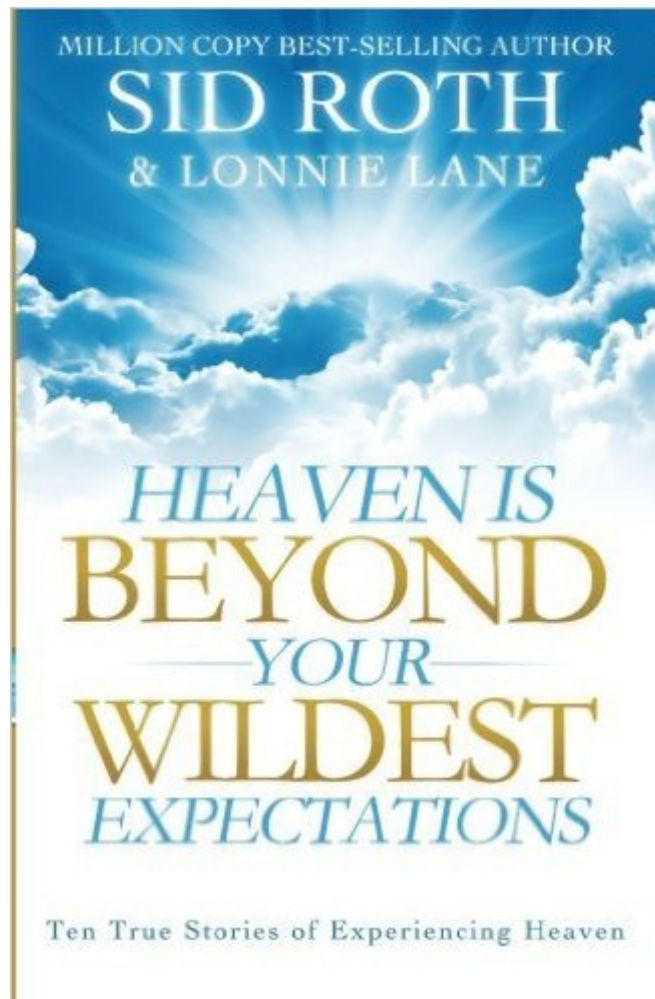


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Heaven Is Beyond Your Wildest Expectations: Ten True Stories Of Experiencing Heaven



Synopsis

So this is Heaven! These true stories are your unique, personal opportunities to enjoy a taste of Heaven from here on earth. Heaven Is Beyond Your Wildest Expectations shares the testimonies of ten ordinary people who have been to Heaven "having died and returned, or in a vision or dream. These real-life, modern-day stories inspire faith that, no matter what happens here on earth, all troubles are momentary, light afflictions compared to the glory that awaits you in Heaven. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison (2 Corinthians 4:17). When you see God's love permeating all of Heaven and realize that He reaches down to you right where you are, your heart will come to rest in Him "knowing He is watching over you and that His angels will minister to you in every moment of need. When you know that Heaven's splendor and glory is your eternal destiny, you can endure whatever you must while patiently waiting for the day when you will enter Heaven and your eternal joy in the presence of the Lord.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading this book and found it very interesting. There are other reviews stating the stories in the book are hokey and unbelievable however, my conviction is not to judge by what others have experienced. Our judgment becomes futile because we didn't have the experience each writer had about heaven or hell. I do know both are very real because I've experienced both but I won't go into my experiences. Each of us experience NDE or visions in different ways because

we each are individuals of diverse personalities and temperaments. Each experience these 10 writers had will either give you peace and assurance or keep you running the other way. The choice is ours, we can believe or we can disbelieve these experiences but don't sit in judgment if you've never experienced what these writers experienced. As far as religion is concerned, God is not interested in your religion as much as he is interested in your heart. These experiences have nothing to do with religion they have everything to do with the heart of each individual. With that being said, read the book with an open mind and heart and if you do you'll be rewarded with a greater appreciation for God and his love for you. God granted each of these individuals their experience to show them the reality of who he is and what he has for every individual if they choose his way. The fullness of each of these experiences cannot be given the greatest of telling because the human mind cannot wrap itself around a God who is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent. God is unfathomable, so accept each individual experience in just that way. Each detail may seem unreal but you must remember it's a human being trying to explain God and what they've seen. Each writer in their own way is endeavoring to explain to the reader what they saw, what they experienced but can't fully because you have to be there to see what they saw and what they experienced.

After a couple of decades of reading just about every near-death book I get my hands on, as well as watching nearly every episode of the "I Survived: Beyond and Back" series, I've developed a keen sixth sense as to whether an NDE is bogus or sincere. May I just say that about halfway through, by the 5th story in this book, my BS antenna were on such high alert that I couldn't continue reading without feeling like a real sucker. Come to find out, most of these people hadn't even died! They'd merely had extremely realistic "visions" that were incredibly detailed (apparently they must have lasted about a week, like a long vacation). The stories all seemed repetitively similar, written in the same style with lots of embellishments, and loosely molded on some of the idyllic lush garden scenes from a movie like "What Dreams May Come." The descriptions admittedly were quite lovely, but there was an uneasy wafting of a distinct "organized religion" agenda being emitted from the pages. First of all, one or more scriptures were quoted throughout the telling of each story, as if the experiences were molded around illustrating their meaning (instead of the other way around). This format came across as a deliberately preached "message," as opposed to an experience actually lived through that should have imparted some sort of profound spiritual wisdom achieved. There's also an awful lot of organized religion-speak utilizing the term "reborn" (usually resulting in someone becoming a more frequent church-goer), completely ignoring its alternate definition pertaining to the

possibility of an actual physical reincarnation. One story warned that it was not lawful to pass through the gates of Heaven if you were slated to return to earth; then in the next story, someone else waltzes right through the gates and then is allowed to come back! Quite the contradiction. You would think, of all places, that Heaven's laws would be consistent! But the kicker (and the last straw that evaporated any remaining threads of credibility for me) was a story actually entitled "A Palestinian Goes to Heaven" -- as if normally, such people go straight to Hell! Allegedly occurring in the back room of a store, Jesus suddenly appears in a vision to a Muslim woman. The first words out of His mouth are the oft-quoted (and somewhat controversial scripture ending), "I am the truth, the life and the way...no one comes to the Father except by Me." The message in the story is clear: Muslims who are brought up to know nothing but the beliefs taught in the Quran are damned and have no chance of entering Heaven. First off, when Jesus speaks, does he quote scriptures verbatim as if he had no profound words of his own? Especially scriptures like this one, when literally interpreted, carry a message that some poor indigent tribe living in the jungle -- since they were unfortunate enough to have never been paid a visit by the missionaries and therefore never given a chance to hear about Jesus -- are just crap out of luck. Even though they may be well aware of what they consider to be the "Great Spirit in the Sky," they're still all going to Hell. I personally find it extremely hard to believe that the Creator of all Life would have such prejudice when it comes to admission to the Afterlife. Nor would Christ himself be preaching such biased nonsense. Instead, the sentiment smacks more of the arrogance of man-made organized religion and a discriminatory caste system. [Note: This particular scripture is to be found in the Gospel of John, a chapter which most scholars agree has had several layers added to the original text, with the result being a convoluted or deliberately distorted message.] The next words spoken in this "vision" also ring completely false, whereupon Jesus is quoted as saying: "Yes, I am Jesus, the One you denied." Such a negative, accusatory statement of blame and fingerpointing I find absurdly out of character -- in any setting, especially a "Heaven-like" one. In summary, I'm not alleging that all the stories here are complete fabrications or that the author was aware of deliberately perpetrating a fraud; only that the stories I read contained far too many distinct sections or messages that didn't ring at all true. If indeed this "million copy best-selling author" is using false stories to not only profit off of but push his own personally slanted agenda, then I can't help wondering how his conscience (and his co-author's) would allow him to perpetrate such a hoax. How can you possibly hope to spread the truth with lies? P.S. I am now reading "To Heaven and Back" by Mary C. Neal. So far, it appears genuine and sincere. I would also heartily recommend "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander and "Hello from Heaven" by Bill & Judy Guggenheim.

im sorry i wasted my money. its not very good stories, not believable. i have read quite a few books on people that have had NDE's. the stories dont match up at all with the books i have already read. i dont exspect everyones story to be the same but these are really off the wall.

I read the first chapter about Dr. Gary Woods who had an NDE - he claims to know the size of heaven - "1,500 miles" in every direction and "enough room for 100 million people". There's further nonsense about his claims about what Jesus said to him. I cannot believe that this was the first story which the authors chose. Don't waste your money on this collection of stories that are so beyond belief and credibility.

Like other reviewers have posted, I feel ripped off after purchasing this book. After reading the delightful and profound, "Proof Of Heaven" I was looking forward to another book about life after death. This one is full of hokey stories that set off my bs meter and seem to be written to make people feel fearful and worry about going to hell if they haven't been good enough. It clearly was written from a fundamentalist position with the opening story including an angry jesus who tells a man that earth puts people in jail temporarily while we put them in hell forever! Yikes, look for a book that speaks of love and forgiveness and don't bother with this collection of dark stories.

I'VE JUST LOST MY BEST FRIEND. I'M SAD AND SEARCHING ALL TYPES OF SPIRITUAL MESSAGES TO FEEL BETTER. THIS BOOK LIFTED MY SAD HEART. AFTER READING IT THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT I WILL SEE HER AGAIN. FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS ABOUT HEAVEN AND TRUTH THIS BOOK IS A MUST READ.

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