

Make Love Make War

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In *Make Love Make War: Now Is the Time to Worship*, Brian Doerksen, writer of worship tunes including “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship,” “Refiner’s Fire” and “Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing),” explains the stories behind 12 of his songs, some of which are more widely known than others.

Doerksen bursts religious bubbles that would have the church “singing pleasant and happy” anthems instead of being “transparent and sharing our struggles”—he does the latter in this book. But Doerksen doesn’t just chronicle the challenging life experiences that prompted his music and melodies—including having six children, some with special needs. He issues a provocative call for every believer to live a life of radical worship and to engage in spiritual warfare. Both are essential and can start with the music of the church, he says.

Make Love, Make War is ripe for group study and discussion among worship leaders, songwriters and musicians. Chapters end with songwriting tips, adding practical application to theological ideas, which Doerksen presents simply and effectively.

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