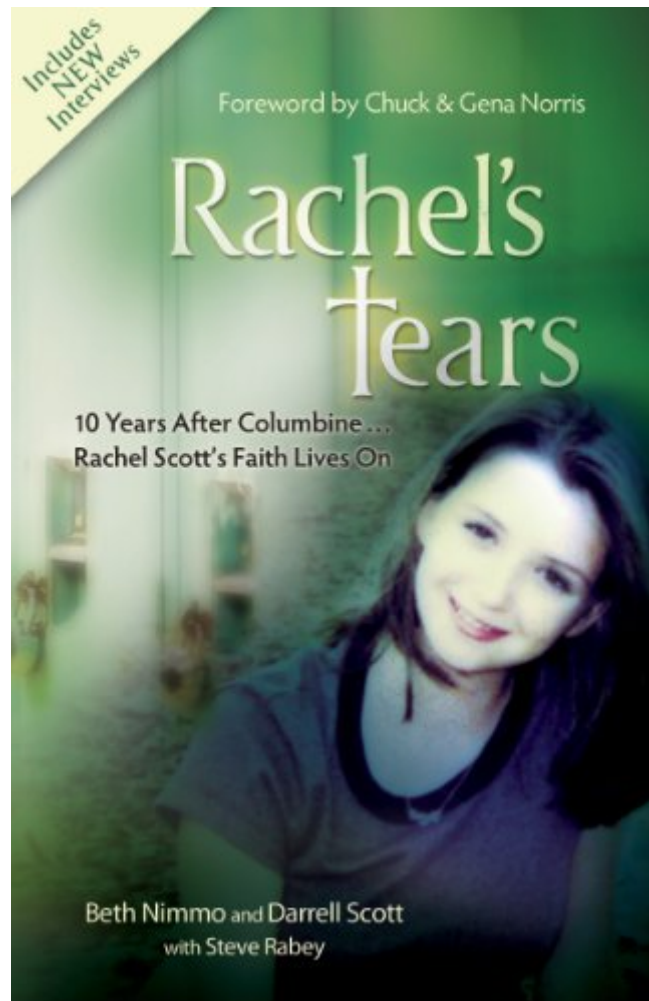


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Rachel's Tears: 10th Anniversary Edition: The Spiritual Journey Of Columbine Martyr Rachel Scott



Synopsis

"I am not going to apologize for speaking the name of Jesus . . . If I have to sacrifice everything . . . I will." —Rachel Scott

The Columbine tragedy in April 1999 pierced the heart of our country. We later learned that the teenage killers specifically targeted Rachel Scott and mocked her Christian faith on their chilling, homemade videotapes. Rachel Scott died for her faith. Now her parents talk about Rachel's life and how they have found meaning in their daughter's martyrdom in the aftermath of the school shooting. Rachel's Tears comes from a heartfelt need to celebrate this young girl's life, to work through the grief and the questions of a nation, and to comfort those who have been touched by violence in our schools today. Using excerpts and drawings from Rachel's own journals, her parents offer a spiritual perspective on the Columbine tragedy and provide a vision of hope for preventing youth violence across the nation. Meets national education standards.

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Customer Reviews

I read this book several weeks ago but struggled to write a review after I did some internet research on the Columbine tragedy itself. I would love to give this a 5-star review. It's obvious that this young

lady was a deeply devoted child of God and wasn't afraid to tell others what she lived and believed in. The parents did a remarkable job in bringing this book to life, especially by including excerpts of Rachel's diary...lends itself to credibility. The parents also do a wonderful job of stressing that although their daughter was a devoted Christian, she was not above temptation and definitely not above most human tendencies of "falling." She was by no means perfect! Such a refreshing read -- to know that the parents did not try to put their martyred daughter on a pedestal. Rachel's life is battle-cry for the Body of Christ -- she should definitely be seen as a role model for many of today's teens (and most adults). A true Christian, true to her beliefs, with very human struggles. Again, she was by no means perfect, but "real." What bothered me was the entries in reference to Cassie Bernal. Maybe I read too much into the book but the first time Ms. Bernall is mentioned, the sentence that follows is "which was later discounted" -- in reference to whether or not she actually admitted to believing in God. Later on, there is an (almost) 2 page spread on whether or not "she said yes" -- with the obvious conclusion (although not implicitly stated) that Ms. Bernall wasn't even asked if she believed in God but that the conversation took place with another student & one of the killers. This prompted me (out of morbid curiosity, admittedly) to do some research on the tragedy itself...

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