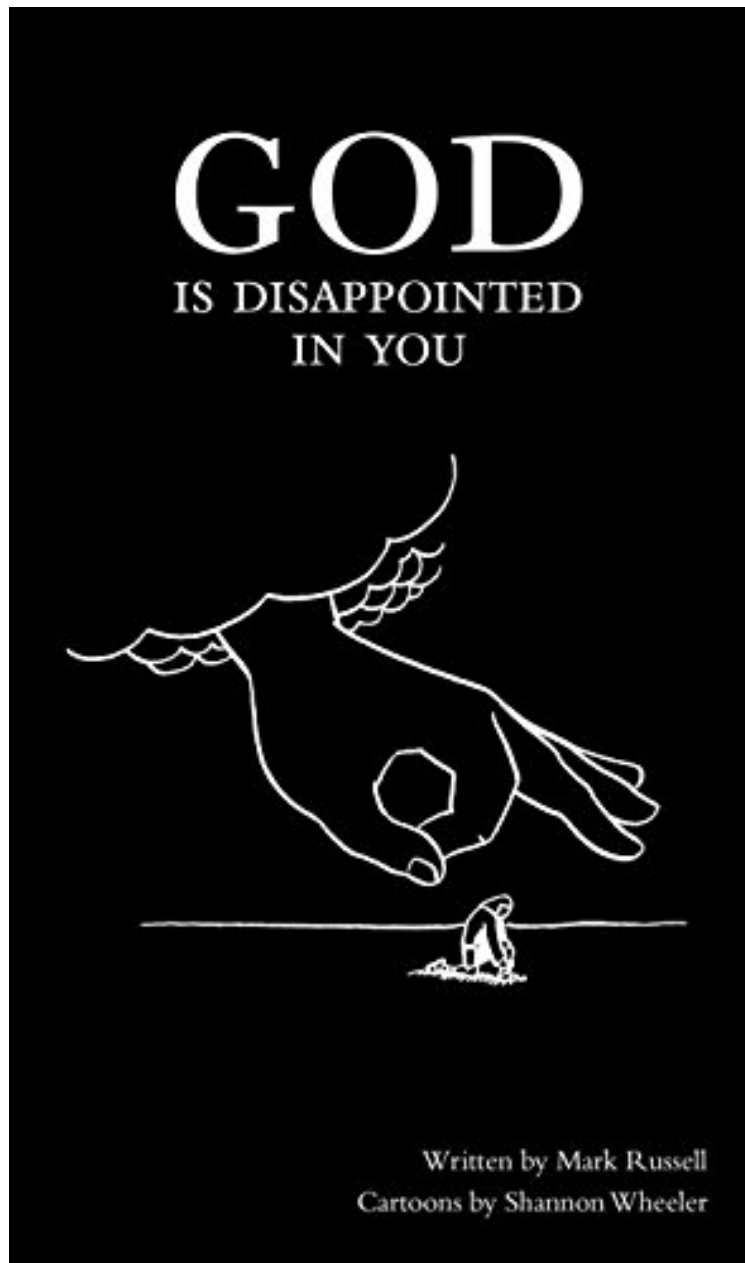


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Just read the book!By William BuchananMuch like the author I grew up reading the Bible - actually most of the time it was read to me in Sunday School class or during the Church service in the big room. When I got older I began to read it for myself and, to be honest, it was almost always a tough read no matter the translation. It's a testament (pun intended) to the content itself that it gets read at all. The culture in which it is written is different than mine. In most cases even the culture in which it was translated into whatever version I would be reading is different than mine. This is the first "translation" (and I suppose it's fair to call it that) that most closely mirrors the culture in which I live. Of course that culture is one of snarkiness and irreverence so you can only imagine how this plays out. If you grew up with the Bible, read this. If you didn't but have been wondering what all the fuss is about, read this. If you have been burned out, burned up or burned through by the Bible or by others who have used it as a club or flame thrower, read this. I've been in Church as an attendee, a member, a leader, a member of the staff and most recently as someone searching for a (and to be clear, at times avoiding) Church. This is a wonderfully refreshing read that has renewed my faith in a wonderfully complex and challenging book. Whether you consider the Bible the inspired story of God's relationship with his creation . . . or a myth this "version" is worth a read. Thank you to the author and illustrator.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is nice to have another perspective that is also humorous..By Glen OlsonIt is an irreverent look at what is actually in the Bible, chapter by chapter. I admire the time he took to do this. I wish that he had either been a bit more scholarly or gone a little more in-depth on some of the major characters like Abraham and David. Perhaps in a few years, he will write a Revised Standard Version. :) I'm saving the 5th star for that one.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining... for a Little WhileBy Wilbur CobbI was really enjoying this "translation" of The Bible for several chapters, but the shtick started to wear thin. Maybe religion is just so boring that there's only so much comedy that you can squeeze out of it. Or maybe the joke just got old. Either way, I'd suggest borrowing this, if possible.

God Is Disappointed in You is for people who would like to read the Bible... if it would just cut to the chase. Stripped of its arcane language and its interminable passages of poetry, genealogy, and law, every book of the Bible is condensed down to its core message, in no more than a few pages each. Written by Mark Russell with cartoons by New Yorker cartoonist Shannon Wheeler, God Is Disappointed in You is a frequently hilarious, often shocking, but always accurate retelling of the Bible, including the parts selectively left out by Sunday School teachers and church sermons. Irreverent yet faithful, this book is a must-read for anyone who wants to see past the fog of religious agendas and cultural debates to discover what the Bible really says.

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