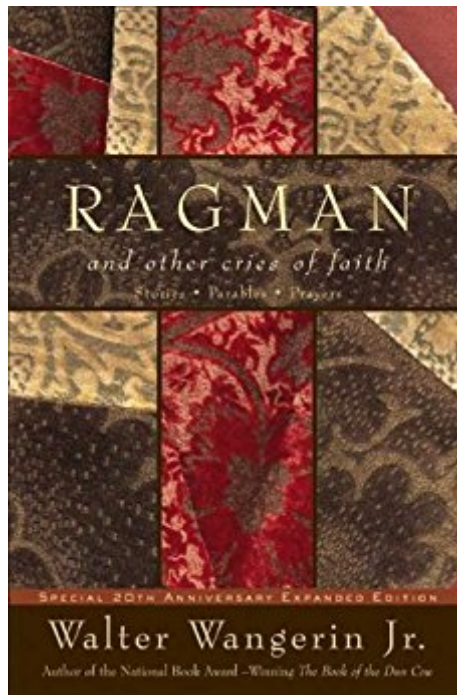




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# Ragman - Reissue: And Other Cries Of Faith (Wangerin, Walter)



## Synopsis

Updated with eleven new stories and meditations, this Gold Medallion-winning classic interweaves vivid stories, deep meditations, and provocative allegories that together explore the power and meaning of love within an often inhumane urban landscape. The opening chapter, "Ragman," remains one of Walter Wangerin Jr.'s most beloved works and leads the reader to thirty-three other writings, all bearing the author's trademark poignancy and lyricism. Ranging from gentle reflections to heart-rending invocations, these selections are powerful, thought-provoking explorations of the meaning of faith, the person of Christ, and the communion of believers. Again and again, Wangerin's cries of faith touch our deepest pains with rays of joyful healing.

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Very spiritual inspiring short stories. I love it, because I can read a whole story before I go to bed. With my schedule it may be a week before I get back to a book.

The color scheme Wangerin displays in the vividly moving and pulling book, not only draws lines to your own life but also paints the difficult and more than likely self-abasing canvas of his own wanderings and in no way applauds himself for the slight victory before the fall back into confusion that God so faithfully pulls us all out of eventually. Follow Walter through his young married life and the struggles of parenthood, into a better understanding of our Father who continually pushes us through adversity into perfection. An organic and honest read to say the least, 10/10.

Fifteen years ago I had read the first chapter of this book, then lost it. I hoped someone would find it and be as inspired as I had been. Now I have found it again and been blessed to read the whole book. Though none matches the first chapter, they all have the authors brilliant touch and profound spiritual insight. Please read it. You will be blessed.

WOW!

Walter Wangerin does an outstanding job utilizing fictitious (some) stories to present the Gospel in a real-world way. It as timeless as it was the first time I read the book. From teaching "The Good Samaritan" story at a gas pump to presenting Christ as a modern-day figure exchanging worn items for new ones, Dr. Wangerin shares with us his representation of God's light through Jesus. It is like a puzzle, at first, which slowly unfolds the more you read it. A treasure book, to be sure!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this inspiring book of Christian faith. The imagery and symbolism especially appealed to me; however, if you are a person who wants everything explained in a forthright manner, you will not like this book. My Sunday school class is discussing the book and many lively debates have arisen over the abstractness. Some examples: "Why doesn't the man just say what he wants to say?" to "Um-m. the imagery is fantastic; I can see and feel it."

RAGMAN AND OTHER CRIES OF FAITH is a deeply moving collection of works concerning the Christian faith, written by Walt Wangerin, Jr. about some of his experiences as a pastor in the inner city. The title work, "Ragman" is a story that is often used as a skit/readers theatre throughout the country and is basically an updated tale about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The book includes poems, plays, sermons, and many great stories because as Wangerin writes, stories are what make a pastor. The tales are all personal and most are moving. They examine a deep and

living faith that sees the work of God everywhere: from a naked, homebound parishoner who smells like urine to the painful death of a young woman to a crazy woman shooting a gun at no one in the middle of the street. This is a great book for any pastor, for anyone who has done urban missions, or for anyone looking for a book that illustrates the very real ways God is working in our world today. Highly recommended.

I enjoyed the symbolism in the stories and the stories. Some of them read like stories you might find sent around on mass email lists. The stories challenge you by thinking through tough issues and encourages you to live out what you believe. The poems and stories encourage you to serve. I first heard about this through a sermon on Truth for Life and it's well worth your time to dig into this book.

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