

10 Non-Fiction Books to Read on Heaven

By Mike Mulkey

When I started on my journey of writing *Surfing in Heaven*, I found myself wondering if anyone had put together a list of the books I could read to learn more about heaven. I never found that list, so I decided to develop my own.

There is an abundance of published non-fiction books available today on the topic of heaven. I have read most of them. Many are written by people who claim to have experienced a journey to heaven and back, possibly offering a glimpse of what God has in store for us. There are several of these books that I *don't* recommend. I did not include them on this list. Only God can truly judge what these people have written about heaven.

Clearly, we are stepping outside the Bible by looking at many of these stories. I view them as fiction, as if I am reading a novel and letting my mind go about what might be possible. There is no way to authenticate these experiences, although many of them do not stray far from what Scripture says about heaven. They all speak to a world beyond our most incredulous thoughts of what heaven might be like. In almost every story, the author felt such an overwhelming sense of love and peace and joy (and more!) in heaven, that they did not want to return to their Earthly home. What they experienced was far more significant. They were home, and they wanted to stay there.

The author's of these books were dramatically changed as a result of their experience. It was as if they were allowed to see "the end" and start their life over with a renewed perspective. The experience turned their bucket list upside down. Reading each personal account has changed *me*. It is God's mystery that these experiences happen to a select few.

1) [Appointments with Heaven: The True Story of a Country Doctor's Healing Encounters with the Hereafter](#)

by Reggie Anderson

- This book is a bit wild at the start, and you might wonder why I recommended it. Keep reading, and you will see that Dr. Anderson has a God-given gift that provides him with "appointments with heaven".

2) [Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures](#)

by Joseph M. Stowell

- This reads a bit more like a Bible class on eternity, but I included it because Mr. Stowell makes some very important points about heaven affecting our life on earth today. In Stowell's words, "we are already citizens of heaven."

3) [Heaven](#)

by Randy Alcorn

- Everyone needs to have a copy of this book in their home. It is an encyclopedia of heaven. Randy Alcorn has written a Biblical-based encyclopedia on every question imaginable about heaven. Like, "Will our pets be with us in heaven?"

4) [Intra Muros: My Dream of Heaven](#)

by Rebecca Ruter Springer

- This is a personal favorite. Published in 1898, Springer writes of an experience she had of going to heaven while seriously ill in a care home. In it, Rebecca constructed an inconceivable image of what it would be like to experience heavenly water and waves. Spoiler alert, no toweling off after exiting the water!

5) [Preparing for Heaven: What Dallas Willard Taught Me About Living, Dying, and Eternal Life](#)

by Gary Black Jr. and Dallas Willard

- Acclaimed philosopher and Christian writer Dallas Willard is dying of cancer in this book as co-author Gary Black gets him to share intimate details about his views on heaven.

6) [Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife](#)

by Eben Alexander

- Dr. Alexander is a seasoned neurosurgeon who did not believe near-death experiences (NDE) were real. Then he experienced an NDE in a meningitis-induced coma for seven days in 2008. He was so enthralled by the incident that he scientifically proved he could not have dreamed of the experience he had going to heaven.

7) [The Real Heaven: What the Bible Actually Says](#)

by Chip Ingram

- Ingram is a Christian pastor and author who wrote this book to dig into what God actually wants us to know about heaven. He stays within the boundaries of the Bible and helps to explain why it matters now, in this life.

8) [To Heaven and Back: The True Story of a Doctor's Extraordinary Walk with God](#)

by Mary Neal

- Dr. Neal is a practicing orthopedic surgeon, a wife, and a mother who drowned on a South American river and went to Heaven. She has a wonderful message of hope around the experience she had in heaven.

9) [When Will the Heaven Begin?: This Is Ben Breedlove's Story](#)

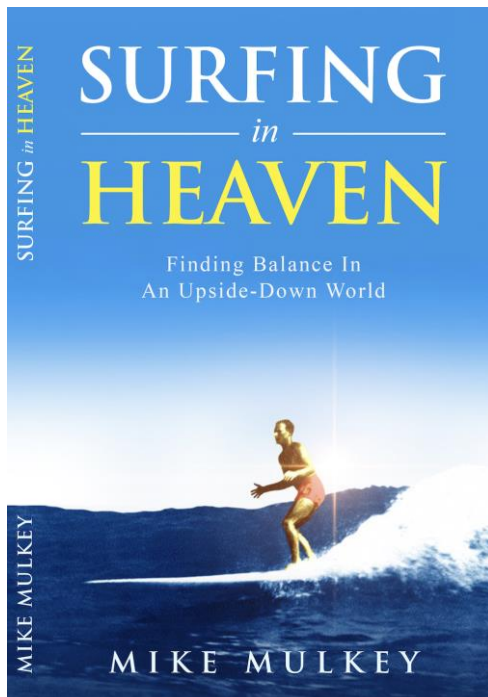
by Ally Breedlove

- Ally wrote this book about her older brother, Ben Breedlove, who had lived his entire life on the precipice of death due to a heart condition he was born with. Ben died at eighteen on Christmas evening after enjoying a remarkable day with his entire family. Ben had posted a video on Youtube to show that he knew exactly where he was going.

10) [90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death & Life](#)

by Don Piper

- Don Piper is a Texas pastor who died in a horrific car crash on January 18, 1989. Paramedics immediately arrived on the scene, found no pulse, and declared him dead. Piper wrote a powerful account of the next 90 minutes he spent in heaven before returning to Earth.



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