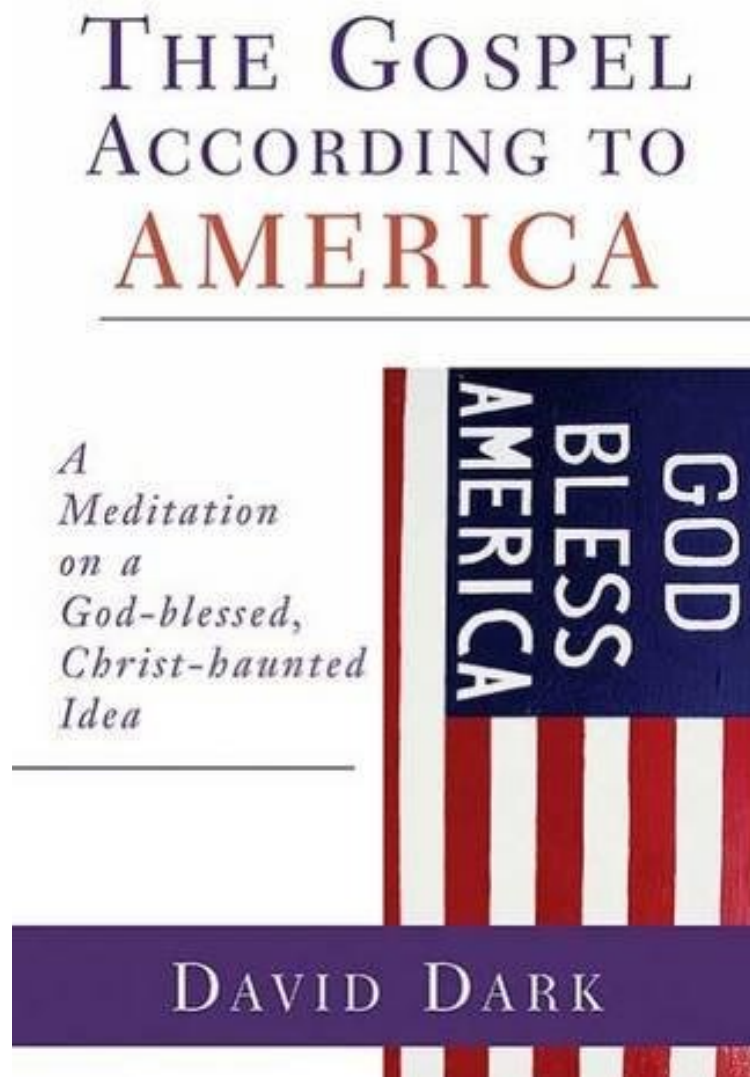


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(darken up). This is a great riff book, full of dark Dark stuff (can this really be his name?), and one chapter ("Bloodier than Blood") about music, that is on the same level as Greil Marcus. The whole point of the book is to wield the Bible as a bludgeon and a screwdriver and a knife stabbing into the heart of the belly of the beast. I didn't have as much fun with this book as with *Everyday Apocalypse* (lots of the cultural references mean nothing to me) but it is still great. It reminds us that one of life's tragedies is that Flannery O'Connor didn't live long enough to be part of a rock and roll band -- had she been, the 70s, 80s, 90s, etc., might very likely not have turned out the way they did. If that means nothing to you, walk slowly away from this book and get on with your life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for every Politician By Agatha I picked up a copy of the book at a Conference in the Spring, but was too engulfed in watching the current election unfold to have much time for reading. But reading it after the election was even more riveting: David wrote in 2005 of the tragedy that became our election in 2012--a vicious battle that has split our country in two. David challenges the parties' visions of the "haves" vs the "have-nots" and what we should do about the inequities that America has produced. He is unmercifully critical of the inability of God-fearing people to settle down and have a reasonable discourse without name-calling and self-proclamation that they are the only ones protecting the country from evil. Throwing no undeserved punches at either the Democrats or Republicans, David calls for a re-look at how America views itself through history and into the crystal ball of its future. With the looming impasse of the "fiscal cliff", every politician should take a deep breath and read David's book--perhaps they will be able to sit down and see America through new eyes; the eyes of their enemy and foe whether that be a different political party or a foreign country. David asks us to expand our reach as Americans spreading the Gospel to the world instead of using it to condemn the world and each other. Highly recommended reading for the holiday! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I really loved this book By Abby Perry Profound, helpful, and full of cultural references, I really loved this book. Dark's exploration of faith, patriotism, and the ways we combine the two is deeply insightful.

Using icons from music, literature, film, and politics, David Dark hopes to provide fodder for lively conversation about what it means to be Christian and American in this day and age. The end result of this conversation, Dark hopes, will be a better understanding that "there is a reality more important, more lasting, and more infinite than the cultures to which we belong," the reality of the kingdom of God.

From Publishers Weekly Readers of Dark's book *Everyday Apocalypse* know that this high school English teacher is a passionate, articulate, absurdly well-read interpreter of popular culture. But even the forewarned may be astonished by this latest effort. Dark's skill at probing the spiritual resonances of American culture - in forms high and low, from Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville to Bob Dylan and David Lynch - is matched by his uncanny ability to select telling moments from America's common story. Whether it's Elvis taking a shotgun to his television sets, Dylan confessing a sense of common humanity with Lee Harvey Oswald or George Washington treating British prisoners of war with unprecedented civility, Dark excavates a series of witnesses who speak prophetically to what he sees as our media-saturated overconfidence in our own righteousness. Moreover, he offers a convincing and unsettling account of the gospel itself - the "Jewish Christian" story of forgiveness and human dignity that, Dark argues, has animated America's ideals even as it has continually critiqued America's practices. Dark's Southern heritage is evident in his literary allusions (the subtitle echoes Flannery O'Connor) and in his affection for egalitarian conversation. Nearly every page has something to make readers pause, laugh, think or pray; perhaps most amazing is Dark's skill at burying layers of meaning for the reader to discover. It's hard to imagine a better tonic for our age than this unblinkingly honest exercise in faithful patriotism. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author David Dark is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is the author of *Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, The Simpsons, and Other Pop Culture Icons* and *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything*. He has also written for *Books and Culture* and *Christianity Today*.