

Love Wins

✖ Rob Bell | HarperOne

Rob Bell trades his to-date
Zondervan home for its parent-company's broader religion
imprint in *Love
Wins*, a book some will see as similarly taking him from
familiar
evangelicalism to more open-ended spirituality.

Though he never uses the word
"universalism," it is a summary—and judgment—many are likely
to make as he
presents what is subtitled, "A Book About Heaven, Hell, and
the Fate of Every
Person Who Ever Lived."

Those looking for something to
disagree with will find it in his reflections, which seek to
rise above simple
"in or out" pronouncements, but they also may be stretched in
their
understanding of what the Bible means when it talks about
eternity, heaven and
hell.

While pointing to what he sees as
the church's "long tradition of Christians who believe that
God will ultimately
restore everything and everybody," Bell's trademark
reflectiveness and wonder
at the immensity of God's love ultimately emphasizes the
importance of how
people's view of the hereafter shapes their lives in the here
and now.

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