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**Jonathan Acuff : Stuff Christians Like** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stuff Christians Like:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. HumorousBy T.D.1500What can I say? Stuff Christians Like was awesome! Contrary to what some might think, Christians really do have a sense of humor. This book is my new go-to gift idea. Everyone that I have given this book to loves it! Jon Acuff's observations about Christians and the 'stuff we like' is spot on. Not only does he make the readers who are Christians laugh at themselves and the way other see us,

but Acuff also uses his humor--along with a heavy dose of sarcasm—to hold a mirror up to us and cause us to really rethink some of our ‘holy roller’ actions and attitudes. Acuff delivers some strong points without being harsh or relying on finger-pointing. He succeeds with making the readers smile, and quite often guffaw. I highly recommend this book not just for Christians, but for those who would like to understand Christians better...you won't regret it!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Based on the StuffChristiansLike.net Blog By Matt Anderson I found Jon Acuff to be very funny and spot-on when it came to his satirical look at modern Christian culture. Although I have been familiar with Acuff's blog, StuffChristiansLike.net, for years, I have never been a regular reader of the blog. In fact, every entry in this book was new to me. The true hilarity in this book happens when the reader comes across an essay that covers a topic that is familiar to their own life. This relatability happened to me many times while reading this book. I thought it was interesting that Acuff chose to end his humorous book with more serious essays on how Christians should live. Although I think that his insights were valuable, there was a sense in which the book ended on a down note. Again, I must emphasize that I liked what he had to say, but it felt out of place after pages and pages of satirical joke-telling. It is as if Acuff felt like he owed it to the audience, or to God, to have something more helpful tacked on the end. Here are some of my favorite entries in the book (in no particular order): Trying Not To Complain Around Missionaries (p. 30) Feeling Slightly Disappointed When Someone Accepts Our Fake Offer Of Generosity (p. 45) Just Using God's Favorite Word When We Pray (p. 52) The Seven People You Meet In A Prayer Circle (p. 53) The Hedge of Protection (p. 68) Raising Our Hands In Worship (p. 87) Fearing Your Church Will Do Something Wacky The One Time You Invite A Friend (p. 90) Leaving Room For The Holy Spirit When You Dance (p. 95) Using Vacation Bible School As Free Babysitting (p. 96) Finding Typos In The Worship Music (p. 97) Losing The Will To Clap During Songs (p. 100) Mid-Prayer Music That Materializes Out Of Nowhere (p. 107) Telling Testimonies That Are Exciting Right Up Until The Moment You Became A Christian (p. 125) Suddenly Realizing You Own Fourteen Bibles (p. 149) Not Throwing Away A Bible (p. 157) Skipping Church If You Catch Even A Whiff Of A Guest Speaker (p. 178) Being Voluntold (p. 180)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love this book By Kelsey Leavitt I honestly think that everyone, Christian or not, should read this book. Jonathan Acuff has some hilarious insight on what it's like to be a Christian in modern America. He will engage you. He will convict you. And he will make you laugh—so hard. Through the use of his sarcasm he creates a huge emotive distance so when his biblical truth strikes, it strikes deep. I also noticed that he was really skillful in how he put together his chapters. He began with some of the softer, easier to make fun of things but ended with some seriously deep theological truths. While he does poke fun at Christianity, ultimately I think he is critiquing the transmission of culture and what it's doing to Christians living in said culture. The book essentially points out the cost of the culture-soaked Christianity that America finds itself in. Instead of focusing on the important things we're thinking about how quick we can get out of church, or that cute guy we met on a mission trip. I'm really glad Acuff wrote this book with such satirical and brutal honesty. And let's not forget the publishers who let this fly under their surveillance! ;)

Sometimes, we fall in love on mission trips even though we know we'll break up when we get back. Sometimes, you have to shot block a friend's prayer because she's asking God to bless an obviously bad dating relationship. Sometimes, you think, "I wish I had a t-shirt that said 'I direct deposit my tithe' so people wouldn't judge me." Sometimes, the stuff that comes with faith is funny. This is that stuff. Jonathan Acuff's *Stuff Christians Like* is your field guide to all things Christian. In it you'll learn the culinary magic of the crock-pot. Think you've got a Metro worship leader—Use Acuff's checklist. Want to avoid a prayer handholding faux pas? Acuff has you covered. Like a satirical grenade, Acuff brings us the humor and honesty that galvanized more than a million online readers from more than 200 countries in a new portable version. Welcome to the funny side of faith.

From Publishers Weekly After creating his answer to the blog "Stuff White People Like," Christian blogger Acuff saw his satirical Web site become a popular Internet destination. His best essays, accompanied by childlike illustrations, comprise this book, which maintains the structure of his short posts. From sexual purity to crock pots to clapping during worship, Acuff uses a standup comedy style to laugh with Christians at their private conventions. Readers will learn the unspoken rules of Christian living, including the (in)appropriate use of God's name to avoid a speeding ticket and obligations to "think about going into full-time ministry at least once every three years." Entries such as the diagram of a metrosexual worship leader mimic the truth-telling wit of the Web site *ChurchMarketingSucks.com* and will appeal most to young Christian hipsters. Sarcasm masks a deeper layer of commentary that exposes hypocrisies and faith flaws, and readers may want to amend these behaviors to avoid becoming the subject of Acuff's newest jokes on his blog. Acuff's ability to point out unbecoming idiosyncrasies while inducing a knee slap is stuff readers will like. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. After creating his answer to the blog 'Stuff White People Like,' Christian blogger Acuff saw his satirical Web site become a popular Internet destination. His best essays, accompanied by childlike illustrations, comprise this book, which maintains the structure of his short posts. From sexual purity to crock pots to clapping during worship, Acuff uses a standup comedy style to laugh with Christians at their private conventions. Readers will learn the unspoken rules of Christian living, including

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