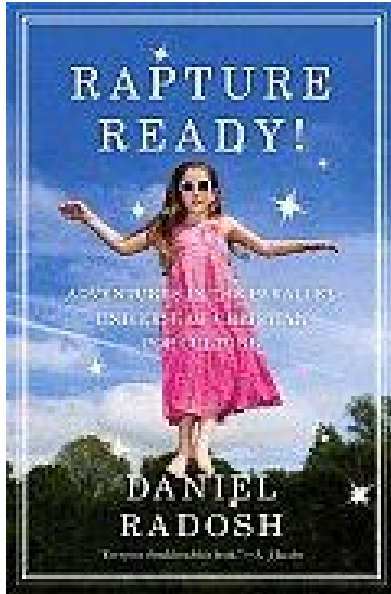


*Rapture Ready! Adventures in the Parallel Universe of Christian Pop Culture*  
By Daniel Radosh

A Review by Ben Michael



I wanted to read this book based on the subtitle. I'm a sucker for pop culture – at least from a sociological standpoint – but a whole book on Christian pop culture, well, that had an entertainment appeal as well.

I grew up with a working knowledge and experience of most of the topics Radosh covers – I've been to Creation, I've shopped at Christian bookstores, I enjoy Christian music (though today I'm wary of using that as an adjective).

This book is worth reading for two reasons.

First, I think it is important to be aware of pop culture in general but perhaps to be more aware of what is viewed as *Christian* pop culture because it helps us to understand how we (as Christ Followers) are perceived by non-followers.

Second, the author encounters many Christians in his adventures in this parallel universe. What amazed and encouraged me was that while I expected him to interview “Christians who make other Christians look bad,” he didn't. The interviewees were full of grace, highly self-aware, and understanding of the stereotypes that exist. His account of these conversations is open-minded and unbiased. He is critical when necessary but ultimately offers fair and accurate accounts of opinions he does not share.

If you need more convincing before picking up this title check out the book's website, which features an excellent blog and a multimedia appendix with links for the reader to experience all topics covered.

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