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Daniel says

It has a lot of good and valid points, but I feel like the book is targeted at people growing up in a religious home.

Kat says

I HATE books like this. There is so much wrong with this book I don't even know where to begin. I should have taken notes on all the contradictory crap that made no sense whatsoever. From the very beginning the authors were misinterpreting stories from the Bible and giving scriptures a different meaning to support their illogical reasoning. Pretty much if you want a book that will guilt you into giving up your happiness to become obsessed with God but not with religion then buy this book. This book was not about owning your own faith at all. It was about telling you why you should let God own you but not giving any real world examples of how to survive the actual everyday Christian walk using the "logic" given in the book. I want my money back. Grace Unplugged was an awesome movie but this book will make anyone with common sense run as far away from christianity as they can.

Rachel says

I received a free copy of *Own It* through a Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

Don't let the thinness of this book fool you. It is a heavy read. In *Own It*, Michael and Hayley DiMarco write with unyielding frankness about the factors involved in truly owning your faith...what you must give up, what you will gain as a result, and how it will fundamentally change you. *Own It* is a revelation for a believer of any age.

Lisa Reising says

I liked this book a lot. I'm someone that feels pretty solid in my faith - in an understanding of the Atonement of Jesus Christ and how his grace saves us - and this book made me think about these things in some powerful ways. Much of the writing is geared to adolescents, and I actually appreciate the simplicity because I have a sneaking suspicion that's how God probably views all of us, no matter our earth age. These Christian authors really get it - they get that faith is more than saying "I believe". I like how they fearlessly take every excuse and expose what those excuses for holding back a full-fledged faith say about us. I love the whole freedom and bondage section. I like the analogies and efforts to make abstract principles real. And the best thing is that I feel I have a better understanding and hope for what is being taught in traditional Christian congregations (if these ministerial authors are good representatives). I close the book with a higher than before feeling of kinship!

Melanie Joyner says

I really enjoyed this book and the breakdown of what owning it really is. It really brings real life situations to light and tells you that you can't live on borrowed faith and that you must own your faith and except God into your life. This was definitely a good read and recommended for a struggling or unsure Christian who needs a little understanding and push in the right direction

Joyce Yanney says

This is a christian book, explaining how a person should not follow others faith. Find and live by their own beliefs. Faith changes you. Completes, frees and saves you. When your faith meets challenges don't make poor choices. Own it. Believe and act upon it. An excellent book for all to read, christian and non christian. This is a teaching book. Well written.

Hannah says

*2.5

Jalynn Patterson says

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My Thoughts:

This book is a brilliant concept. It raises the question, your faith, where did it come from? Did it come from your parents? Are you borrowing it? Are you faking it? This book forces you to make a choice. A choice that can change your life forever. Do you get up on Sunday mornings just going through the motions? Are you one of those Sunday Christians? Or are you only a Christian when it suits you?

This book forces you to reflect on just what you are doing to own it? To own your faith. To figure out what

God is all about and to create or recreate that hunger to know Him more intimately.

****Disclosure**** These books were sent to me free of charge for my honest review from Flyby Promotions.

Jonathan Esterman says

The book begins with telling of the Prodigal Son. After briefly summarizing the tale while providing a bit of “backstory” to the culture, the authors use this parable to show the love of G-d as the father in the tale originally told by Y’shua. The authors use this to show how the book is not about accusing, but rather about benefitting. It is designed to help readers, or listeners, determine their own faith in G-d, from a biblically-based perspective.

From an audiobook point of view, the narration is pretty well made. Read with inflective pauses and changes in intonation to reflect the grammatical structure of the book, the only challenge is the rate of pace – not giving enough pause between points to reflect on. Nevertheless, the DiMarco team does a fair job with the narration. It is obvious, however, that it is an audiobook narration. There is a certain flatness to the reader, as if based in an academic setting, that causes the listener to potentially lose attention because the material no longer feels personalized, but mass produced.

Disclosure: I was contracted to write an honest review in exchange for a reviewer copy of the product. The opinions stated in this review are solely my own.

Brittany says

I received this book via the Goodreads First Reads program.

I really enjoyed this book. It made me delve deeper into my own relationship with Jesus. It showed me how, when change occurs in my relationship with Christ, it's a good thing. Staying stagnant is not beneficial.

Melanie says

Review on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/review/R3SDQ9UA...>

Review on my blog (to be 4/15/2014): <http://christianbookshelfreviews.blog...>

2.5 stars

Own It is the second book by the DiMarco's I've read. While I didn't enjoy it as much as the first one (True Purity - which I loved), I did like it.

I liked how the chapters were set up and the style of the book. I also liked how Hayley and Michael shared some of their own stories/struggles - that made the book more personal/real.

I thought the beginning of Own It was really good, but I didn't care for much of the second half. I don't know why exactly, it just felt like there wasn't that much to it and some things were repeated a little much for me

(like the word "own/owning").

So, there were things I liked and things I didn't. Here are a couple memorable quotes:

God is like food; you need Him every day. You can't get Him all on Sunday and be filled up for the next six days. - Page 60

What we all fail to recognize when we demand punishment for the sins of others is that God hasn't punished us for all of our sins. Surely we can count many of our own sins, failures, and lacking. And surely we deserve far greater punishment than we have been given. - Page 72

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Trina Duvall says

Good reads win:

So I got this book in the mail today. It was one of those books that just sucked me in (let me just say house is a mess and husband is so not going to be happy). I usually don't read books dealing with religion or god. but since I won it in goodreads I definitely gave it a try. I fell in love with this book. This book is about a girl who gets a break in the music industry. It makes you ask many questions. For me the one that stuck how was where does your faith come from? That question just really got me thinking as to my own faith and where it comes from. This is one of those books I think most teens should read so they too can ask questions about there faith.

Taylor Troncin says

I won this book through a goodreads giveaway.

Now, to be fair to the book (and the authors) I should not have entered in the giveaway. The subject matter (well, anything religious-related) tends to not go over well with me. It's a topic that I generally tend to try to avoid whenever possible. So, picking up this book was a challenge within itself.

Now, my rating does not reflect the quality of the text or anything like that ... It's honestly just due to the subject matter and I should have thought about that before I entered.

Diana Montgomery says

Own it

By: Michael & Hayley DiMarco

Do we own our own personal faith or are we letting the world direct us? Are we just following the world, parents or friends. This book will help us to know what to do when our faith meets the challenges of everyday life. Looking forward to putting this into practice in my own life.

Lisa Johnson says

Title: Own It (Leaving Behind a Borrowed Faith)

Author: Michael & Hayley DiMarco

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There are books that come across our path in life that cause us to stop and consider the premise laid out in the writing. Here is such a challenge to do just that: Stop and consider. Consider what you ask? Well, actually I could say the state or position of your faith, but that wouldn't really encapsulate the reason the authors share what God has taught them.

In six thought provoking chapters, you will consider "owning your faith". In other words, not letting your faith rest on or in wherever you have placed it at this moment. As you read, you will learn that faith saves you, costs you, changes you, completes you and frees you. Now, maybe you have been a Christian for many years and think this is one book you can forego. I ask you to reconsider that decision. Usually, when someone asks us to reconsider, we want to know the "why" of it, but as you read God will speak directly to you whatever it is He wants you to know. So my answering your question of "why" could be way off because what He spoke to my heart may or may not be what He longs to say to you.

I will share as I read that I was challenged at times to pray a prayer or repent because I was doing something contrary to what His Word instructs. Sometimes I would pray that God would strengthen me to obey Him in doing what He instructed me to do as I was turning the page. I love the way the Lord loves to speak to each of us where we are in life. He loves it when we seek His face and when we own up to areas where we have sinned and then confess them. He loves to set us free from the bondage that at times we are totally unaware we have fallen into. He truly is amazing.

So take a couple of hours to read and allow the Holy Spirit to examine you so He can draw you to His heart and return to the One who knows you better than you know yourself.

My rating is 4 ½ stars.

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