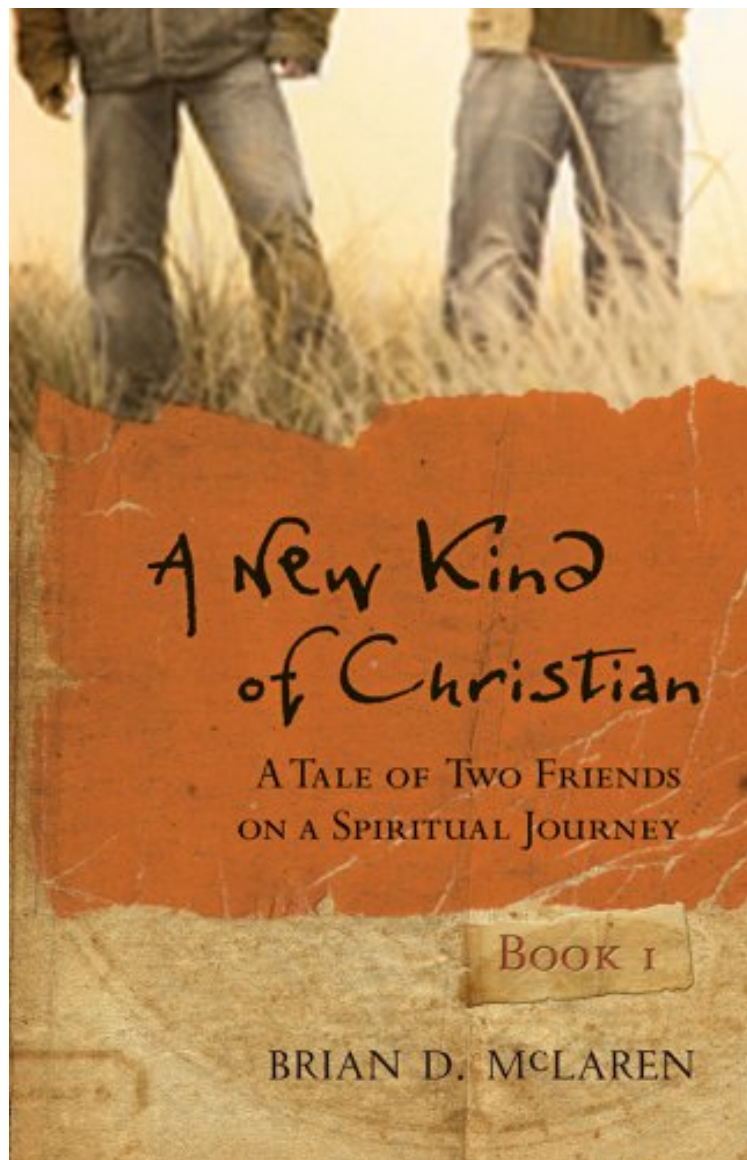


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Von Brian D. McLaren : A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey (Jossey-Bass Leadership Network Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey (Jossey-Bass Leadership Network Series):

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3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Zum Nach- und Weiterdenken
Von G. J. Matthia
Daniel Poole, ein so gut wie ausgebrannter Pastor, spielt mit dem Gedanken, seinen Beruf aufzugeben und Lehrer zu werden. Er spricht, als sich die Gelegenheit bietet, Dr. Oliver an, der Naturwissenschaften unterrichtet, um ein paar Details bezüglich der Anstellung, Bezahlung, der praktischen Arbeit zu klären. Science is a piece of cake compared to what you do, meint dieser und eine lebensverändernde Freundschaft beginnt. Dan, der Pastor und Leo, der Naturwissenschaftler fangen an, sich auszutauschen über Gott und die Welt. Nach und nach wächst das Vertrauen, auch sehr persönliche Fragen werden angesprochen, und Dan entdeckt mit Leos Hilfe die Gründe seiner Frustration, Entmutigung und Erschöpfung im Beruf als Pastor ' und er findet einen Weg aus der Sinn- und Glaubenskrise. Die spannend erzählte Fabel von Brian McLaren öffnet den Blick auf Möglichkeiten, Christsein neu und anders zu leben als im vorigen Jahrhundert. Blick und verbreitet: die Beziehung zu Gott wird wichtiger als kirchliche Strukturen, der Glaube ist eher ein Lebensstil als ein Gerst aus Regeln und Verboten, echte Nächstenliebe und Hinwendung zu den Menschen ringsum zählt mehr als das Bewahren der reinen Lehre, eine Wanderung mit einem Freund kann richtiger und christlicher sein als der Besuch eines Gottesdienstes. Ein solches Buch kann nicht ohne Widerspruch bleiben. Der Schweizerische Bund aktiver Protestanten, verlautbart: Dieses Buch zeigt ihn (McLaren) als einen gefährlichen Verführer, der mit allen Mitteln der Rhetorik ungefestigte Menschen vom biblischen Glauben weglockt. ' A New Kind of Christian ist eine raffinierte Anleitung zum Abfall vom wahren, biblischen Glauben. Aha. So so. Hört hört. Was der biblische Glaube sein soll, wird nicht erlutert, aber offensichtlich geht der in Gefahr, wenn jemand dieses Buch in die Hand nimmt. Ich habe das Buch mit Begeisterung gelesen, mit nicht nachlassender Spannung den Dialog zwischen Leo und Dan verfolgt und eine ganze Menge des Gelesenen als glaubensstärkend empfunden. Aber vermutlich bin ich längst von dem Glauben abgefallen, den sie Schweizer Freunde so gefährdet sehen: Ich habe kein Problem damit, die Evolution als Gottes geniale Schöpfungs idee zu sehen. Ich setze mich auch mit homosexuellen Menschen an einen Tisch, ohne die Absicht zu haben, ihnen das Höllefeuer um die Ohren zu schlagen. Ob meine Freunde Atheisten, Moslems, Buddhisten oder Christen sind, ändert nichts an meiner Wertschätzung. McLarens Buch ist sicher nichts für Menschen, denen in ihren (katholischen, evangelischen, charismatischen, evangelikalen oder sonstigen) Glaubensstrukturen und 'traditionen rundum wohl zumute ist. Es ist keine geeignete Lektüre für Christen, die sich im exklusiven Club mit ihresgleichen so kuschelig fühlen, dass die Welt um sie herum ruhig sein und bleiben kann, wie sie ist, solange man selbst immer mehr Segen, Gesundheit, Wohlstand, Salbung und wasnochalles bekommen kann. Solche Leser würden in den Schweizer Chor einstimmen und den gefährlichen Verführer, der dieses Buch geschrieben hat, an den Pranger stellen oder ' falls möglich ' an ein Kreuz nageln. Christen, denen unwohl dabei ist, dass ihr Leben und ihr Glauben nicht so recht miteinander harmonieren, denen auffällt, dass das Gelehrte oft von Erlebten abweicht, dass ringsum Not herrscht, die niemand lindern will ' solche Menschen werden dieses Buch nicht ohne Gewinn lesen. Nicht alles, was McLaren schreibt, wird auf Zustimmung stoßen, so ging es mir zumindest, aber das muss ja auch nicht sein. Manches ist auch typisch amerikanisch und mit unserer Gesellschaft nur bedingt vergleichbar. Man darf und soll dieses Buch durchaus kritisch lesen ' A New Kind of Christian ist kein neuer Katechismus, den man abzarbeiten hätte, um das ewige Leben nicht zu verspielen. Auch wer nicht gläubig ist, könnte dieses Buch mit Interesse und Begeisterung lesen, fast möchte ich sagen sollte es lesen. Ich kenne Menschen, die durchaus Interesse am Christentum haben, aber auf gar keinen Fall jemals so werden wollen, wie dieser oder jener bibeltreue Christ, den sie kennen gelernt oder gehört oder gesehen haben. Wer weiß, ob Menschen, die mit gutem Grund einen Bogen um alles Fromme machen, jemals jemanden wie Leo und Dan treffen werden ' dieses Buch könnte das abschreckende Bild des Christseins etwas relativieren helfen. Mein Fazit: Sehr empfehlenswert, A New Kind of Christian ist eines der Bücher, die ich bis zur letzten Seite nicht aus der Hand legen wollte, wann immer ich Gelegenheit zum Lesen fand. Ein Buch, das zum Nach- und Weiterdenken anstachelt.
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A taste of living water in the drought of modern-day Christianity
Von Helen Hancox
My hairdresser recommended this book to me. The relationship one has with one's hairdresser means that you often end up talking about quite deep things and my hairdresser and I, both Christians, have done a lot of talking over the last ten years. He was obviously pretty much in tune with where my thoughts were as he told me about a book I had to read. "A New Kind Of Christian" is that book. And my hairdresser was right - I really did have to read this book. Why? Mainly because it has given me fresh hope in Christianity in the 21st century when I had pretty much given up hope. Look around you at the people you work with, you travel on the train with. If you stopped one at random to describe what they thought a Christian was they would probably say something like "a nice person, a good person, but also very judgemental, bigoted, brainwashed and a hypocrite." And I would agree with them. Most Christians I know - well, almost all of them - are really nice people. They can be very hospitable, wonderfully generous, they give up no end of time and money to charity, they want to invite non-Christians to as many events as possible to convert them (for their own good, of course) and they want to live a faithful, good, nuclear family kind of life. However, this worldview seems so out of touch with the real world - not because any of those things are necessarily wrong but because it misses out on a lot of what else is going on in today's culture. Issues of sexuality, scientific study, congruence with the postmodern society that we live in - these are issues that the secular world has a position on and the church is usually far behind. Christians often seem unable to think for themselves but only seem

able to parrot the latest words of the pastor/leader, no matter how unloving it may seem to the modern gay person (for example), let alone often requiring belief in things that really shouldn't matter to be a 'real' Christian (such as 7-day creation). Young people are often turned off because they feel the church isn't really connecting with them; others are so 'into' the church that they don't actually have any real understanding of life outside it, of culture outside it and of issues that affect people deeply every day that they can blithely categorise as 'wrong' or 'sin'. Brian MacLaren's book meets these issues head on. Rather than writing a treatise or theology of what he believes he presents his views in the form of a conversation between two people - a Pastor, Dan, who is beginning to wonder if he should become a school teacher as he can no longer preach with the certainty that he used to, and Neo, a school teacher who used to be a pastor. Within the conversations between these two men we read a sermon by Neo, hear of conversations between the pastor and his wife and get a little bit of an idea what it might be like for that pastor who is worried about his calling. And every page of this book just drips wisdom - I found myself constantly thinking "yes, that's exactly it!" and was generally able to only read a couple of chapters at a time as there was so much in them I had to go away and think about what I had read before consuming more. Brian MacLaren puts his case for a new kind of Christian very strongly. The first half of the book is setting the groundwork to his idea - that the Church is "modern" but the world is "postmodern". The church's choice of the vital tenets of Christianity are often rather of a response to the world we have lived in since mediaeval times - the church needs to respond to the way that the world has moved on in terms of communication, global perspectives on individuals' lives and a right understanding of what Jesus started in his church. The second part of the book looks more at what "a new kind of Christian" would be like - how they might evangelise, how they might live their lives (with a strong focus on financial giving) and how they might live lives as Jesus commanded rather than living the narrow pharisaism of so many Christians. I was really struck by a small thing in the middle of this book, where Neo quotes from 1 John 1 about heaven, referring to Jesus and saying "We shall be like him". I had been going around for weeks saying to people "if being a Christian means being like these people" - referring to Christians in the media, Christians I have come across in my daily life, who spout bigoted and unloving opinions at the drop of a hat and come across as very judgemental - "I would rather not be a Christian". I found it shockingly easy to say those words because I have become so horrified by the state of Christianity that I have experienced in the UK and US. And yet I was reminded that in heaven we would be like Jesus and I want that, very much. Jesus is the ultimate model of what a Christian should be like, and the vast difference between the character of Jesus and the character of most Christians has highlighted for me where Christianity has gone wrong - not in the essence of the faith but in its expression by people around me. It doesn't have to be like that, and Brian MacLaren's book shows a way in which we might become more like Jesus in today's postmodern world - this is a brilliant book and I strongly recommend it to anyone who despairs of modern-day Christianity, who fears they may be losing their faith, who finds it difficult to reconcile their God-given intelligence with the strange stuff being fed to them from the pulpit. It gives hope again to the message of Jesus, as relevant today as it has always been.

Kurzbeschreibung
A Leadership Network Publication
A New Kind of Christian's conversation between a pastor and his daughter's high school science teacher reveals that wisdom for life's most pressing spiritual questions can come from the most unlikely sources. This stirring fable captures a new spirit of Christianity--where personal, daily interaction with God is more important than institutional church structures, where faith is more about a way of life than a system of belief, where being authentically good is more important than being doctrinally "right," and where one's direction is more important than one's present location. Brian McLaren's delightful account offers a wise and wondrous approach for revitalizing Christian spiritual life and Christian congregations. If you are interested in joining a discussion group devoted to A New Kind of Christian please visit groups.yahoo.com/group/NKOC.Pressestimmen ... This book is, quite simply, brilliant... ("Faith for Life," 21/12/04) "This is a book that heightens the depths and deepens the peaks. Like all the best things in life, it is not to be entered into lightly, but reverently and in the fear of a God who is waiting for the church to stop asking 'What would Jesus do?' and start asking 'What is Jesus doing?'" (Dr. Leonard Sweet, E. Stanley Jones Chair in Evangelism, Drew University, and bestselling author of Post-Modern Pilgrims, SoulSalsa, SoulTsunami, and AquaChurch; coauthor of A Cup of Coffee at the Soul Cafe) "Get ready to wake up your spirit and breath deep. McLaren's A New Kind of Christian is a street-level, lived excursion into this present millennium-a world where ministry by control, condescension, and smug certainty gives way to incarnational faith." (Sally Morgenthaler, president, SJM Management Co. and author of Worship Evangelism) "McLaren's courageous and honest reassessment of our cherished customs and cliches stimulates creative thinking on these vital issues. A New Kind of Christian is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in preparing the church to be vital force in the next generation." (Chuch Smith, Jr., senior pastor, Capo Beach Valvary Chapel and author, The End of the World As We Know It) .. "an engaging tale..." ("Christianity Renewal," July 2002) ... This book is, quite simply, brilliant ... ("Faith for Life," 21/12/04) "This is a book that heightens the depths and deepens the peaks. Like all the best things in life, it is not to be entered into lightly, but reverently and in the fear of a God who is waiting for the church to stop asking 'What would

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