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The Fragrance of Faith

Today, Islam is the most controversial religion in the world. The mere mention of it conjures up images of oppressed women, backward cultures, and of course, the tragedy of terrorism. And yet, Islam is the source of Sufism and the spiritual fountain of Love, from which Rumi and Hafiz drank. Inside the Soul of Islam allows people of all faiths to be blessed with a unique view into the universal spiritual teachings of Islam. By gifting the reader with a deep understanding of the Inside-Out Paradigm they are able to effortlessly embody the excellent qualities that the Quran and Prophetic Sayings - and indeed all spiritual teachings - encourage us towards. For the first time, readers will receive beautifully distilled Quran-based wisdom and the spiritual 'Inside-Out' understanding that allows these teachings to become a lived reality, in much the same way as it was for the saints and spiritual masters of the past. Each short chapter focuses on a universal spiritual teaching from the Quran and the Islamic tradition, followed by an exploration of how the Inside-Out Paradigm allows us to effortlessly embody that teaching in everyday life. This powerful book gives readers a glimpse into the spiritual depth of Islam, beyond the headlines.

Tales of the Dervishes

The essence of Islam is conveyed to spiritual students in this practical and heartwarming introduction to the

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religion and its practices. Each chapter features a series of thought-provoking questions and suggestions concerning Islamic spirituality along with a list of actions that will guide new believers in the simple spirituality of the faith while spreading compassion worldwide. (World Religions)

Together We Are One

At long last, an accessible little book that focuses on the teachings of Rumi's teacher and inspiration, Shams of Tabriz. Included in this slim, charming volume is a biographical sketch of the great Sufi teacher and mystic and a new translation of 500 of his core teachings that bring into fresh focus the meaning and mysteries of life and love. There are many books on Rumi and many translations of his works and yet most readers are unaware of how Rumi became a mystic. Shams, an Arabic word that means the sun, was the catalyst that converted the rather resolute and ascetic Rumi, the cleric and teacher, into Rumi, the passionate disciple of the religion of love. He was the agent of the propulsive mystical energy that transformed Rumi the reticent into Rumi the ecstatic poet. Rumi lovers, spiritual seekers, and devotees of the mystical path will meet this little book of wisdom and mystical secrets with enthusiasm. I shall not place you in my heart For you may get hurt by its wounds. I won't keep you in my eyes For I may belittle you and expose you to the ridicule of common men. I will hide you inside my soul, not in my heart or in my eyes, so that you may become one with my breath.

Islamic ethics.

Islam and the Foundations of Political Power

Develop your capacity for greater presence in daily life and relationships. These inspirational stories, insights and spiritual practices from many faith traditions will unveil the deep, natural holiness waiting to be unlocked in everyday encounters.

The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran

The first English translation of the rubais of Rumi • Presents 233 of the most evocative of Rumi's 1,700 rubais • Shows that the mystical embrace is the way to directly experience the Divine Rumi is well known for the over 44,000 verses that appear in a 23-volume collection called the Divan-i Kebir. Yet Rumi also composed 1,700 rubais, short aphorisms and observations, whose depth and message belie their brevity. The form of rubais first became well known through the 11th-century collection The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. But unlike Khayyam, who like most poets would sit and carefully craft each word, Rumi would compose and speak his poems through the spontaneous "language of poetry" that poured from his lips as he traveled the streets of Konya, Anatolia (present-day Turkey). Very few of Rumi's rubais have been translated into any of the languages of the

contemporary Western world. Now, Nevit O. Ergin, the translator of the complete Divan-i Kebir, and Will Johnson present here 233 of the most evocative of Rumi's 1,700 rubais. Rumi's poetry expresses profound and complex truths in beautiful yet simple language. He reveals that by going deep into the interior of our heart and soul, we can arrive at a place in which we once again merge and connect with the divine. This mystical quest, Rumi contends, is the birthright of us all. Anything less than a complete dissolving into the world of divine union will not provide the satisfaction and peace that we all seek. The simple, yet profound spiritual truths and visions contained in The Rubais of Rumi lead the way to the path of reconnection to the direct energies of God.

The Rubais of Rumi

The stories in this book are drawn from the dozens that Douglas-Klotz has enjoyed telling in his seminars over the past 20 years. Most of them appear in works of the classical Sufis, such as Rumi, Attar, or S'adi. To preserve some of the in-person feeling and bring the language up to date, he has given them his own improvised turns. "If you want to hear a good story but prefer to read it instead, then read Douglas-Klotz! He writes as if he's sitting in your living room, invited over for afternoon tea to entertain you with some heart-pleasing, often humorous, yet soul-searching Sufi stories. His modernization of these old texts is gentle and mindful, yet unapologetic." —Maryam Mafi from the Foreword

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The Sacred Path to Islam: A Guide to Seeking Allah (God) & Building a Relationship

Spiritual Gems of Islam

Spiritual guidance from the Quran is uniquely presented in this new book for Christian spiritual directors, plus Western seekers, and students. A featured work of Spiritual Directors International, it provides an introduction to the holy book of Islam as

Religion Gone Astray

Interfaith as a Faith—A Way to Move Past Preaching about Love and Compassion to Actually Practicing Them “A commitment to Interfaith is no small commitment. Nor is it an easy commitment. But I do believe it can be a rewarding and healing one. Interfaith widens our world. And, if we let it, Interfaith frees us from the imprisoning shackles of one of the most debilitating of all human emotions—fear of the ‘other.’” —from Chapter 6 The interfaith movement is taking root. More and more of us are exploring it. At the same time interfaith finds itself at a crossroads. Where do we go now? Rev. Steven Greenebaum not only suggests the faith of Interfaith as a positive way forward but also offers a practical, down-to-earth approach to a more spiritually fulfilling life. In this accessible how-to guide, Greenebaum addresses: What it means to practice Interfaith as a faith and why you might want to embrace it. Why you can

choose Interfaith as a faith and still keep your own spiritual tradition. How to establish the necessary foundations to start an Interfaith spiritual community. How to choose the right minister for your Interfaith community. What you can expect as your community forms and grows. And much, much more. Along with offering resources such as Interfaith liturgy and guides to Interfaith church governance, he includes the voices of members of the Living Interfaith Church, the community he founded, to share their whys and hows of participating in an Interfaith church.

Prayer of the Heart in Christian and Sufi Mysticism

Sufism, the mystical aspect of Islam, has had a lasting effect on the literature of that religion. Its teachings aim at perfecting the human mind. This is an anthology of Sufi writings which form an introduction to this body of thought.

Secrets of Divine Love

Inspiration and encouragement from across faith traditions for all who seek hope and wholeness through letting go. "The burden of a grudge, resentment or bitterness is not fully understood until the act of forgiving another lifts it and the freedom of grace given is experienced. How weighed down we are with being unforgiving! When you truly forgive from the heart ... you know it by the liberation of your own soul." —Rev. Timothy J. Mooney, in "A Choice and

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a Gift” Old wounds can bind up your heart and keep you from fully loving—and fully living—in the present. Your pain may come from devastating trauma or unconscious resentment from accumulated everyday grievances. No matter the depth of the hurt, true healing comes from the courage to face the past and begin the process of letting go. These offerings of warmth and wisdom from many different faiths, backgrounds and perspectives will encourage you to begin your own journey toward the wholeness and freedom that comes from true forgiveness.

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"Neither as Christians or Jews, nor simply as intellectually responsible individuals," says Hixon, "have members of Western civilization been sensitively educated or even accurately informed about Islam." As tensions between America and the Middle East grow, we should promote cross-cultural understanding, not violence. This new edition, with a new foreword and commentary by Neil Douglas-Klotz, allows the reader to drink from the illuminating fountain of the Holy Qur'an—the foundation of Islamic culture. First published in 1988, Hixon's poetic meditations on over nine-hundred passages from the Qur'an show that they are not relics from the past but exist in a timeless present, communicating as vividly as when they were first uttered. Through clear and accessible language, Hixon illustrates how the teachings of Islam can be applied to contemporary everyday life issues such as love, relationships, justice, work, and self-knowledge. In addition to the selections themselves, the book contains readable, lively introductions to the tradition of Islam, its basic precepts, and what it says about other religions. As the first such work in English to be written by a Muslim, *The Heart of the Qur'an* continues to show that Islam is among the great wisdom traditions of humanity.

The Little Book of Sufi Parables

A collaborating pastor, rabbi and Imam share their stories, challenges, and the inner spiritual work

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necessary to go beyond tolerance to a vital, inclusive spirituality. Includes practical advice to help you embody their revolutionary spirit of healing.

Dreaming—The Sacred Art

A fresh look at Muhammad Asad's classic English translation and explanation of the Qur'an is offered in this redesigned and updated edition of his work. A new typeset and index is complimented with a prologue by the distinguished British Muslim Gai Eaton and original artwork by internationally renowned artist and scholar Dr. Ahmed Moustafa. Asad's translation is widely considered to be the foremost in conveying the meaning and sensibility of the original Arabic text, making this edition a must-have for English readers with a budding interest in Islamic studies and veteran scholars alike.

Inside the Soul of Islam

Never before have Americans paid so much attention to Islam and Muslim ideology. Although efforts have been made to separate mainstream views from extremist principles, Muslims feel that many of their basic beliefs are under attack in the ongoing war of ideas. The author explores why, surveying a broad swath of accusations and efforts to change Muslim and Islamist ideas and institutions.

Practical Interfaith

Prayer of the Heart in Christian & Sufi Mysticism

guides the reader through the stages of mystical prayer. Mystical prayer is a way to create a living relationship with the Divine within the heart. Drawing on Christian and Sufi sources such as St. Teresa of Avila, Attar, St. John of the Cross, and Rumi, as well as from his own experience, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee describes how prayer is first born of need, but then takes one deep within the heart, into the stages of Union and Ecstasy. Through mystical prayer, one is drawn beyond any words into the interior silence of real communion with God. Here, in the silence within the heart, a meeting and merging takes place that carries us beyond our self into the mystery of divine presence, into the secret nature of love's oneness. Prayer of the Heart in Christian and Sufi Mysticism explores the inner listening of the heart, and the secret of 'pray without ceasing' in which we discover how prayer becomes alive within the heart. Finally there is a chapter on the need at this time to pray for the Earth. How can we pray for the well-being of the Earth? How can we include the Earth in our prayers and our heart? This little book is an offering of the heart that brings together the Christian and Sufi mystical traditions in the oneness of love to which they belong. It will benefit any practitioner of prayer, anyone who is drawn to discover a relationship with God within their heart.

Islam, Religions, and Pluralism in Europe

Offers a new way of thinking about Rumi's poetry, focusing on Rumi's place within the Sufi tradition of Islam and providing readers with an image of the

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mystical side of the religion-one that has love of God
at its core and sublime wisdom teachings as its
pathways.

Out of Darkness Into Light

The book deals with the role of Jerusalem as a central religious-political symbol, and with the processes by which symbols of faith and sanctity are being employed in a political struggle. It examines the current Islamic ethos towards Jerusalem and the affinity between this religious ethos and the political aspirations of the Palestinians and other Arab and Islamic groups. It also compares current Jewish and Muslim narratives and processes of denial and delegitimizing the affiliation of the other to the holy city and its sacred shrines and addresses the question whether religious outlook forms a major barrier for achieving peace in the Israeli-Arab arena.

Finding Peace Through Spiritual Practice

Religious and ethnic diversity have become crucial and pressing concerns in Europe: in particular, the presence of Muslims, their integration, citizenship, and how to deal with the influx of refugees. Can we draw on the resources of religions and their leaders for models of peaceful coexistence or do religious identities constitute obstacles to cooperation and unity? This volume treats "Islam, Religions, and Pluralism in Europe" based on a 2014 conference in Montenegro. Experts analyze Islam and Muslim issues as well as Christian perspectives and state social

policies. Case studies drawn from Western and Eastern Europe including the Balkans, constructively review and interrogate diverse theological, philosophical, pedagogical, legal, and political models and strategies that deal with pluralism.

The Heart of the Qur'an

Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman, who have become known as the Interfaith Amigos, look at the specific issues we face in a pluralistic society and the spiritual practices that can help us transcend those roadblocks to effective collaboration on the critical issues of our time.

Precision in the Global War on Terror

A mysterious chest is buried unopened. A wondrous caravan brings fortune to a simple cobbler. An outcast princess creates a new life in the wilderness. Some of the 78 tales in this remarkable book first appeared in print over a thousand years ago; others are medieval classics. Yet each has a special relevance for us at the dawn of the 21st century. All are told with Idries Shah's distinctive wit and grace and the author's own commentary notes. These are teaching stories in the Sufi tradition. Those who probe beyond the surface will find multiple meanings to challenge assumptions and foster new ways of thinking and perceiving. Tales of the Dervishes is essential reading for anyone interested in Sufi thought, the significance and history of tales, or simply superb entertainment.

The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran exposes how the Koran incites hatred and violence and is anti-democratic, anti-freedom, and intolerant of any other ideology. Stripping out the obsolete debate, The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran focuses on the decrees toward Jews and Christians, how they were viewed by Muhammad, what "the infidels" have done wrong and what the Koran has in store for them. The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran is the essential primer to comprehending one of the most cryptic and misunderstood religious texts. Robert Spencer sheds light on the violence inherent in the Koran and reveals the frightening implications for the War on Terror, the U.S. and the world. In The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran you will learn: The true meaning of celebrated and seemingly benign verses, such as "Strive in the way of Allah" and "Persecution is worse than slaughter" How the Koran sanctions domestic abuse, honor killing, and murder How the Koran not only discourages Infidels from reading it, but mandates that they don't even touch it Why Obama, Clinton, and others are dangerously close to supporting a multiculturalism based on an ideology that aims to destroy the principles America holds dear

The Way of the Sufi

Expanding on the conversation started with their first book, the Interfaith Amigos - a pastor, a rabbi and an imam - probe more deeply into the problem aspects of our religious institutions to provide a profound

Sacred Space and Holy War

Mulla Nasruddin and two other saints went for a pilgrimage to Mecca. They were passing through a village, it was the last phase of their journey. Their money was almost finished; just a little bit was left. They purchased a certain sweet called halva, but it was not enough for all the three and they were too hungry. What to do? -- and they were not even ready to divide it because then it will not fulfill anybody's hunger. So everybody started bragging about himself that, "I am more important to existence, so my life has to be saved." The first saint said, "I have been fasting, I have been praying for so many years; nobody here present is more religious and holy than I am. And God wants me to be saved, so the halva has to be given to me." The second saint said, "Yes, I know, you are a man of great austerities, but I am a great scholar. I have studied all the scriptures, my whole life I have devoted in the service of knowledge. And the world does not need people who can fast. What can you do? -- you can only fast. You can fast in heaven! The world needs knowledge. The world is so ignorant that it cannot afford to miss me. The halva has to be given to me." Mulla Nasruddin said, "I am not an ascetic, so I cannot claim any self-control. I am not a great knowledgeable person either, so that too I cannot claim. I am an ordinary sinner, and I have heard that God is always compassionate to the sinners. The halva belongs to me." They could not come to any conclusion. Finally they decided that,

"We all three should sleep without eating the halva, and let God decide himself. So whosoever is given the best dream by God, in the morning that dream will be decisive." In the morning the saint said, "Nobody can compete with me anymore. Give me the halva -- because in the dream I kissed God's feet. That is the ultimate that one can hope -- what greater experience can there be?" The pundit, the scholar, the knowledgeable person laughed and he said, "That is nothing -- because God hugged me and kissed me! You kissed his feet? He kissed ME and hugged me! Where is the halva? It belongs to me." They looked at Nasruddin and asked, "What dream did you have?" Nasruddin said, "I am a poor sinner, my dream was very ordinary -- very ordinary, not worth even telling. But because you insist and because we have agreed, I will tell you. In my sleep God appeared and he said, 'You fool! What are you doing? Eat the halva!' So I have eaten it -- because how can I deny his order? There is no halva left now!"

The Little Book of Sufi Parables: Short Stories on Wisdom and Spirituality

Sufi Masters have been using short stories to teach people important life lessons. In just a few paragraphs, the Sufis are able to convey messages that others can hardly do in hundreds of pages. This great compilation of stories offer insights into their wisdom and inspirations. Perfect for anyone who appreciates good storytelling, and philosophical & spiritual questioning.

The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness

A "bible" for the religiously unaffiliated, weaving

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sacred texts from the world's major religions into a coherent exploration of the core questions at the heart of every religion's search, with insightful commentary on using these texts in our daily lives.

The Little Book of Sufi Stories

Conversation, the Sacred Art

Learn how to understand and use your stress for positive change. With up-to-date analysis, real-life examples and spiritual practices, this book explores the effects of stress and ways to honor its symptoms. Rather than be limited by a perspective of distress, you can use stress as a catalyst for growth in all areas of life.

Getting to the Heart of Interfaith

Integrates spirituality, practice, spiritual formation, psychology, world religions and historical resources. Examines how pilgrimages evolved as spiritual practices and the relationship between pilgrimage and transformation.

Laugh Your Way to Grace

Rumi and Islam

Are you longing to have an intimate and loving relationship with God? Have you been seeking for a

way to strengthen your faith? Do you find it hard to pray on time, or at all? Do you sometimes feel unworthy or too imperfect for God to love? Whether you are on the path of Islam or just seeking to know God, "Secrets of Divine Love" uses the language of spirituality to transform your relationship with God, yourself, and the world around you. Beyond offering heartfelt perspectives on Islamic theology, "Secrets of Divine Love" walks you through practical exercises that inspire love, strengthen faith, and increase reliance on and intimacy with God. By drawing upon the inspirational words of the Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad ?, delving into ancient mystical poetry, and learning through stories from the world's greatest spiritual masters, this book seeks to connect the heart of the reader to God. "Secrets of Divine Love" takes you on a journey through the mysterious nature of God and His unconditional mercy and love for you. It then delves into who you are and how the Qur'an can be used as a map for manifesting your greatest potential. By unveiling the spiritual secrets hidden in the heart of Islam's pillars, principles, and practices, this book calls you to contemplate the divine beauty that's embedded in every atom of existence. "Secrets of Divine Love" reminds the reader that God's love is a healing balm for the soul that can reignite the spark of faith within us.

Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent

Awaken to the wonders of your dreamself, and energize your spiritual potential for self-

understanding and self-healing. “Without a doubt, people of all times and places have had the capacity to dream the sacred. I write this book in a sincere effort to create space for us to share these dreams and to provide a practical guide to nurturing sacred dreaming as an art.” —from the Introduction Sacred dreams—those in which the dreamer experiences the immediate presence of or communication with the Divine—have shaped the spiritual history of humankind. Jacob’s ladder dream, Joseph’s dream verifying Mary’s virgin pregnancy and Herod’s plans to destroy the child, Siddhartha Gautama Buddha’s auspicious dreams on his journey to enlightenment, Muhammad’s night journey dream—the pervasive power of the sacred dream is part of the scripture and lore of virtually all the world’s religions. This fascinating introduction to sacred dreaming celebrates the dream experience as a way to deepen spiritual awareness and as a source of self-healing for people of all faith traditions—or none. Includes practical, step-by-step exercises in every chapter.

Sacred Laughter of the Sufis

Do you yearn to build a closer and more meaningful relationship with your Creator? Do you seek to know the true Message and Wisdom of Islam? The work I present here for your consumption is more than a book; a collection of words meant to deliver glad tidings, to educate, and to perhaps warn. It is a work driven by what I intend to be a sound and powerful Message. This message invites readers to think freely and broaden their minds; to contemplate and seek

their own truth. This passage advises people, never to blindly follow any religion without first reflecting upon the faith in question and reasoning its true meaning. Beyond all manner of faith and feeling, one must use their intellect to discover the truth behind all faiths. This passage is intended to draw and empower the sincere seeker of truth; the one that questions, reflects and ponders his or her life's purpose and questions his/her future and direction. Islam, for example, is one faith that is misunderstood and misrepresented by many. Before one forms an opinion of Islam, one should question the thoroughness and truthfulness of his or her existing knowledge of this controversial religion. The ultimate purpose of this message is to facilitate a fresh new dimension of thinking that will enable one to realize the ultimate importance of his or her existence in this universe; to help one understand his/her divine relationship with his/her creator. The faith of Islam is beneficial only to people that are sincere in seeking guidance, misguiding those who are not sincere and honest in their spiritual quests; who reject divine guidance and spiritual truth.

نآرقول يناعمة محرت : ميركول نآرقول اهيلع قيلعتل او ميركول

Drawing on both Eastern and Western approaches to practicing compassion, an award-winning storyteller encourages those who want to develop a capacity for mercy, grace, patience, forgiveness, honesty, and remembrance, and specifically addresses anger--the major roadblock to practicing lovingkindness. Original.

Combines the legendary stories of Islam's great comic foil, Mulla Nasruddin, with sayings from the Qur'an, the Prophet Muhammad, Rumi, Hafiz and other Islamic sages. Shows how spiritual seekers of all traditions--as individuals or in a group--can apply the Mulla's wisdom teachings to their spiritual lives with easy-to-follow spiritual practices.

Jerusalem and Its Role in Islamic Solidarity

An exploration of the hopes, fears, joys, frustrations, gifts and limitations that influence teachers of all kinds every day. Includes stories of many teachers in conventional and unconventional settings, reflection questions, practices and activities to help you reinvigorate your passion for your vocation, your students and your subject.

Pilgrimage-the Sacred Art

God is real. Everything we say about God is made up. Holy Rascals is a rousing call to anyone ready to go beyond "isms" and ideologies, and live in the world as a liberating force of justice, compassion, and joy. "Holy rascals are spiritual culture jammers who use humor, play, creativity, and critical thinking to reveal the human origins of religions—and how religions mask their true origins behind the conceit of divine origins," writes Rabbi Rami. Here, he illuminates: • The making of a holy rascal and the great task of

“freeing religion from the parochial and for the perennial” • The art of “hacking the holy,” or pulling back the curtain on religion’s fear-based mechanisms of control • The provocative tools and one-of-a-kind practices of the holy rascal, with guidance for creating your very own “rascally” ways “Holy rascality is about rekindling spiritual creativity and critical thinking,” explains Rabbi Rami. “It is about freeing the human capacity for religiosity—the capacity for making meaning—from the confines of brand-name religion. Holy rascals are playful and lighthearted. While our task is serious—the liberation of humanity from the madness of unhealthy and harmful religions and religious beliefs—our attitude is not.” Holy Rascals brings you Rabbi Rami’s one-of-a-kind inspiration, humor, and practical insight to help you on your mission.

The Forgiveness Handbook

The translation of an essay first published in Egypt in 1925, which took the contemporaries of its author by storm. At a time when the Muslim world was in great turmoil over the question of the abolition of the caliphate by Mustapha Kamal Ataturk in Turke

Teaching—The Sacred Art

Inspirational and practical guide on social justice

Sacred Stress

Laughter was honored by the ancients as a spiritual

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healing tool and celebrated by the world's great religions. So why aren't we laughing along the spiritual path today? What would happen if we did? In this personal and funny look at humor as a spiritual practice, Rev. Susan Sparks---an ex-lawyer turned comedian and Baptist minister---presents a convincing case that the power of humor radiates far beyond punch lines. Whatever your faith tradition---or if you have none at all---join this veteran of the punch line and the pulpit in reclaiming the forgotten humor legacy found in thousands of years of human spiritual history. "Like music, laughter is a universal language. And Susan Sparks speaks this language like no other. [This book] weaves humor and the sacred into one beautiful work of art. If you want to blast some fresh air into your spiritual life, then by all means read this book!"---Naomi Judd, multi-platinum country music artist; actress; author, Naomi's Guide to Aging Gratefully and other books "Thank God for Susan Sparks! By immersing ourselves in her honest insights, warm encouragement, and hysterical stories, we're able to shatter the crust around our hearts that has kept us from fully experiencing the grace of life as God intended."---Peter Wallace, host and producer, Day 1; author, Living Loved: Knowing Jesus as the Lover of Your Soul "Pure joy, Lively and lighthearted examples illustrate the connection between guffawing and God. A must-read if you want to laugh, learn, and lighten up your journey on your spiritual path."---Allen Klein, author, The Courage to Laugh and The Healing Power of Humor "The definitive book about how humor and laughter have everything to do with God. You will laugh out loud, and then it will move you to quiet contemplation and awe. It has done more for

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me than most of the theology books I've been forced
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