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An Inspiring And Eye Opening Exploration Of The Phenomenon Of Miracles From The New York Times Bestselling Author Of Bonhoeffer What Are Miracles, And Why Do So Many People Believe In Them What Do They Tell Us About Ourselves And What Do We Do With Experiences That We Cannot Explain In Miracles, Eric Metaxas Offers Compelling Sometimes Electrifying Evidence That There S Something Real To Be Reckoned With, Whatever One Has Thought Of The Topic Before Miracles Is Also A Timely, Thoughtful, And Civil Answer To The Books Of The New Atheists Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, And Sam Harris Who Have Passionately Asserted Not Just The Impossibility Of Miracles And The Supernatural, But The Outright Harmfulness Of Belief In Them Metaxas Whom ABC News Has Called A Witty Ambassador For Faith Provides The Measured And Wide Ranging Treatment The Subject Deserves, From Serious Discussion Of The Compatibility Between Faith And Science To Astonishing But Well Documented Stories Of Actual Miracles From People He Knows A Current, Anecdotal, And Personal Version Of C S Lewis S Book On The Subject, Miracles Is A Powerfully Winsome Challenge That Miracles Are Not Only Possible But Are Far Widespread Than Most Of Us Ever Might Have Imagined

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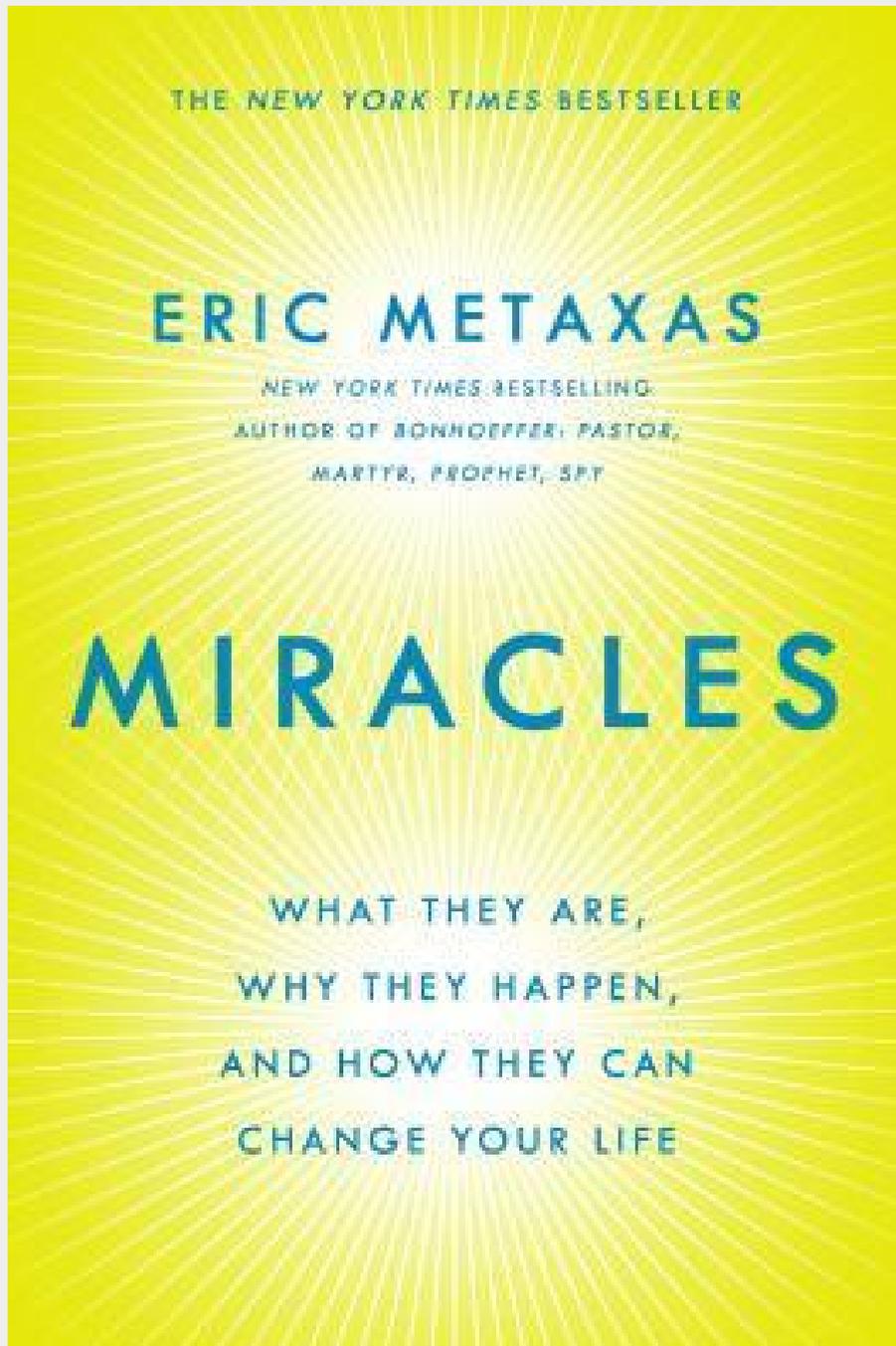
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February February says:

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As I started reading this book I wanted to highlight a

quote I liked however, as I continued reading I realized that nearly every page had so much good content that my pages began to look like a class on annotation Miracles is a rich book, full of life that penetrates the heart

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Wesley Roth Wesley Roth says:

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After reading Amazing Grace and Bonhoeffer two books which deeply affected me , I was very much looking forward to his new book Miracles In the first half of the book, Metaxas does an excellent job introducing the reader to what IS a miracle, and does a great job addressing miracles in the realm of science and the universe What if science points us beyond science the author asks He cites Bonhoeffer We are to find God in what we know, not in what we don t know Metaxas does an excellent job defending miracles and also the Christian faith in these early chapters The 2nd half of the book tell the miracle stories conversion, healing, angelic and variety Reading through each one some only a couple pages, some longer , deepened my faith I will continue to recall these miracles in the years ahead and applaud Mr Metaxas in writing such a great book I hope the mainstream of American culture takes note of this book and its message It is desperately needed.

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Sue Sue says:

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My hope is that this book changes perspectives on life in

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the cosmos, on Christ, His life and eternal mark on history, on the desire of God to do something quirky that is so out of the ordinary that the event just cannot be explained in the natural The first part of the book explores the concept of miracles If God could speak the universe into existence, could he not afterward speak into that existence p.12 Miracles point to something beyond themselves p 16 From there, Eric Metaxas gives us science lessons on human life and astronomy who knew Jupiter has an important part to play in our life on Earth How life in the universe is calibrated just right through the eons of time is a wonder Then Eric takes us through the miracles of Jesus, including the greatest, His resurrection, and shows how wondrously applicable the resurrection is to anyone and everyone The second part of the book compiles stories of miracles in the lives of those people whom Eric knows, and this part is a fascinating read The miracles detail Eric s conversion to Christ, along with other conversions, and stories of lost keys, a girl and a squirrel, and others beyond comprehension The book was a joy to read.

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Zach Zach says:

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This a must read for anyone who has wondered how God communicates with his children Miracles are a way for our Father to bring us closer to him, by demonstrating awesome insight into each of our lives and the ability to direct any situation toward His purpose.This is a wonderful exploration into the miraculous existence of human life on Earth and illustration of how a few of our brothers and sisters have been reminded of God s love.

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do it a billion times Then take one dime and paint it red and hide in one of these billion piles The last step is to blindfold a friend and have him pick out the dime on his first try If you believe this could happen by random chance, you are either nuts or a closed minded atheist who refuses to see the hand of God in the creation of the universe. Let's give our atheist friend the benefit of the doubt and accept the fact that this did happen by dumb random luck Now it's got to happen than a hundred times because there are that many other impossible actions that have to happen for us to exist. Here is just one

Scientists think that 4.25 billion years ago, the earth was a much smaller size Then one day a Mars size mass that had been travelling across millions of light years hit the earth perfectly to blast away an old atmosphere that could not support life and give earth the gravitational mass needed to support life To assume that this was a random event is like believing two bullets randomly shot from guns on opposite sides of the Grand Canyon could collide head on in such a way to cancel out each other's momentum It's hard to do, but much easier if you are trying to do it on purpose instead of relying again on random chance. The last part of Metaxas's book retells miracle stories of his personal friends that he vouches for their character that they would be telling the truth

Someone that comes from a background where people do not speak of such experiences, may find these stories hard to believe, but I am familiar with many similar stories from people I know I believe miracles happen much frequently than many people would acknowledge. This is a great book to either confirm your belief in miracles or give you a logical, scientific reason to relook at them and recognize that miracles do happen.

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Nancy Nancy says:

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A Scientific Basis for Miracles
The first part of Eric Metaxas book on Miracles, gives a detailed scientific explanation, although written for the general reader, of how miracles are possible This section pulled me in I ve read a lot of science about the cosmos, but this section was one of the best I ve read Eric points out how amazing it is that the Big Bang occurred and even amazing that there is life on this planet at all When you ve finished the section you have to agree with him it is amazing Metaxas uses the scientific information to argue that instead of being a closed system, the solar system is open to the point that an outside force, which could be called God, is able to act on human events This is his explanation for how miracles are possible I have to admit that first reading the scientific data and then having it used to discuss the miracle of Jesus Christ and his resurrection is very persuasive The second part of the book presents stories of miracles from conversion miracles like those experienced by C.S Lewis and Charles Colson to angelic miracles and miracles of inner healing He makes the point that miracles can change your life His life was changed by a miracle He makes it very believable I highly recommend this book Whether you re a Christian or a skeptic, this book will give you something to think about I reviewed this book for Dutton.

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Veronika Countryman Veronika

Countryman says:

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I was almost dissuaded to read this book by its title. It made it sound like the Metaxas was going to put forth pat answers on the who, what, where, when and how of miracles, as well as the formula for securing your own. Happily, the read was much satisfying than that. Full disclosure I am a long time Christian and also a long time thinker who is not contented with superficial answers to life's complex issues. He treats the subject in two contexts: the cosmic, creation related context and the personal, private context. Both are completely appropriate to the subject matter and supportive of each other. There are plenty of scientific data, as well as personal anecdotes which are, by the way, all from people whom the author knows personally. On the other hand, there are instances where the author admits that some things simply can not be known or are not known yet. The author explains beautifully the balance between the knowable and the unknowable, the natural and the miraculous, and even the gray areas that bridge the two. Regardless of where you come from: theologically or philosophically, I think you will become enriched and at ease in musing at life's seeming miracles and mysteries, and you will know that you are in good company when you don't have all the answers.

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Katie Katie says:

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I enjoyed this book so much I feel it is an excellent read for both Christians and skeptics. There is so much that both sides can learn from. There are two main parts of the book. In the first half, Eric approaches the subject with a scientific and logical mindset. In one chapter, he talks about how improbable it is the Big Bang occurred, which I

found particularly fascinating In the second half of the book, Eric tells miracle stories that happened in his life and in the lives of a few people he knows personally They range from all sorts of miracles healing, conversions, eternity and inner healing I really appreciated how the miracles occurred in the lives of Christians from a variety of denominations It is a reminder that God cares about all people of all denominations. I think that skeptics would find this book interesting and helpful, because Eric approaches miracles from a skeptical standpoint He brings up questions that many people have God, particularly in the first half of the book and addresses them wonderfully Too often the subject of miracles can be something that makes those in and outside of the church feel a bit uncomfortable The subject is rarely discussed logically among skeptics and those in the church assume that miracles no longer happen today I feel that this book truly helps both sides to understand the subject of miracles a lot It is truly a book for everyone Congratulations to Eric on writing another wonderful book

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Dkowlak Dkowlak says:

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This is an amazing book It clearly shows how God is still at work in lives today performing miracles that we can not imagine This is a must read for everyone The most amazing part is that although the author covers quite a number of miracles, that is only a slight fraction of the miracles that God is performing every day that we never hear about.

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Ginni Brinkley Ginni Brinkley says:

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Disclaimer I had access to a pre release digital copy of this book in exchange for an honest review I saw Eric Metaxas speak at NewDay, a Christian youth camp held in Norwich I wasn't a camper, I took my daughter that one evening to see Matt Redman, who was signing Eric was a bonus He mentioned following him on Twitter, so I did A few weeks ago he tweeted about people being part of his book launch team, so I filled in the most atrociously poor request form, dangling the carrot of making Miracles my 100th book of the year I was on 91 at the time and waited When I got the email saying I was part of the team I realised I needed to do some serious adding, and fast, to get to book 99, so I could make good my promise to have Miracles as book 100 Several novellas later TAHDAAH BOOK 100 of 2014 MIRACLES by Eric Metaxas Miracles is a book of two parts, both extremely readable, both exciting but in different ways. Part 1 deals with what miracles are, and includes lots of fabulous science facts about the world, the universe, the moon, gravity, and the amazing precision of it all I want to write all of these down so you can wonder at them all right now, but I do not do spoilers not after my enjoyment of a long anticipated book was ruined by an reviewer who started her reviewing with the spoiler to end all spoilers The science in Miracles isn't controversial to non Christians who might pick up a copy, though the conclusions may be challenging It'll be challenging to some Christians too My inner science geek is a geek with faith, so the science stuff in part 1 was grand all round There's also a good look at Bible miracles and why they happened Loved, loved the exposition of the story of Lazarus as it gave me new pieces of the jigsaw I didn't know before I'd buy

Miracles for part 1 alone. Part 2 covers actual modern day miracle stories, all the tellers of these stories are known to the author, deliberately so he felt it would add a layer of credibility to some pretty incredible stories if he didn't just use hearsay but firsthand accounts from people he could trust. There are lots of them, grouped into different types. I tore through this second section in one afternoon whereas the first 8 chapters were consumed slowly, with lots of asides to my husband, saying, did you know. Overall reading this book was a very positive experience, and I think it has plenty for people of faith and people who don't believe but have an interest in the subject and an open mind to what they might read.

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