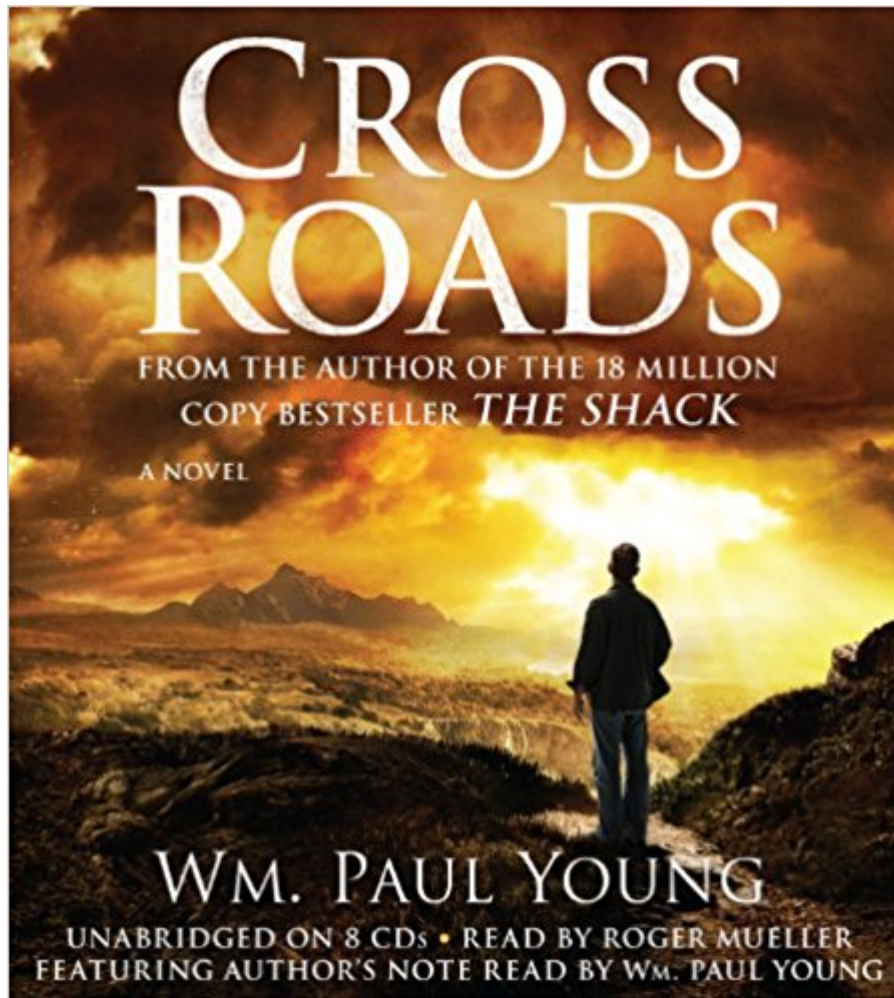




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Synopsis

Paul Young, author of the international bestseller, *The Shack*, tells a story of the incremental transformation of a man caught in the torments of his own creation, somewhere between heaven and earth. Anthony Spencer is egotistical, proud of being a self-made business success at the peak of his game, even though the cost of winning was painfully high. A cerebral hemorrhage leaves Tony comatose in a hospital ICU. He 'awakens' to find himself in a surreal world, a 'living' landscape that mirrors dimensions of his earthly life, from the beautiful to the corrupt. It is here that he has vivid interactions with others he assumes are projections of his own subconscious, but whose directions he follows nonetheless with the possibility that they might lead to authenticity and perhaps, redemption. The adventure draws Tony into deep relational entanglements where he is able to 'see' through the literal eyes and experiences of others, but is "blind" to the consequences of hiding his personal agenda and loss that emerge to war against the processes of healing and trust. Will this unexpected coalescing of events cause Tony to examine his life and realize he built a house of cards on the poisoned grounds of a broken heart? Will he also have the courage to make a critical choice that can undo a major injustice he set in motion before falling into a coma?

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Customer Reviews

One of the most faith-enhancing books I have ever read. Bear Grylls on *THE SHACK* This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good! Eugene Peterson on *THE SHACK* This book is speaking loud and clear to a lot of people The Independent on *THE SHACK* Bunyanesque - bold, imaginative, humane and funny Church Times

on THE SHACK --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Wm. Paul Young was born a Canadian and raised among a Stone Age tribe by his missionary parents in the highlands of former New Guinea. He suffered great loss as a child and young adult and now enjoys the "wastefulness of grace" with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

Crossroads by Wm. Paul Young. This is a book that is spiritually sound and especially motivational in the area of self-examination for those who are seekers or have been damaged by addiction and/or traumatic life experience. My son, who has suffered from a rare blood disease and, in my opinion, PTSD, is in remission from his disease but recovering from 10 years of experience in the Middle East countries, America and Europe, has experienced coma and, among other treatments, high-level cancer treatment, and is now in remission. He found it easy to relate to the book even though he has experienced a high degree of disillusionment over the years. I would recommend it for treatment, or at least exposure, to patients in that category. 's service--shipment, etc. was perfect. Thank you..

CROSS ROADS...Even Better Than The ShackWow!Stop reading this and go read this book!If you need more convincing, I'll say a few words about this reading experience. Millions of people enjoyed The Shack for its fresh perspective on God's love and existence in community. I am guessing that even more people will relate to Paul Young's latest. With incredible insight, which I suspect can only be gained through painful experience, the author takes us into the private world of Tony Spencer. Tony is a shrewd, wealthy businessman, who has ruined so many relationships that he suffers from paranoia. When a near death experience sends Tony into a coma, the story takes us quickly into his inner world. Readers follow Tony's journey into a real land where he meets Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Papa God. If Paul Young had to face critics of The Shack who took exception to God being portrayed as a black woman, it isn't going to get any better when those folks read CROSS ROADS :)Like layers of an onion, Tony Spencer's hurts, pains, sins, and corruption are revealed to him, even as he encounters the trinity of God who is intent on bringing wholeness to him. Occasional use of strong language drives home the point i.e. Tony is told, "...you are adopted by Papa God, you are not powerful enough to change that..." p. 199In a surprising manner, Tony is allowed and enabled to view life through the eyes of others as he is transported back and forth from our world to his own inner world. The story is easy to read and creative. It will pull some tears as well. The book does not directly take on the age old question of why bad things happen to 'good' people, but we see

characters dealing with Down's Syndrome, cancer, death, betrayal, addiction and the gamut of sins. Instead of getting every answer, there is often a leaning toward experiencing God and trusting God. This will undoubtedly cause a stir among people who insist on tidy doctrinal explanations of life. In the midst of experiencing God and learning to trust, Tony gets answers that have eluded him for his whole life and I think most readers will easily see parallels from their own lives. Dozens of insightful proverb-like comments are scattered throughout the book, often in the context of one member of the trinity explaining how life works. I think most people will resonate with those proverbs as comments which open up the scriptures in a nonthreatening way. In this sense, the book is a spiritual fable with definite lessons to teach. The crucifixion was described as "God in the hands of angry sinners." I'm convinced that most people will see in the character of Tony Spencer, some of their own brokenness. God is approachable and intent on restoration. I predict that this book will find its home in the forefront of the growing body of literature which recognizes love as the character of God. I cannot remember the last time I read a novel that I enjoyed as much as CROSS ROADS. My anticipation is that, like *The Shack*, CROSS ROADS will help a multitude of people to grasp the love of God perhaps for the first time in their lives. Well done! [...]

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Wow unable to put it down as we traveled with Tony and his remarkable journey of transformation, love and discovery of of loving and gracious God, embracing Grandmother (Holy Spirit) and an ever present Jesus.

I bought this as soon as it came out because I really liked *The Shack* and have met the author several times and know he is the real deal and not the controversial figure some have made him out to be. The first three chapters are exceptionally wordy - too many descriptives - but once past that it starts to pick up (which in retrospect was present in *The Shack* as well). There are some great moments and thoughts, and the highlight for me ended up being the humor, but I felt that the novel was somewhat uneven, as if a really great idea had to be rushed through without enough time to let it simmer and be re-edited in a more complete way. It's still worth reading because of the absolute moments of delight - Paul definitely is talented, and clearly has a heart for the suffering and loss experienced quietly by so many.

I guess I had put this down for a year or two but kept it on my kindle and went to where I left off and finished it. Wow the imagination the author has in describing the potential ways that God works in people's lives to bring peace and healing. I loved it and would recommend to all. And don't forget the shack AND the movie. Brilliantly done. Thank you Mr young.

He has great use of words. Lots of poetry which, at times, hard to follow an idea line. For me. Story didn't have the meat to bones as did the Shack. But still a good story.

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