

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT

GOD BREATHED

“Drawing from some unlikely sources—Friedrich Nietzsche, SIA, and Avenger films, to name a few—as well as from his direct experience working with young adults, Rut Etheridge invites the reader to consider a way out of the pain of dehumanization—by not putting humans first. *God Breathed* diagnoses the depth of modern Western culture’s problems and, by doing so, shows us how to reconnect with an active, life-giving God through serious wrestling with the Bible—yes, even its hardest parts! This book exudes a deep commitment to the flourishing of *every* young person, no matter where they are in their lives when they pick up this book.”

ELIZABETH W. CORRIE, director, Youth Theological Initiative, Emory University

“Etheridge creatively diagnoses the condition of our age and opens the way for us to see that if we truly want to find ourselves we need to read and encounter God’s book. Truly scholarly and truly accessible, *God Breathed* is the kind of book that brings strong conviction wrapped in genuine love for God and others.”

VINCENT BACOTE, director, Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College; contributor, *Keep Your Head Up: America’s New Black Christian Leaders, Social Consciousness, and the Cosby Conversation*

“It is difficult to find good books targeted for a young adult reading audience. They are usually dumbed-down, trying too hard to connect, or cheesy. And yet this is often the time of life when people have serious and meaningful questions about the Christian faith. Rut offers us a “Schaeffer-esque” blend of philosophy, theology, and apologetics that connects with the questions about God that Christians and unbelievers alike wrestle with in our current cultural context. He takes his audience seriously and points them to something (Someone) altogether delightful. I will be giving this one away!”

AIMEE BYRD, author, *No Little Women* and *Why Can’t We Be Friends?*

“Whereas many critiques of culture complain and scold, Etheridge decides instead to explain and counsel—and does so supremely well. He speaks to people both inside and outside the church, as well as

those feeling caught in between. His message about Christianity and contemporary culture is clear. Each chapter feels like it was written with both passion and compassion.”

RUSSELL HAITCH, professor of theology and human science, Bethany Theological Seminary

“...this *tour de force* of biblical ethics, philosophy, and theology presents a timely challenge for readers at any stage to understand who they are in relation to God, God’s word, and God’s world...I highly recommend it!”

WHITNEY GAMBLE, associate professor of biblical and theological studies, Providence Christian College

“Among other things, three stand out about this book: it is theologically and philosophically shrewd, pastorally wise, and engagingly written (with a dizzying array of real world connections to life in late modernity). Clearly, Rut has his finger on the pulse of the current generation of young adults. But anyone looking for sturdy, tried, and true belief in a rapidly shifting age will do well to take up and read.”

MARK ROBINSON, pastoral mentor, Western Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge

“Rut Etheridge’s *God Breathed* is a culturally relevant theological *tour de force* which speaks directly into the hearts and minds of its readers. This book is heavy in every sense of the word, but if you are willing to mine its depths I can promise you that you will emerge from its pages edified, enriched, and empowered because the One to whom Rut is drawing his readers is the One who speaks the words that are truly spirit and life.”

ANTHONY T. SELVAGGIO, author, *A Proverbs Driven Life* and *7 Toxic Ideas That Are Polluting Your Mind*

“I was very heartened to see someone write a book as brave and honest as this one. Scholarly, engaging, and remarkably accessible, this book takes history seriously and refuses to simplify complex issues. Drawing from early Church fathers through Descartes, Kant, and Nietzsche to purveyors of pop culture and advocates of atheism, Rut addresses contemporary cultural issues from a perspective many would prefer not to consider—but that cannot be ignored.”

JANIE HARDEN FRITZ, professor of communication and rhetorical studies, Duquesne University

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