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#### Review

"In *Hoping Against Hope* God doesn't exist, God insists, and God insists with so much love and grace that the omnipotent Daddy you don't really believe in anyway gives up the ghost. But John Caputo's gripping narrative is told with such adventurous honesty and irresistible humor that you don't need to agree with him—you just don't want to stop reading him."-- Catherine Keller, Author of *Cloud of the Impossible*

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"*Hoping Against Hope* is a postmodern mystic's theopoetic musings on the tangible grace of infinity in the fragile and fraught yet still ever-mysterious ways of the material. This is Caputo's works/words of love. *Hoping Against Hope* tugs us insistently into the specter of the star-strewn night and into the ways that hope persists along with stings of loss and mourning. *Hoping Against Hope* is the dreamscape/soulscape of one always waiting for? which is still to come while not relinquishing this in/finite worlds of unabashed longing where darkness and lightness intertwine to illuminate everything. One cannot tell Caputo there's no mystery as it is everywhere, setting his heart to burn with grace. To read this book is to enter into the heart of one whose soul flows between heaven and earth." --Wonhee Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

"John Caputo is a triple threat philosopher, and it's all on display in this book: brilliant, witty, and human. In *Hoping Against Hope* you will discover the beating heart of a philosopher, full of passion and set on hope." - Tripp Fuller, Founder of *Homebrewed Christianity* and author of *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Jesus*

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"John Caputo has a near magical facility with words, finding just the right one to craft and deliver yet another alarming nihilistic punch to my theistic solar plexus. I find myself clutching my increasingly tattered cloak of 'orthodox' belief ever closer around me! He displays a wonderful tapestry of self-contained if ambiguous unconditionality and draws strength and reinvigoration instead of anguish and despair from a complacent acknowledgement that it is all likely to peter out in a cosmic catastrophe."

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--Patrick Masterson, retired President, European University Institute, retired President, University College, Dublin

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