

Grace Notes

✖ By Philip Yancey | Zondervan | hardcover | 432 pages | \$

The works of best-selling author Philip Yancey are divided into 366 daily readings in the new devotional release, *Grace Notes: Daily Readings With a Fellow Pilgrim*. Drawn from Yancey's bibliography, the book includes articles the writer has contributed to magazines, as well as material from his best-selling books *The Jesus I Never Knew*, *Disappointment With God*, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* and *Where Is God When It Hurts?*

"I have been writing full time for three decades, long enough for a publisher to propose this book of readings drawn from 20-some books and numerous articles," Yancey writes in the book's preface. "As I read through them, I feel a bit like Rip Van Winkle, going over experiences and thoughts from as long as 20 or 30 years ago. I've doubted, believed, doubted again, changed, grown."

Yancey said he considers his works "his children," which have taken on a life of their own.

"This book pulls together selections from my 'children' written over several decades, appearing in 22 books and 45 different articles as well as a few unpublished selections," he writes. "Reviewing them, I give thanks for the privilege of working with words and for the unlikely linkages they made possible."

Grace Notes concludes with a short bibliography, an index of selections by their sources and a descriptive bibliography of Yancey's books, with personal thoughts and commentary on the inspiration and stories behind them.

"As I look back on my first real book (*Where Is God When It Hurts?*), I shudder that I had the audacity to tackle one of

the most daunting theological questions, the problem of pain, in my late twenties," he writes. "Yet suffering was one of the impediments to my faith, and it poses questions that confront all of us at some point."

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