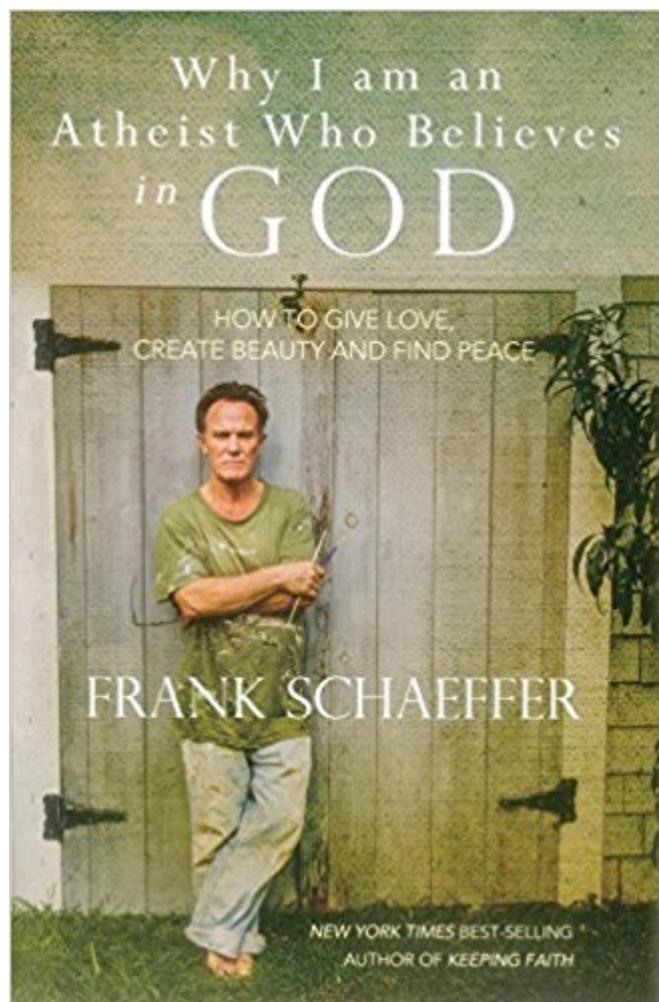


The book was found

Why I Am An Atheist Who Believes In GOD: How To Give Love, Create Beauty And Find Peace



Synopsis

Caught between the beauty of his grandchildren and grief over a friend's death, Frank Schaeffer finds himself simultaneously believing and not believing in God - an atheist who prays. Schaeffer wrestles with faith and disbelief, sharing his innermost thoughts with lyricism that only great writers of literary nonfiction achieve. Schaeffer writes as an imperfect son, husband and grandfather whose love for his family, art and life trumps the ugly theologies of an angry God and the atheist vision of a cold, meaningless universe. Schaeffer writes that only when we abandon our hunt for certainty do we become free to create beauty, give love and find peace.

Book Information

Paperback: 161 pages

Publisher: Regina Orthodox Press,Csi (November 7, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1928653995

ISBN-13: 978-1928653998

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.5 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (362 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #68,233 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #55 inÂ Books > Religion & Spirituality > Atheism #123 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Religious #2762 inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Memoirs

Customer Reviews

Frank Schaeffer is receiving much praise for his book. He touches a nerve felt by many of us. We believe, but we also find streaks of disbelief in our efforts to process reality. We may feel that our faith community is not a safe place to voice those kind of thoughts. Except from some downsides I will mention shortly, this could be the kind of book that would encourage more openness. His paradoxical, if not misleading title, probably will draw many to this work. However, as another reviewer has noted, Schaeffer is no atheist. He seems to have many agnostic moments. He is quite accepting of atheists, saying "more power to them," but he offers far too many reasons for some kind of faith in some kind of god to be called an unbeliever. There is no danger of Richard Dawkins asking him to take Christopher Hitchens' place among "The Four Horsemen of the Non-Apocalypse." Frank frequently voices his appreciation for Jesus, but his Jesus is one that is disconnected from Jewish history and the first century Jewish context. That leads to a serious

problem. For one who expresses support for so many of Jesus' words found in the gospels, he seems to miss the fact that Jesus' main message was the coming of the Kingdom of God. Consequently Frank's Jesus puts much emphasis on love and forgiveness, but does not call Frank or us to submit to him as Lord or to put ourselves under the reign or a kingdom of God. For all his acknowledgments as to how much he does not know, Frank still does not seem to exalt or call for the quality of humility that Jesus said was so essential for the Kingdom life. Jesus spoke with reference of the written words saying, "the Scriptures cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

Some books are self-published because they're such groundbreaking works of genius - Thoreau's *Walden*, for example - that conventional publishers don't know what to make of them. But other self-published books are such crap that no respectable publisher or editor wants to touch them with a barge pole. Frank Schaeffer's recent *Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in God* falls into this category. The book is an extraordinarily bad melange of half-baked thoughts on religion, art, and culture, all of which are sandwiched between autobiographical details that range from the bathetic to the tedious. The central thesis reads like a college sophomore's stab at post-modern-speak: we humans are narrative-making creatures who long for a "one-size-fits-all" framework. But there is no objective truth - "there are no other kinds of arguments than circular ones" (p. 78) - and any "paradigm," be it religious, philosophical, scientific, or whatever, is fictional. "There are no objective facts, just personal histories and the coincidences of time and place seen through the lenses of short lives. Deal with it." (p. 26) Schaeffer's conclusion is that because all truth is a fiction, because what one believes is ultimately nothing more than arbitrary choice or environmentally programmed script, there's no shame in embracing contradictions. Hence the book's headline-grabbing title. Look. Of course part of the human condition is learning to live with ambiguity. Even the most deeply-held beliefs are tinged with a certain degree of ambivalence and uncertainty, and we're wise to be wary of one-size-fits-all explanatory reductionism.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in GOD: How to Give Love, Create Beauty and Find Peace Inner Peace: Stepping into Serenity to Find Peace of Mind (Inner Peace and Happiness, Peace of Mind Book 1) DIY Beauty Magic (6 in 1): Epsom Salt, Aromatherapy, Body Scrubs, Candles, Essential Oils and Lotions for Your DIY Beauty Routine (Body Care & Beauty Products) Why Him? Why Her?: How to Find and Keep Lasting Love #Love: #Love is Book #1 in the Adult Book Series Celebrating Love and Friendship (#Love, #Pretty, #Beautiful, #Beauty, #Me) (#Coloring #Book Series of Adult

Coloring Books) Don't Give Up...Don't Ever Give Up: The Inspiration of Jimmy V--One Coach, 11 Minutes, and an Uncommon Look at the Game of Life Give Me Liberty or Give Me Obamacare The Christian Atheist Participant's Guide: Believing in God but Living as If He Doesn't Exist Every Day Is an Atheist Holiday!: More Magical Tales from the Bestselling Author of God, No! My Craziest Adventures With God - Volume 1: The Spiritual Journal of a Former Atheist Paramedic Fighting God: An Atheist Manifesto for a Religious World Soul Travel to Find God's Love Why Can't My Child Behave?: Why Can't She Cope? Why Can't He Learn? The Feingold Diet updated for today's busy families IS THIS WHY AFRICA IS? (Why Africa is poor, Why Africa is not developing, What Africa needs, What Africa needs to develop): Africa, Africa, Africa, Africa Africa, Africa, Ebola, Ebola, Ebola, Ebola Buddhism: A Beginners Guide Book For True Self Discovery and Living a Balanced and Peaceful Life: Learn To Live In The Now and Find Peace From Within - ... - Buddha / Buddhist Books By Sam Siv 1) Meditation: Complete Beginners Guide on How to Awaken Your Mind With Techniques that Will Relieve Stress, Manage Anger, and Find Inner Peace and ... Your Fear and Anxiety With Daily Meditation) How The Mighty Fall: And Why Some Companies Never Give In The Myth of Matriarchal Prehistory: Why an Invented Past Won't Give Women a Future Interactive Word Find: Easter (Word Find For Kindle) How To Find Free Kindle Books: Find free books for Kindle with this resource of over 65 current sites dedicated to free ebooks!

[Dmca](#)