

Bo's Cafe

✖ By Bill Thrall, Bruce McNicol and John Lynch | Windblown Media | softcover | 256 pages | \$

Fans of *The Shack* will welcome the first follow-up novel from the publishers of William P. Young's best-seller, which plows similar territory of the heart.

Like *The Shack*, *Bo's Café* is a message about the unplumbed depths of God's grace, similarly relayed through a series of extended conversations between the central character and others. But this time the truths are revealed not in an abandoned hut, but at an open-air diner by the sea.

As his work and family life are imploding, Steven Kerner is befriended by an unlikely, cigar-smoking mentor and his buddies, which begins a painful but hopeful journey of self-assessment. He learns that only by facing who he really is—in all his brokenness, and finding God's grace there—can he hope to become the person he wants to be.

The resolution of Steven's crisis is never in much doubt. While his new friends talk a lot, they mostly avoid sounding preachy and offer him a welcome and wisdom many readers would be glad to experience in their real-life relationships. Ultimately, *Bo's Café* is a touching, gentle invitation for Christians to discard the masks often used to hide from ourselves, each other and God.

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