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**Description:**

**From** \*Starred Review\* Daniel made a splash on the religious-debate scene in 2011 with an op-ed piece for the Huffington Post. It berated people who eschew formal religious practice for their own brand of personally manufactured spirituality. The post, titled "Spiritual but Not Religious? Please

Stop Boring Me," went viral on the Internet, and a year later Daniel is back with a similarly titled book that expands on her now-famous commentary. From the death of a close, irreligious friend to the difficulty in sitting still at yoga class, no subject is too large or small for Daniel to take on. She does so in short, zingy anecdotes with a marvelously gritty wit that pokes holes in the spiritual laziness and self-aggrandizing behavior of which she believes so many "spiritual but not religious" people are guilty. But pointing out the utter ridiculousness of self-satisfied personal faith is only part of the story, and the true thrust of her argument lies in making an impassioned and winning case for why church, community, and formal religious traditions are so integral to creating a fulfilling life. One might not agree with everything Daniel says, but her ideas are thought provoking and her conviction infectious. --Taina Lagodzinski

**Review** "Marvelously gritty wit...an impassioned and winning case for why church, community, and formal religious traditions are so integral to creating a fulfilling life....her ideas are thought provoking and infectious." (**Booklist, Starred Review**)

"Intelligent, inviting and nurturing, these essays...offer a rich banquet for pastors, lifelong congregants, disaffected Christians, and confused seekers alike." (**Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**)

"This is the wonderful, essential Lillian Daniel at her best-earthy, perceptive, devout, tough-minded, angry and laugh-out-loud funny, all in one. Daniel's easygoing style is just right for revealing her great gift of finding God in the everyday. Sometimes she is biting. Sometimes she is tender and often what she says is stunningly beautiful." (**Bob Abernethy, Executive Editor, Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, PBS**)

"Here is why I love Lillian Daniel's writing: it is honest; it is funny; and it teaches me about Mary and Martha via a yoga class. The church she describes is the place that has sustained my spiritual life when my own interior sense of God's presence has faltered; and it is the place that, as often as not, is where I am sitting when my sense of God's presence reignites." (**Lauren F. Winner, author of Girl Meets God and Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis**)

"You read some things because you have to or need to or ought to. You'll read Lillian Daniel for the pure pleasure of pitch-perfect writing-she has the rare talent of a "natural." Along the way, you'll discover enrichment and insight that you needed and wanted ... Lillian cooks up a delicious and nourishing feast for readers. Don't miss it!" (**Brian McLaren, author of Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? (brianmclaren.net)**)

"Lillian is as fed up with bad religion as anyone else, but she's also careful to celebrate good religion and good spirituality that brings people to life and makes the world a better place. May her book invite us to stop complaining about the Church we've experienced and work on becoming the Church we dream of." (**Shane Claiborne, author and activist, facebook.com/ShaneClaiborne**)

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