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Where will
the next book
take you?

The Shack

by Wm. Paul Young



How does someone review a novel like *The Shack*? I guess I can begin by letting the reader know that the book was published as fiction but some may argue that it is a piece of non-fiction. For reasons that I suppose are obvious in the world we live in today, fiction was the better choice.

The story is about a man, named Mack, who spends the weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. After Mack's youngest daughter was brutally murdered he received a note in the mailbox telling him to go to the

place where they found his daughter. He struggled with the note at first but then events fell into place that made it possible for him to go and meet whoever it was that left the request. At the shack the reader is taken on a spiritual adventure that will make one stop and think twice about their own lives. This book is not one that should be read quickly. It is full of heavy information that should be left to simmer in the readers own mind for a little while.

The Shack lives up to all of its positive reviews; It is powerful, uplifting and heartwarming. Although the story can seem a bit cheesy at times, it is best read with an open mind. (You will know what I mean when you read it.) The last two chapters will make the reader's jaw drop in disbelief and leave one with the urge to pray that the story was published in the wrong genre; at least that's the impact it had on me.

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