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You've accepted the invitation. Are you ready to take the next step?

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger*, *Open* will forever change the way you think about faith.

It wasn't the end of the world. It was just the end of Emma Jameson's world. Fresh off the heels of a devastating breakup and floundering in her career, Emma is struggling to come to grips with why God allows so much pain in our lives, why He seems so absent when she needs Him most, and why the Gospel accounts--our supposed guide for how to lead a contented Christian life--feel so completely irrelevant.

Then one day, a mysterious envelope arrives in Emma's mailbox with the word *Open* written on the outside. Inside the envelope is a card bearing the following message: "For a real adventure with Jesus, go through the nearest open door."

Skeptical, but having absolutely nothing to lose, Emma steps through the pantry door, only to find herself instantly transported back to the first century, where she is taken on a personal tour of various Gospel accounts by none other than Jesus himself--an experience that radically challenges Emma's perception of the Gospels and what it really means to be a Christian.

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Deanna Rinebolt says

Really good book. I couldn't put it down.

Cindy Conlan says

Kept me interested, very thought provoking.

Allison says

Wonderful and imaginative!

Joan says

Emma Jameson can't seem to get past her break-up with Jason. While he's moving on with his life, she's stuck, struggling with why God allows lives to be painful, why the Gospel seems so irrelevant to her life.

When she receives an invitation for "a real adventure with Jesus," she follows the instructions to walk through the nearest open door and finds herself in the first century where Jesus takes her through several well-known Gospel accounts.

Combining fiction with Gospel narrative, the author pulls readers into the moment along with Emma. Each story, [Mary and Martha, raising Lazarus, the woman at the well, among others] offers readers insight and greater understanding. The well-drawn crucifixion scene is particularly moving and is acutely compelling. Together, the scenes in which Jesus gently teaches Emma result in a powerful, thoughtful discourse on what it means to grow in faith. Emma asks all the questions readers might wish to ask if they'd found themselves in her position; the answer, always encouraging, always thought-provoking, is revealed to be a Person.

This message in this short, easy-to-read narrative is likely to remain with readers long after they've turned the final page.

Highly recommended.

Lace says

I am usually not into spiritual books but this one sounded so different from any book I have ever read. I was sucked right into it and loved every bit of it. This was a great read!

Jason Stanley says

David Gregory is the New York Times Bestseller author of Dinner with a Perfect Stranger. In that book, the main character receives an unusual invitation. It is unsigned and the inviter has invited himself to the character's home for dinner.

The character prepares his home for a visit for an unknown stranger, wondering what person of great importance has chosen his home to visit.

The perfect stranger is revealed to be Jesus.

In Gregory's new book, Open, a young woman named Emma receives a similar, unsigned invitation. Her invitation is not to dinner. The invitation reads, "For a real adventure with Jesus, go through the nearest open door." Emma's curiosity recalls for the reader young Lucy's innocence in walking through the wardrobe into Narnia. Emma, a bit more broken than Lucy, is transported through time to Jesus' day.

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Lou says

Really opens your mind up to new ways the God wants you to understand His relationship with you. Light read and very up to date. Enjoyable and thought provoking.

Lathan Craft says

Incredible book. Impossible to put down. Have never ready anything like it! Gregory hits a home run with this one!

Cheryl L says

I WAS BEYOND BLESSED , MOST EXCELLENT BOOK PURCHASE THIS BOOK YOUR LIFE WILL BE IMPACTED

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK FOR ANYONE WHO LOVES GOD WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART!!! MAY YOUR LIFE BE FOREVER CHANGED. HAVE YOUR OWN OPEN DOOR EXPERIENCE.

Nora St Laurent says

The story opens with Emma Jameson a twenty nine year old breaks up with Jason after a two year

relationship. She then receives a mysterious note that says, “For a real adventure with Jesus go through the nearest open door.”

Emma opens what she thinks is the nearest door and the adventure begins. It’s not what she expected. What she’s thrown into could kill her if she isn’t careful. Great! This is not what she needed right now.

She doesn’t know what to think. Was this a joke? Why would God allow this? She had to be honest with herself and God. She speaks to him when the storm dies down.

“God I don’t feel like I’m getting anything at all from your word. What good is me reading these stories? None of them have anything to do with what I’m dealing with right now!...She continues, “God himself was supposed to be my fulfillment. Isn’t that what the Christian music said, or implied? And that’s what I’d been told over and over by every Youth Pastor, College Pastor, Normal Pastor, Abnormal Pastor, whatever – let God himself satisfy you.” Right?

Jesus helps her uncover the truth about the lies she believes about him and herself. He says to her, “pain is what God often uses to make you ready to grow. It’s up to you whether you cooperate with Him. You don’t learn to love unless you cooperate with Him....” He goes on. I don’t want to spoil it for you so I’ll stop here.

David Gregory’s first two books have been made into movies Dinner with a Perfect Stranger and Day with a Stranger. I’ve watched these movies and read the books at book club. These books lead to lively discussions at book club. I am a David Gregory fan. This book is just as wonderful and thought provoking as the others he’s written. I’ve given you a peek into the feel of what’s inside this novel and Emma’s dilemma. This is a quick read. It’s encouraging and speaks to your soul.

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Ian says

Emma is experiencing a challenging moment in her life when one day she receives a card that gives her a simple instruction. To her credit she follows the instruction and to her amazement is transported to another time and place. The only person who can see Emma in Israel is Jesus who is in the last three years of his life on earth as a man. They strike up a lovely relationship as Emma continues to be transported to different places on Jesus journey. We get to experience through another set of eyes many of the stories of the Bible and the people who featured in them including the disciples, Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

This is a powerful short book that combines showing us how Jesus loves first hand and his instruction on how to live a life of abandonment to Him. I particularly enjoyed this emphasis of explaining how to "choose" such a life through your daily interactions and events. Choose to see Jesus in them all.

There are some particularly powerful scenes where Gregory uses fictional licence to explore what might have taken place in a particular scene. The scene of Jesus on the Cross was brilliant in how he used the supernatural realm to intersect with the natural.

There's power in the ease with which you can read it. The story flows and Emma asks all the types of questions that I found myself asking. Fortunately for us Jesus had answers to them all.

I would have loved to have seen more of Emma's post-Isreal life to see how her new found "knowing" impacted her back home. But maybe that's for a sequel or another time.

Highly recommended.

Eva Winter says

Not one of his best books

I like David Gregory's books and have read them all. I consider this his weakest book, however. It's not really a novel with well - developed characters or a fascinating plot. He's trying to squeeze his modern character into several tried and true Bible stories, which is pretty lame. The book seems to be a framework for "Jesus" to explain his theology, as the author sees it. I also was bothered by my impression that the main character sounded exactly like Nick in A Night With A Perfect Stranger, which I had just reread for the fifth time. Overall, I was disappointed.

Anne Davis says

A must read! His insights wanted me to reread the book as soon as I'd finished it! I marked several passages! And I bought 10 copies to give to friends. This book changed my thinking about my daily walk. And encouraged me.

Donna Foster says

A perfect Christmas read.

Zoe Schoppa says

I have mentioned this before... some books are hard for me to review. Open is one such book. The reason that Open is difficult for me to review is the fact that God is using its message, along with John Bevere's book The Bait of Satan (a bible study that I am currently going through), to work on a painful personal stronghold in my life. I was hurt deeply a few years ago. The kind of hurt that has radically changed the lives of my family. I need to get past that offense. Both of these books...one fiction, one a bible study...are like a one-two punch at the heart of me. Therefore, I can't break the story down analytically. All that I can say is that God is using the works of David Gregory and John Bevere to show me the sin of holding onto an offense. I am lovingly being reminded that Christ is the answer. He is the healer. What I have specifically

received from Open is a reminder of the personhood of Christ. That as a believer I need to love and seek Christ. Christ hasn't given me a series of steps/rules to be followed... items to be checked off a mythical list of required acts for good Christians. Instead, He calls me to seek after Him. To worship Him. To love Him.

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

John 14:21

God always has impeccable timing. It is only God that can orchestrate a friend inviting me to a bible study while at the same time I finally pick up Open to read (a book that I am very late in reviewing... I should have already read it). I pray that God will use Gregory's story in your life as He is doing in mine.

Soli Deo Gloria!

I received a review copy in exchange for my honest and unbiased review. My thanks to the author and publisher.

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