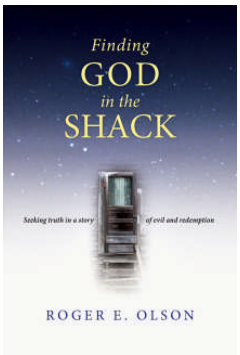
LOOK | BOOK DETAILS



Finding God in the Shack: Seeking Truth in a Story of Evil and Redemption, February 2009, &15.00, 160 pages, paper, 0-8308-**3708**-6, $15.00

Roger E. Olson (Ph.D., Rice University) is professor of theology at George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He is the author of *The Story of Christian Theology: Twenty Centuries of Tradition & Reform, The Mosaic of Christian Belief: Twenty Centuries of Unity & Diversity* (both InterVarsity Press). He is also coauthor of *20th-Century Theology: God & the World in a Transitional Age* and *Who Needs Theology? An Invitation to the Study of God* (both with Stanley J. Grenz, InterVarsity Press), and of *The Trinity* (with Christopher A. Hall, Eerdmans).

Going Back to *The Shack*

You can't escape *The Shack*. The book that was first published in 2007 has climbed best-seller lists while igniting spirited conversations across the world. Book clubs and blogs, churches and coffee houses have all joined the discussion. Some see the book as a new way to understand God. Others label the author and his work as dangerous and heretical. Many aren't sure what to make of it. *Finding God in the Shack* by Roger Olson sorts out the confusion about this blockbuster and comes to some surprising conclusions. Chapters deal with difficult questions such as:

- Where Is God in Senseless, Innocent Suffering?
- Is God Really a Family of Three?
- Does God Forgive Everyone Unconditionally?
- Will Child Abusers Be in Heaven?
- Where Is the Church in Experiencing God?
- How Should We Respond to *The Shack*?

Olson brings the eye of a trained theologian to the unusual portrait of God found in *The Shack*. And like the main character Mack, he has faced his own "Great Sadness" including a rocky relationship with his pastor father. Overall, Olson feels this fictional tale can teach us about the nature of God, especially in the midst of anguish and pain.

Finding God in the Shack includes extensive discussion guides that may be used by individuals or groups.

IVP Books
books.ivpress.com

Media Contact | For more information and to schedule an interview with our featured author contact:
Krista Carnet, broadcast publicity, at 800.843.4587 ext. 4013 or kkcarnet@ivpress.com
Heather Mascarello, print publicity, at 800.843.4587 ext. 4012 or hmascarello@ivpress.com
Adrianna Wright, online publicity, at 800.843.4587 ext. 4096 or awright@ivpress.com
Visit ivpress.com/media