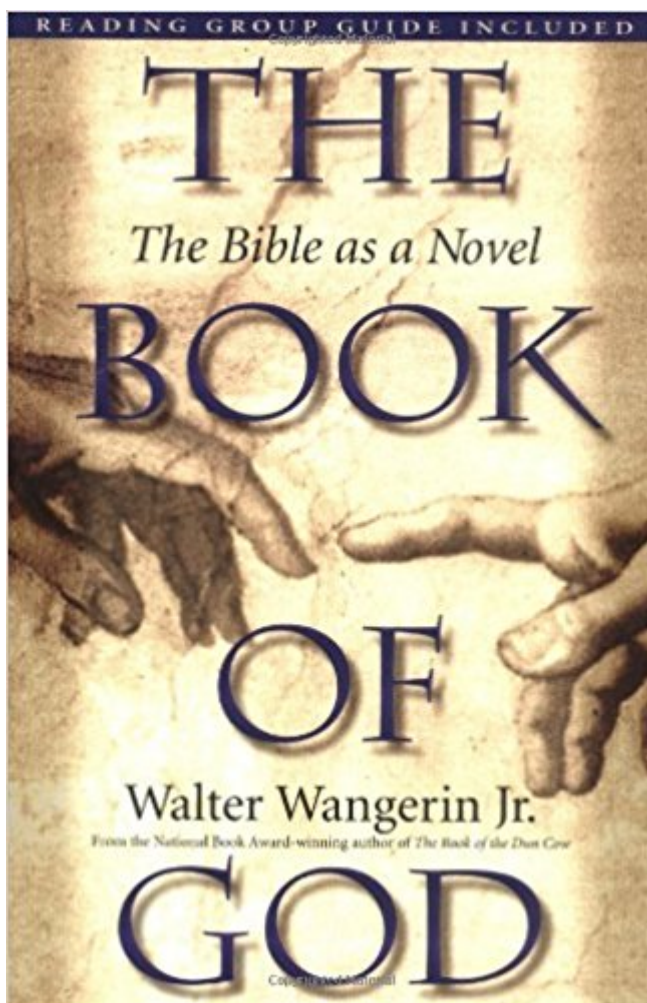


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"This is not the Bible," Wangerin (*The Book of the Dun Cow*; *Miz Lil and the Chronicles of Grace*; etc.) says of this newest work. But it is a novel featuring many of the Bible's most dramatic characters. He partitions the whole into eight parts: half focus on personalities (*The Ancestors*, *Kings*, *Prophets*, *The Messiah*), and half concern themselves with epic themes (*The Covenant*, *The Wars of the Lord*, *Letters From Exile*, *The Yearning*). Retelling the stories of the Bible in novelized form allows Wangerin to be more selective: no slogging through seemingly endless genealogies or the minutiae of military conflicts for him. Instead, he imagines the finer points of the tension between Sarah and her slave, Hagar; the words Isaac might have used in blessing Jacob; or the drama of Jesus's baptism by his cousin, John. In doing so, he also makes some curious inventions. Does

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Mr Wangerin has succeeded in bringing the Old Testament of the Bible to life. It has always been difficult for me and many others that I know to really read and enjoy some of this part of the Bible. This book reads like a novel. The old prophets and kings become living beings and make everything so much easier to understand and appreciate. Now when I am discussing this part of the Bible I can take part in the conversation with so much more clarity and understanding. This book is well worth reading. It's informative in an enjoyable form.

I read this with my daughter almost every night. It brings the classic stories of the Bible to life, has been a great catalyst for discussion and has made my daughter interested in the Bible more than ever before. But I wouldn't classify it as a children's book. It is so well written just like all of Walter Wangerin's books. I live reading it myself

Well up to Wangerin's high standards. Superbly written, brings the Bible to life.

Written in true Wangerin style! LOVE IT!

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