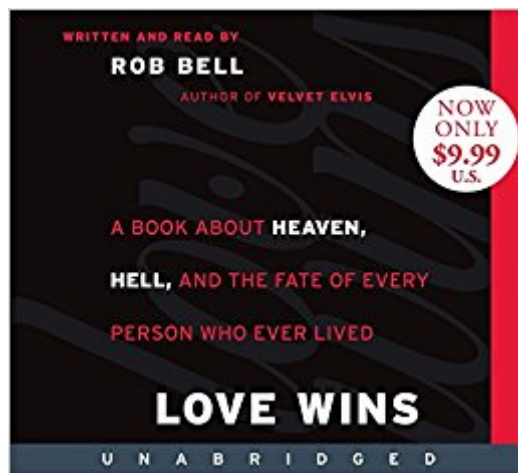




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Love Wins Low Price CD: A Book About Heaven, Hell, And The Fate Of Every Person Who Ever Lived



Synopsis

In *Love Wins*, bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell (Velvet Elvis, *Drops Like Stars*) addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—hell and the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever? Rob Bell is an electrifying, unconventional pastor whom *Time* magazine calls “a singular rock star in the church world,” with millions viewing his NOOMA videos. With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial with a hopeful message—eternal life doesn’t start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, *Love Wins*.

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Bell, influential pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church and author of *Velvet Elvis*, aims to provide an introduction to some of the big questions of Jesus’ life and message. Claiming that some versions of Jesus should be rejected, particularly those used to intimidate and inspire fear or hatred, Bell persuasively interprets the Bible as a message of love and redemption. He is clearly well-versed in the scriptures, and for support his arguments look to everything from the parable of the prodigal son to Revelation to the story of Moses, in addition to his own personal experiences as a pastor, many of which are the book’s highlights. Bell’s vision of Christianity is inclusive, as he argues against some traditional ideas—for instance, hell as eternal punishment reserved for non-Christians—in favor of a God whose love and forgiveness is all encompassing. His style is characteristically concise and oral, his tone passionate and unabashedly positive. The result is a book that, while not exploring its own ideas deeply, may be a friendly welcome to Christianity for seekers, since they don’t have a

dog in the fight over hell that this book has ignited among the professionally religious. (Mar. 15)

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

“In Love Wins, Rob Bell tackles the old heaven-and-hell question and offers a courageous alternative answer. Thousands of readers will find freedom and hope and a new way of understanding the biblical story - from beginning to end.” (Brian D. McLaren, author of A New Kind of Christianity and Naked Spirituality) “It isn’t easy to develop a biblical imagination that takes in the comprehensive and eternal work of Christ . . . Rob Bell goes a long way in helping us acquire just such an imagination--without a trace of soft sentimentality and without compromising an inch of evangelical conviction.” (Eugene H. Peterson, Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Theology, Regent College, and author of The Message and The Pastor) “A bold, prophetic and poetic masterpiece. I don’t know any writer who expresses the inexpressible love of God as powerfully and as beautifully as Rob Bell! No one who seriously engages this book will put it down unchanged. A must read book!” (Greg Boyd, senior pastor at Woodland Hills Church and author of The Myth of a Christian Nation) “One of the nation’s rock-star-popular young pastors, Rob Bell, has stuck a pitchfork in how Christians talk about damnation.” (USA Today) “Claiming that some versions of Jesus should be rejected, particularly those used to intimidate and inspire fear or hatred, Bell persuasively interprets the Bible as a message of love and redemption. . . . His style is characteristically concise and oral, his tone passionate and unabashedly positive.” (Publishers Weekly) “Bell fights every impulse in our culture to domesticate Jesus [and] challenges the reader to be open to surprise, mystery and all of the unanswerables. . . . Bell has given theologically suspicious Christians new courage to bet their life on Jesus Christ.” (Christian Century) “This attention-getter of a book ignited a heated popular conversation about whether God saves people like Gandhi or sends him and billions of other non-Christians to a fiery and painful place in the afterlife.” (Publishers Weekly, Best Books of the Year) “Love Wins will make Christians re-examine their faith and will help them reclaim a vital and exciting vision of heaven and God’s love.” (Relevant) “Bell is at the forefront of a rethinking of Christianity in America.” (Time magazine) “One of the country’s most influential evangelical pastors.” (New York Times) “This evangelical celebration of the love of God will open new doors for Jesus seekers fed up with the toxic hellfire and brimstone tirades of fundamentalist Christianity. As that happens, love wins again!” (Spirituality and Practice) “Love Wins is sure to become a classic.” (Huffington Post) --This text refers

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It seems that often evangelicals read scripture with an unconscious filter based on a theology we have learned. I have seen myself to this and others do this regularly. We read passages to say what we expect them to say instead of reading them for what the words actually say and trying to figure out what the author or speaker meant when writing them. I have found that this book challenged me to go back and read passages, especially in the Gospels, to see if they say something different than the way I have always read them. Bell does a good job of arguing that what Jesus said about heaven and hell isn't really what we have made it out to be in modern times and he presents questions that make you stop and think about what you believe in God, your place in His plan, the world around you, what the future holds, and what you should be doing with your time right now. I need to think more about some of his theological concepts and figure out where I stand on them after reading back through the packages he references, but I generally found the book very inspiring in my pursuit of faith in Christ.

This is a book that everyone who claims to follow Jesus Christ needs to read and digest. We are so tied up in our self righteousness that we chase people away from the loving God we say we believe in. Love truly can win if we only would let go and give it a chance!

Rob Bell nudges me to think, feel, live, believe DEEPLY. Agreement or disagreement are Incidental. Truly enjoyed this read and how it lingers with me.

An incredibly written piece of literature for all you atheists out there. It was is quite helpful to me who was never sold Christianity by door to door salesman or preachers threatening me with eternal damnation in the lake of of fire. I was a product the loving Christians who accepted me just as I am as long as I belived that God would send my grandmother to hell in a heartless beat if she had'nt said the magic words I A J C A M P S. The all inclusive God with many conditions on who was in and who was out. I believe and commit to the God who says what he means. I knew that God before She was introduced to me. Read the book if you have been or at present are being terrorized by the god of your church.It's a good read.

Unconditional love is everywhere given by God through Jesus Christ. Open your arms and embrace it. Drop your burdens and just be in the light of his love. Be in awe daily. This book opens your eyes

and thoughts to wisdom that is there in the Word of God. Don't let your thoughts pen in in or others steal the trust and love that's there in the unconditional love of God. NO CONDITIONS...absolutely none. Love that is more pure than you know right now but will know more tomorrow if you just trust and let go.

Bell uses critical reasoning and questioning to cause the reader to think and examine their own set of beliefs and preconceived notions about the meaning of Christianity. He poses questions followed by poetic writing so as to let the reader determine what they truly believe. He poses question after questions, questions that most people are afraid to ask. In many ways Bell poses too many questions. He tends to begin a topic with a question and then answers in a completely ambiguous way. While I enjoyed his critical reasoning, I found myself determined to find a completed thought, often to no avail. While the message was good and the need for questioning clear, I believe that more structure and straight forward points are necessary. Bell calls for us to examine everything we have been taught for as long as I can remember. He examines the concepts of heaven and hell, and asks us a question that no one knows the answer to; what does God really want in comparison to what we want? Bell pushes us to expand our thinking and reexamine what we have been told and what we have been told and look at some extreme ideals in Christianity in a new light.

I haven't finished this book yet, so I don't know if I can give an exclusive and detailed review yet, but as sent me this mail about reviewing it: here I go! The book starts with a chain of questions that I believe any christian believer is challenged throughout their lives: what happens if this occurs or I live like that - will this count as whether I reach heaven or hell some day? Nothing provocative about that, anyone thinks about this now and then. However, in chapter two, Rob Bell starts of with how heaven will probably be. Some theses are thoughtful and, for some people, maybe challenging already....and that's as far as I've reached. My wife and I have just purchased and started to read aloud to each other from it and gives us nice time to reflect and challenge the faith we both share. I can't really say whether or not anyone should read it, but what I've heard is this: read it and reflect, but also let complementary literature guide and lead you through the ancient questions that this book tries to cover in a few pages. I've personally not reached those pages about hell that this book has gotten so much bad critics for, but I hope it will give me insights that might give me a stronger opinion in either way.

Transformational. If you are like me, a Christian who doesn't fit into the box of mainstream

"American" evangelicalism, you will find this book a breath of fresh air.

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