about it.

Ilyse
Alright, Megan, share your summer reads!

Megan
Shall! So this is maybe cheating because it's only tangentially about religion. But for my birthday last year, I picked up a copy of Nadia Tolokonnikova's _Read and Riot_, which is Pussy Riot's guide to activism, and it fundamentally rewired my brain. It's smart and it's funny. And it had some really practical advice on how to stay engaged when the whole world is on fire, as it is currently, religion-wise. It also has a firsthand account of Pussy Riot's punk prayer protest against the Russian Orthodox Church, and the church is complicit with Putin. So it pairs really nicely with the _Punk Prayer_ documentary, which is quite good. But, um, does have a brief NC 17 bit in the middle in case you were thinking of, I don't know, blind-assigning it in an intro class about religion and gender or something. No, I mentioned that for no reason...

Megan
Anyway, possibly cheating again, but whatever, it's our podcast! So one of my favorite things that I read last summer was _Jane Steel_ by Lyndsey Faye. It's a misandrist lesbian murder mystery retelling of Jane Eyre. Lemme just say that again, like misandry, lesbianism, murder mystery, Jane Eyre. Get into it. But, I like, I love this book with my entire being. I finished the novel and immediately started reading it again, but it also has a Sikhi or Sikhism subplot, so technically, counts as homework, kind of. So I read it. I love it. I made Ilyse and our, uh, other work wife Kathleen Foody read it. And I just... It's so funny and smart and yeah, j--just get into it. The end.

Ilyse
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Ilyse
So till summer session, peace out nerds!

Megan
Do your homework! It's on the syllabus.

Troy and Abed (any time of day)
Doing anything fun for the summer? No plans. Cool. Cool cool cool.