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Editorial Review

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In a sea of books that promise certainty, award-winning author Philip Yancey (*What's So Amazing About Grace*, *The Jesus I Never Knew*) is not afraid to write about the mystery of belief, about letting risk and faith go hand in hand. *Reaching for the Invisible God: What Can We Expect to Find?* is Yancey at his best--wrestling with difficult questions and refusing to give pat answers. In our quest to know God, he offers this caveat: "The more personal conception of God we have, the more unnerving are the questions about him."

Yancey quotes extensively from classic writers and sketches scenes of doubting biblical figures as he grapples with making sense of a God who is personal, yet sometimes so elusive. Six different aspects of the Christian life are explored: our longing for God, who God is, the Holy Spirit, our faith, growth, and spiritual transformation. In his explorations, he reassembles the difficult and perplexing events of life around an ability to trust in a loving God. Trust is pivotal. Admitting that God's style "often baffles me," Yancey leaves no doubt that his framework of faith is still in place, that he sees "evidence of (God's) long-suffering, mercy, and desire to woo rather than compel--I have learned to trust God."

Here is the clear, concise writing mixed with deeply personal and authentic insights that won Yancey nine Gold Medallion Awards for previous books. Expect a 10th. --Cindy Crosby

From Publishers Weekly

HPopular theologian Yancey (*The Jesus I Never Knew*; *What's So Amazing About Grace?*) steers clear of trite detours, inviting readers to travel through some of the most difficult aspects of nurturing a human relationship with a transcendent God. Drawing upon wide experience and a rich well of stories, Yancey considers honestly the predicaments of human existence. We are distracted with the daily grind, checking our e-mail more often than we meditate. We banish doubts in the name of more streamlined versions of success and self-fulfillment. Christians in particular, Yancey says, are often guilty of worshipping the impossible while failing to believe in the possible. That relationship of grace God extends to humankind daily. With common sense and a poetic sensibility, Yancey poses fruitful questions and offers real insights. In the search for signposts of the invisible God, Yancey beckons readers to the Bible to encounter God's loving and gracious personality. Without clichés, he reminds us that doubt and difficulty can be catalysts for intimacy with God. And with humor and fair wisdom, he talks about seeking the Holy Spirit: "To reach for the Spirit is like hunting for your eyeglasses while wearing them." In conversation with the many sages he cites--C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton and Umberto Eco, to name a few--Yancey is at once pastoral and provocative. Meet a friend. (Sept.)

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One of the most approachable evangelical Christian writers acknowledges his struggles with faith, laments his considerable shortcomings, and vows to do better in what amounts to an intimate encounter with one man's faith. He relays many anecdotes, often culling them from his own experiences, and he shares the wisdom of fellow spiritual travelers, including C. S. Lewis, Kathleen Norris, and Martin Marty. He admits he doesn't know all the answers but says he has become more comfortable with not knowing. His is not an easy faith. He offers no facile solutions, no panacea to suffering and misery. Nevertheless, he addresses perennial human concerns, ranging from why bad things happen to good people to the difference between free will and supernatural intervention. Whether acknowledging the existence of God or attempting to fathom the inner workings of fellow humans, a leap of faith is required, he says. Despite the ongoing struggle of daily living,

Yancey remains optimistic about the human condition, certain that the religious impulse will continue to offer solace and enable companionship. *June Sawyers*

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