

## **American Writers Awards Review:**

**FULL BOOK TITLE:** *Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God*

**AUTHOR NAME:** Gary McDougall

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Gary McDougall's *Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God* is a powerful memoir that brings raw, unfiltered emotion to the page, drawing readers into his journey of survival, faith, and self-discovery. Through a straightforward, honest style, McDougall recounts his triumphs and tragedies without embellishment, allowing the depth of each experience to speak for itself. His storytelling is both grounded and personal, making readers feel as though they are part of his inner circle, enduring his losses and witnessing his resilience.

Structured in two parts—"Before Faith" and "After Faith"—the memoir explores McDougall's path from a life shaped by trauma to one grounded in faith and purpose. His life experiences range from surviving Hurricane Hattie and enduring physical and emotional abuse to struggling with poverty and racism. In passages like "My Mountain," McDougall reflects on the shocking death of his mother, conveying the devastating weight of her loss in a way that lingers long after the book is finished. His prose is simple, yet it holds impact; each word feels purposeful, rooted in the hard truths he's lived.

In sharing his near-suicidal lows and the "sign from God" that led him back from the edge, McDougall offers readers a sincere exploration of faith's role in finding meaning amid suffering. His journey from a young shoeshine entrepreneur to a lead engineer for NASA illustrates how faith and determination transformed his life, inspiring those who may be facing their own struggles.

*Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God* is both a testament to perseverance and a moving tribute to the power of belief, making McDougall's memoir a compelling read for anyone seeking inspiration in the face of adversity.

## **Author Bio:**

Gary McDougall is a successful businessman, author and published songwriter; co-writing the critically acclaimed song "Love is Like a

Sunny Day, and the tune "Understanding Man". He lives in Huntsville, Alabama with his wife and two children. His love for his family is only preceded by his love for God. "Don't Tell Me There Aint No God" is written in His name and for His purpose!