"Apocrypha" means "hidden," or "secret."

The Apocrypha is a group of books which appeared during the 400 year interim period between the Old and New Testaments.

Jews of the Dispersion in Egypt included the books in the Greek translation of the Old Testament, called the Septuagint.

Jews of Palestine rejected them from the Hebrew canon.

At the Council of Trent in 1546 A.D., the Roman Catholic Church declared 11 of the 15 books to be included in the Catholic Bible.

Jesus never quoted from these books.

Most of the early "church fathers" regarded them as uninspired.