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New inspiration from the million-copy bestselling author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*.

Don Piper's *90 Minutes in Heaven* has sold more than a million copies and has been translated into 12 languages. Now, from "The Minister of Hope" comes the follow-up that millions of readers have been waiting for.

On January 18th, 1989, Don Piper died in a car accident. Ninety minutes later, after a preacher prayed over him, Piper came back to life with an extraordinary story. He'd been to heaven. So began the phenomenon of *90 Minutes in Heaven*.

Now, for the millions who look to him for inspiration, Piper offers the hope that if he could survive his ordeal after the accident, then others can survive whatever life circumstances they're going through and grow in God's love through the experience. For Piper, heaven is a certainty-and so is God's grace. Relying on that assurance, believers can transform pain into purpose and troubles into blessings, finding joy in life even when life turns out not to be what they expected.

## **Heaven Is Real: Lessons on Earthly Joy--From The Man Who Spent 90 Minutes In Heaven Details**

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### **Drb says**

Great book by a sincere Christian who is a minister. Very convincing, lines right up with the Bible. I would recommend it to everyone, especially someone who just lost a loved one to death and who knows they were ready to meet the Lord. Very encouraging.

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### **Amanda says**

This book is inspiring as Don Piper recounts how his amazing story has helped others. He also hits on some really good themes such as finding purpose after tragedy, adjusting to the "new normal" after a life-changing event, etc. However, the book is poorly written and feels choppy. I had an extremely difficult time getting through it. I appreciate the message, but the writing and organization of this book held me back.

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### **Lncropper says**

Joke on me! I was supposed to read Heaven is FOR Real for a book club, and got this one from the library by mistake. It was good, but it is the sequel to a book called "Ninety Minutes in Heaven." The author did not tell much about his actual experience, which is covered in the earlier book. This one tells about some of the ways his other book affected readers, but since I hadn't read the first one..... I don't know that I buy his claim that he was actually dead for 90 minutes, though I do recognize near-death experiences can happen. Anyway, I'm not sorry I read it, but I should have paid better attention!

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### **Judi says**

Perfect book to get your head thinking about what we are here to accomplish. Easy to sit back and think about the past, the pain, the hurt, the heartache BUT ... we need to work through all the pain and figure out what our purpose is for on this earth. Here's a guy who went thru 34 major operations, 13 months in the hospital followed by 2 years of rehab.

Some quotes I highlighted in the book

- "When you were born, your cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, you will rejoice and the world will cry." AMEN TO THAT!!! I added that to my email epilogue.
- "You wonder why you should live? I will tell you why. You need to live to help others. The reason is simple: God has allowed you to live. Each of us remains on earth for a reason. Our purpose may not be obvious or clear, but we are not left by mistake." I NEEDED TO BE REMINDED OF THIS!!!
- William James - 19th Century "Acceptance of what has happened is the first step to overcoming the consequence of any misfortune."
- Mary Tyler Moore - "Pain nourishes courage. You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you."

- John (Disciple) - "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (1 John 1:8-9)
- None of us gets inside unless our name has already been permanently written in the Book of Life.
- Dwight L. Moody - "One day you will read in the paper that I died. Don't believe a word of it: I will be more alive than ever."
- Don Piper - "See you at the gate."

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### **Saige Holcomb says**

"Heaven is Real" was a very inspiring book for me. I learned so many lessons from this book that I did not know before. One of the lessons that I learned from this book is that being forgiving is what God wants, and that it is sinful to hold onto grudges. What I like most about Heaven is Real is that a man named Don Piper was very inspired by God because he spent a little time with him when he was in that car crash and died for 90 minutes, now he is sharing his faith and adventure with us.

"Heaven is Real" is about a man named Don Piper got in a very bad car accident and died at the age 38. He spent 90 minutes in Heaven than came back to life. He was very inspired and more compassionate about Heaven. Don teaches us the importance of God and what we must do in life as a Christian.

I recommend "Heaven is Real to Christians". I recommend it to them because it could teach them lessons that they might have not already knew about. Heaven is Real might also bring Christians even closer to God.

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### **Brent Soderstrum says**

This is a sequel to 90 Minutes in Heaven in which the author died in a traffic accident and goes to heaven. This book was even better than the first. In this book Piper describes how all of us go through life changing events-both good and bad. Once the event takes place there is no turning back. These include someone close to us dying, the loss of a job, an accident, a financial setback, a divorce etc. The natural response is to wallow in self pity and wish things like they use to be. We need to seek a "new normal" pushing onward. God can use a bad situation for His good. We also need to take on an eternal perspective.

I could identify with a lot of what Piper set out. I was involved in a bad car accident 10 years ago in which I was in the hospital for three months and faced lots of rehabilitation. Even with all that I was never going to be the person I was before. I had to find a new normal.

We all suffer at some points in our lives. This is an excellent primer for those times.

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### **David Veith says**

(2.5) 1st of all I would like to say the message of this book is a good one. However the author goes around about to get to it and seems to have a very high opinion of himself. I understand when telling stories you would use personal experiences, however this goes beyond that. He will be telling a story (someone else's)

and at the end of a paragraph, throw in an I something something, then go on with the story. His comment has no point at all. He also says, "I am not saying I am (one of the disciples, or someone along those lines), but" many times. He also references himself in the 3rd person a couple of times, and likes to references all the TV shows, radio, letters, emails, text, carrier pigeons or however people contact him. This book also just reiterates his other books (Which I have read as well), like this was just a way to make sure people still remembered his story. Again, great message and could truly help people struggling with loss or other issues, but just seems he is a bit full of himself.

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## **Bedrooped Bookworms says**

I think this book had a few moments of useful thought-provoking topics, and many moments that almost seemed like a back-pat for how successful his first book was. Good moment is quickly followed by several stories of someone who was touched by the first book. I'm pretty confident the author didn't intend it to come off that way, but I really feel that it did.

A few of the highlights of the book:

1. Finding joy-more than temporary happiness but a deep sense of contentment that is pervasive through any circumstance. I know I really struggle with this and have a hard time finding it.
2. Ask God what he wants us to be doing and He will answer. I've really felt frustrated by this one lately. I'm feeling like I'm having a tough time discerning what God wants for/from me lately and I could really use some answers! However, am I asking with a fully open heart to be willing to go and do whatever God is calling (not my will but yours) or am I asking tentatively, like hey God, this is what I kinda maybe but I'm not sure I want, would that be cool?
3. Finding the new normal after a life change, whether this be tragic or just a new set of circumstances. (graduation, marriage, childbirth, etc.) It's so tough, and like the author pointed out, the first thing you have to do is accept that things can never be the same again.
4. Realizing that through your brokenness, God has a plan of how to use that. I don't believe that God brings these hard things into our life, but that God sees our pain and uses it to bring about good. My dad died when I was in middle school. Do I wish that wouldn't have happened? Of course. Do I think God caused that? No. Do I think it was a good thing? Not good in and of itself, but good in that God shaped me a new way during the road of healing. But would I be the same person without that? No way, and that is a good thing. I feel like I am much more empathetic after having found my new normal. Now how exactly God is going to use that in my life to affect others, I'm not really sure. I think I've seen small bits of that "fruit" God will bear in my life, but only tiny bits and I do question what I'm supposed to do with that.
5. Finally, the pridefulness in saying I don't need any help. Maybe the way another can show their love for us is by letting them helping us out. Yet when we (I) need help the most, that's typically when my stubbornness gets in the way and I am most insistent that I don't need any help. But in some ways, we hurt others by saying we don't need anything. They just want to help us and support us and we are almost rude by saying no to help. Even in small ways, by allowing others to help us, they are able to fulfill a need to help others while they fulfill our needs. Don Piper explained this better than I am, but I do agree with him.

Overall, I would give this book a 6 out of 10 for enjoyment and a 4.5 of 5 for readability. It was just so much story story story of someone who was helped by his story then tidbit of encouragement/wisdom then story story story. I mean it was interesting but none of the stories were in enough detail to really feel like I learned much from them.

-Holly

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### **Talia Colley says**

This book is great for people who are struggling with a setback in life: an illness, a divorce, a job loss, the death of a loved one, etc. Don Piper has gone through his share of struggles recovering from a fatal car accident (and I say "fatal" because he did actually die but came back to life), and he gives encouragement in this book to others who might be struggling and wondering why this is happening to them or if it's worth it to continue on. This is definitely a Christian book, so I don't know how non-Christians would receive it. But here are some good points that I think everyone could benefit from:

- There might be things that you can't do or that you can no longer do, but be grateful for the things that you CAN do.
- Instead of asking "How am I going to live without my old life?" start asking "How am I going to live with my new life?"

Hmm, the other points I liked were encouragement for Christians when things get tough. I have some meditating to do on this one. Overall, it was a good read as it made me stop and think about my life and realize ways that I can improve it.

Side note: If you're looking for Piper's retelling of his "trip" to Heaven, this is the wrong book. Pick up 90 Minutes in Heaven . I'd suggest reading that book before you read Heaven is Real so you won't keep wondering what he's referring to in this book. But it's not required that you have read it to appreciate this book.

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### **Debi says**

This was the best book I have ever read in my entire life other than the Bible. It changed my life forever. It made me realize that I could overcome any problems and use those problems to bring others to know Jesus Christ.

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### **Christy says**

I had the good fortune of receiving Don's other book "90 Minutes In Heaven," for Christmas a few years ago, which is an extraordinary story, as is this one. In this book, Don focuses more on his 'return from Heaven,' faith, love, a desire to continue with life even after tragic and/or life altering events. I take delight in how Don uses bridges to describe events in life that in some way leave us forever changed. We ALL cross bridges (marry, become parents, or mourn the death of a loved one just to name a few of many). As Don points out, once we cross that 'bridge' we are never really the same, we have learned to live with a new normal - like the woman whose husband of 4 weeks suddenly & unexpectedly dies. She is beyond devastation, but eventually uses her loss to help others in grief.

Don shares many accounts of ppl whose lives are now changed since reading his book or hearing him speak.

I find it fascinating that Don uses bridges to describe transitions in life we all face, some more difficult than others. I even think of the bridges I've crossed - going to college, graduating with my M.Ed & moving to a new town, ending a bad relationship. I too was involved in a serious car accident, although my injuries were nowhere near as serious as Don's, I did sustain injuries to my back, ribs, and foot, which still cause pain today, more specifically my back. That early Summer morning left me changed, as a result of my back injury, I could no longer go back to my "old job, apartment, or friends." However, I got over it, I dealt. I got used to the new 'normal, & new me' and you can too. If you feel like giving up, think of Don & his life altering event, all the serious, permanent injuries he sustained as result of that fateful day - some of those still cause him pain. Though he initially dealt with depression, he did not give up. If you have read his book, then you are aware his accident occurred on a bridge. So, he uses his bridge crossing (car accident) as a way to benefit others, share God's word, & assure everyone that - Heaven IS Real.

I highly recommend this book or Don's other book, especially if you have or are dealing with a major life event such as loss of a loved one, illness, etc. I believe it will bring comfort to anyone. Well done Don & Cecil.

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### **Kendra says**

I agree with the principles that the author spoke about in this book... that being said, I feel like it could've been a page, instead of over 200. The book felt like a really long book review of his first novel. Since I didn't read the first novel, it felt like bragging. It's a great message, just poorly written.

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### **Shewit says**

this book was nice read book.this book is about religious.about one person who was religious and loves god.before he became religious he was nt interested in god but one day to young kids came to his house and they invite him to join them to the church and after they explain him what activity they do he be came interested and willing to join them.in the next Sunday he went to the church and he was happy and he was feeling like he is at home.after a couple of days he become member of the church.one day he had a conference after he done with his conference he went to his house.on his way to his house something miracle happen to him.when he drive he reach a bridge .on that bridge he got car accident. on that accident he dead and he went to heaven.while he was died hes friend from church was praying for him after 90 minute in heaven he got live back.when i was reading this i was confuse and wondered how one person can get a life again

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### **Perssis Namour says**

Mr. Piper did another job well done in his third account if his ninety minutes of pure Bliss and his work to stay and endure here on Earth for the sake of the saints.

A man after my own hearts desire: while his heart wills that he be at the gate of heaven and hopes for the moment God might extend a permanent invite; he is here filling God's purpose for us!

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### **Kristen says**

This book fell short of my expectations. While I appreciate that Don Piper has written about his miraculous experience, this book felt too preachy for me. I was upset that he considered the most important and significant point in his life was when he became a born again Christian and in his mind, that is the only reason he went to heaven when he died (and now he tries to convert people so they too can go to heaven - I'm not amused).

I wanted an interesting read and I went into it with a very open mind by found my myself becoming bored half-way through it. I was hoping it would be a spiritual read but it wasn't - it was a religious read.

I also disliked how Piper seemed to spend a good majority of this book praising his previous book using direct quotations and stories from past readers. While I'm glad his previous book helped many people, I found it slightly arrogant and found that it rubbed me the wrong way.

Some people might find this book to be interesting and helpful but I didn't. I would not reccomend it.

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