

**Chapter 1 : Plan B Further Thoughts On Faith Convert Bundle As Form Copy**

*"Anne Lamott is a swearing spiritual pundit who prays for redemption but brags about her offenses. Lamott's latest tell-all is Grace (Eventually): Thoughts of Faith, a searching memoir full of offbeat spiritual humor.*

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Chapter 2 : Review of the Book of Essays "Grace (Eventually): Thoughts o Faith" b

*And the title thoughts on faith leads one to believe that the content will be just that- thoughts on faith. This was more a compilation of anecdotes with some mention of grace. This was more a compilation of anecdotes with some mention of grace.*

Your heart rate will slow down, you will feel better, and come away refreshed to face whatever life throws your way. We moved into our current house six years ago, when Sam was ten. He started coming into my room in the middle of the night, curling up on my bed with his own blanket. Finally, Sam and I came up with a solution: The next night, he moved three more feet away. On the fourth night, he made it to the door. He slept there two nights before he was able to put his sleeping bag in the hail. I kept the door open. The short hallway to the living room took three nights to master. Then there were four nights in the living room, as he crept overland closer to his own room, with four three-foot scootches, one stall, and one night when he had to drag his sleeping bag back three feet. There was one valiant worried night in the hail between my study and his room. Doing okay out here, Mom. My nearness lifted him. Sometimes grace works like water wings when you feel you are sinking. And then, at last, he spent his first night in his spooky new room, bravely, on the floor. I grew up thinking the lessons should be more like the von Trapp children: Within minutes, I was on the edge of full-on food binge, assault eating. And I did discover an important clue€”that whenever I want to either binge or diet, it means that there is some part of me that is deeply afraid. I had been worrying about Sam more than usual, and only partly because he had just begun to drive. I had been worried sick about Bush for five years now. There was a terrifying epidemic of breast cancer in my county; like so many others, I had friends who were trying to survive. I had been to a funeral. I had had a molar pulled. I had recently seen the skin on the back of my neck under fluorescent lights in a hotel mirror. Everything was too much. All I could think to do was what every addict thinks of doing: So what choices did that leave? I could go on a strict new diet, or conversely, I could stuff myself to the rafters with fats, sugars, and carcinogens. I got in the car and headed to Safeway. A perfect fritter, in the classic tradition, a Frisbee-size patty of deep-fried dough, crisp and crunchy around the edges, doughy in the center, covered with a sugar glaze that makes me think of the Sherwin-Williams logo, the can of paint being poured over the globe. I used to eat fritters in mass quantities, as the Coneheads would have enjoyed them, back when I binged and purged. But this time I went to Safeway and bought all sorts of healthy decoy foods; then I slunk over to the bakery And they were out of fritters. In the history of Safeway, it has never once run out of apple fritters. I understood instantly that God was doing for me what I could not do for myself. I did not turn to the doughnuts, the bear claws, the Danish; I was not hungry for those. I had not been attacked by random lust for just any old sugar-and-petroleum product. Steve Hopkins, June 25,

**Chapter 3 : Review of the Book of Essays "Grace (Eventually): Thoughts o Faith" b**

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example. She also continues to express a belief in Jesus and His teachings and His example of love and mercy. For those annoyed by the cultural environment, she gives a call to more understanding. For those who disagree with her, she also calls for grace by asking us to accept her as she is in all her authentic imperfection. I guess you could call that a success. Not her best, but still brilliant By Mathew W. Moran on Aug 01, One of the most popular voices in contemporary spirituality, Anne Lamott has a remarkable gift at handling serious and unfunny topics - religion, motherhood, eating disorders, death - in a witty and disarming way. Further Thoughts On Faith," is a collection of essays, many of which Lamott wrote as a columnist for Salon. But the two things you should know before reading Anne Lamott is that 1 she is an incredible prose artist, quirky and profound, with a style that seems all her own. And 2 she is almost completely neurotic. She is a writer with an ability to make the reader pay attention, feel present, and tune in to the story taking place around them. Enjoy By Jay K. Not because she uses a lot of fancy, big words. She just uses them so perfectly, so suited to what she is saying, so originally. I feel like the rest of us are amateurs with the English language and she is a pro. But she does get it. This book will be a good read because it will make you think--and think better. In this work Lamott shares her life and friends and family and herself. She has child-like feelings and inspired thoughts. I love writing that surprises me with simplicity and originality. She deals with how to become a writer. I always love her books but Meanie screwed it all up. Her writing seems so smart and sensitive yet her political comments were so stupid. Not the most enjoyable read for me. Frady on Aug 17, There were parts of this book that were profound and powerful, drawing me into thinking deeply about the goodness of God and the challenges of life. The book was somewhat spoiled for me by rants about right-wingers and George W. Bush and abortion and various other things. Being shrill is not the badge of authentic humanity. Lamott needs to extend some grace to those with whom she disagrees without demonizing them. In fact, if such an approach could be extended to our entire culture we would be better by far. Her angst demolished any sense of the Grace she apparently attempted to address. And unless she gets back into the groove she was in before, this will mark her downfall for speaking things spiritual, Christian or otherwise. Freeman on Sep 25, For someone who seems to be very perceptive on human relations and seems to have a very close relationship with Jesus, this woman has a disproportionate and illogical hatred of Bush. Perhaps this comes from only having friends that think as she does. When she is writing about her son and her relatives, she is very good but the passages and one-liners about her Bush hatred are hard to get through. I suppose this sort of writing is a hoot to her Salon readers but it will date the book quickly. When she writes about abortion she is doctrinaire and pedestrian. I gave it some thought, and realized: Lamott is really challenging me here. Watching Lamott suck it up and acquiesce to these people stressed me out. So, does this make it a bad book? Just makes it more of a thought-provoking read. It challenges my ideas and assumptions rather than unconditionally confirming them. Definitely worth checking out, though. Grace redux, eventually By James A.

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*The world, the community, the family, the heart: these are the beautiful and complicated arenas in which our lives unfold. Wherever you look, there's trouble and wonder, pain and beauty, restoration and darkness.*

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**Chapter 9 : Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott ()**

*Lamott is a talented, polished writer, entertaining and witty. But the topic is faith. Funny is a tight-rope walk between humorous observation and heresy.*