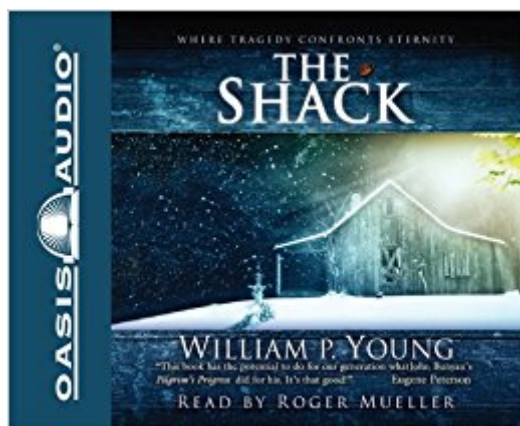


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# The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity



## Synopsis

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

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"Mac is a grief-stricken father in mid-life about to have an extraordinary experience with God. His great sadness began four years ago on a weekend camping trip, when his 6-year-old daughter, Missy, was murdered. What he couldn't know then, but is about to learn, was God's purpose for Missy's death. Roger Mueller's clear, gentle voice characterizes Mac's family with high-spirited joy and laughter. His portrayal of Missy's animated excitement makes her especially believable. His polished performance of grief-stricken Mac brings tears. With empathy and sensitivity, Mueller captures the mysterious voices of those who have invited Mac to the now abandoned, yet transformed, cabin in the wilderness. This compelling fantasy explores themes of love, loss, and blame." — G.D.W. 2009 Audies Finalist © AudioFile Portland, Maine

William P. Young was born a Canadian and raised among a stone-age tribe by his missionary parents in the highlands of what was New Guinea. He suffered great loss as a child and young

adult, and now enjoys the “wastefulness of grace” with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

My daughter is slowly killing herself after losing her first born soon to a horrific accident. Being that he was also our first grandchild we were all devastated. I choose to believe God is good and He will guide me and my daughter and my entire family to Him and heal us...finally. This book is the beginning of that healing. I will share it with all of them. Thank you!

I didn't read this book when it first came out, I didn't have the interest. However, we lost our youngest daughter to suicide 16 months ago. When friends of mine saw the movie, they posted on fb how good it was. I decide I would read the book. My heart has ached for the things written in this book. God is good, and healing comes as we forgive and give God the things we cannot control. This is a wonderful book I would recommend to anyone. I'm so glad I read it.

Driven by fierce anger after losing his daughter to a perverted killer, the protagonist takes an unexpected journey into a place that expands his mindset on God. As he takes this journey, I found myself traveling with him, and allowing my mind to be expanded on my concept of God as well. Even though this book could never be called a studious piece of theology, it has a powerful message, and that message for me was this "Your concept of the Almighty God is too small, too confined, and steeped in too much religiosity" God is God, and He can be anything He wishes to be, and He can present Himself in whatever fashion He chooses. He is immutable, inscrutable, and omniscient. Who are we to question His authority, ability, and appearance? So when God shows Himself in *The Shack* to be a large black woman (similar at least in my imagination to Aunt Jemimah), it is at first shocking, then amusing, but ultimately, mind expanding. If this book doesn't allow a person's concept of God to grow, I am not sure what will. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and I totally understand how it can be controversial in nature since it allows God to take on an infinitely different image than what the normative thought allows. Some would say that it trivializes God, and while I understand that sentiment, since He is, after all, the same God who would not allow Moses to even look upon His face. He is also the God who did not allow his name to even be pronounced by His people since He is so holy and righteous. In spite of those valid concerns, the concepts espoused in *The Shack* actually expanded God, without trivializing Him at all. In fact, for me, it actually made Him larger and even more powerful, as well as infinitely more personal than my earlier vision of His majesty. The book portrays Jesus and the Holy Spirit as entirely different characters than portrayed

in normally accepted theological boundaries, but again the concepts are fresh, and expanding. I believe that any image that any of us have of the Almighty God is by definition too small regardless of how big it is, so anything that allows us to think fresh thoughts is ultimately valuable. A good, fresh read, highly recommended.

The Shack was an amazing read that really made me rethink the way I understand God, forgiveness, relationships and mercy. This book had some wonderful spiritual perspectives that deeply penetrated my heart and mind in a positive way. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to heal from loss or the way they view God. Thank you William Young for writing this great novel that is enhancing to the mind and soul. Good Things, Emotional Healing Journal: Addiction

This book changed my life. It answered so many questions about Faith that I had. Of course, to each their own but it really helped me understand some of the things I couldn't wrap my head around. That was simply the message I got from it. Each member of my family read it as well and we all pulled different things from it. I read it in two days - I could not put it down. If you need a good read, this is the book for you.

I read this book at least twice a year, and in between I listen to the book on audible. I just love this book, I have lost track of how many examples I have bought and given away as presents. To friends and family, I have also sent it to several prison units for inmates to read and it has made a major impact on so many people.

I wanted to read the book before I saw the movie (which I still haven't done) because the books are usually much better. This one gives the reader a lot to think about. It's very spiritual, which some may not like, but I did. I will probably read it again after I see the movie, if I ever do. The best part was God being a black female. I absolutely love that character. I would highly recommend.

I pray that i will never have the pain of not leaving this world before my children. I am so afraid to even let any if it cross my mind. The Shack has put into words what I believe God's love is and how it surrounds us. The quiet voice the talks to us, if we Be Still, and listen. Why we humans can't see God around us and treat each other as brothers & sisters in His family has to be so sad in His eyes.

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