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"Blasphemy, yes, but it was funny."

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. God suspiciously like the Boston IrishBy Jack SweltersAuthor Dan Ford grew up with that particular joyless version of Catholicism found in Boston's Irish American culture. I share this background and like Ford had to figure a way out of it into a better life relatively free of the sense of unworthiness and chronic chip-on-the-shoulder attitude that characterizes that culture. There are various paths out of the gloomy forest. Existentialism used to be one, Buddhism is excellent. Wailing like a victim or telling dirty jokes about nuns are

unappealing, and addictions to self absorbing therapies or drink are not recommended. Dan Ford's approach in this little book is healthy and fun and draws on two strengths of the same culture: humor and a kind of Jesuit erudition employing knowledge of the classics and verbal wit. Readers will enjoy joining the author in his search for answers to timeless questions such as why God, who presumably enjoys a healthy ego, should be needy of constant praise. "Greedy of praise they be" wrote one of the Romans of the Celts. Perhaps their God is just like themselves! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not being a Catholic! By Chase Bailey I grew up an agnostic and have over time become more of an atheist - if that makes sense. I married an ex-catholic and learned a bit of what that means. She was raised and trained and schooled as a catholic. We have all heard wonderful jokes from comedians such as George Carlin and Tommy Chong that spoke about their history in catholic schools. Reading Daniel's book is fun and extremely entertaining for me - I can only imagine the suffering and the pain that they (my friends, my wife, etc.) grew up in. Hilarious. Is that sadistic? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By Liam George I didn't read it, it was a gift.

This humorous catechism will help Lapsed or wobbly Catholic readers deal with their residual guilt and continuing spiritual needs, even if they have fallen away from the One True Faith. It makes a perfect stocking stuffer or birthday gift. It is an irreverent, satirical, and richly informed poke in the ribs to the Catholic Church. Good will to all! Advance Hallelujahs! for The Lapsed Catholic Catechism: "Many will be amused; some will be offended; all will learn a lot." -- Henry Rosovsky, Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University "An absolutely delightful book that we lapsed Catholics desperately needed. Ford delivers not just wit, but humorous and cogent insight into our confusing religion. There is nothing that delivers guilt relief faster than a chuckle. And once again, after reading this engaging book, I have some hope I can attain heaven ... if it exists, that is." -- Richard Muller, Professor of Physics at UC Berkeley; author, "The Sins of Jesus"

About the Author Daniel Ford grew up in Boston. He attended Holy Name Grammar School and Catholic Memorial High School, where a guidance counselor cautioned that if he went to Harvard, from which he graduated in 1970, he risked losing his faith. He lived for many years in Paris, where he attended organ concerts now and again at the Cathedral of Notre Dame and occasionally lit a candle, just for the heck of it, in memory of his parents. He has written extensively for The New Yorker and is the author of six books.