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Huntsville, AL Author Publishes Spiritual Memoir

This Memoir Shows an Amazing Immigrant Success Story & How Faith in God Made It Happen

Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God, a book by Gary McDougall, published September 03, 2019 by KenGar Publishing.

Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God is the incredible, compelling and inspirational true story of the son of undocumented immigrants' odyssey to achieve the American dream. It will make you cry. It will make you cheer. It may even make you believe.

Gary is a survivor of a deadly hurricane as a child and many other death-defying moments along the way. He suffered physical abuse, sexual abuse, poverty, racism, despair, and emotional trauma until he was driven to the brink of suicide. But faith in God ultimately led him to his goal. Today, as an independent contractor, he is a Lead Engineer for the National Aeronautics Space Agency (NASA).

He decided to write this book to share his harrowing life story with the world in hopes that others may draw inspiration from it and realize that with God all things are possible as he did.

About the Author:

Gary McDougall is a successful businessman, author, International Impact Book Award book winner 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.

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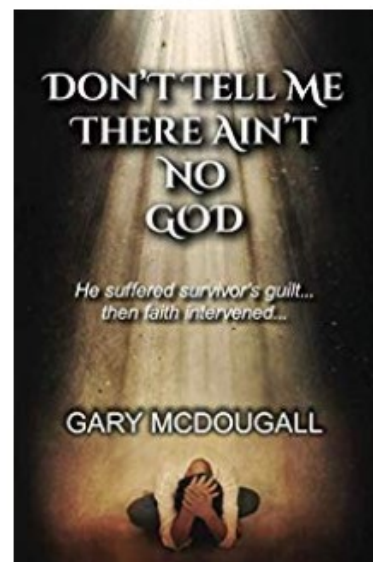
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"Reviewed By Erin Nicole Cochran for Readers' Favorite

Gary McDougall's Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God reads in such a way that you are immediately invested in who this man is and what is transpiring on the page. One of the quotes that really painted a picture for me of what life was like for the author is: "The tiny apartment with holes above closets, nails hanging out, and rats running around was luckily only a temporary place of residence for us." The entire book is filled with moments of pain, of survival against the worst sort of odds, and of persistence to the point of realizing dreams. It is also infused with Bible quotes and the once-off, but now on-again relationship with God that the author has. The story of the eldest son and his siblings growing up with their undocumented parents and the traumas inflicted upon them, some at the hands of their own father, will shake you in a way that most other books won't, or are incapable of doing. True stories like this really dig into your soul and they plant you right in the pages.

Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God by Gary McDougall is one out of a handful of books that I picked up and wasn't able to easily put down. It's not often that a book will grab my attention and focus to the point that I will sit and read it all in one near sitting. But this book made me do just that. The easy narrative flow makes it hard to want to escape it for any reason, even if it's an important reason. Although our beliefs may not match up a hundred percent, what I found in this book was illuminating. Gary McDougall's life story, or the parts that are within this book, made me see through his eyes and struggles. If you or someone you know is in need of reading a true story that will inspire and stay with you, Gary McDougall's Don't Tell Me There Ain't No God is that story."



Interview Question and Answer with Gary McDougall
Author of “Don’t Tell Me There Ain’t No God”

1. *Tell us about yourself.*

I’m a Born-Again Christian, and the child of undocumented immigrant parents who came across the border while my mother was pregnant with me so I could be born on U.S. soil and be an American Citizen. I spent most of my life pursuing the American dream. Along the way I’ve had a variety of life experiences that some say make my life an extraordinary one—I’ll let others make that judgement. All I will say is that my life has been many things, but it’s never been boring...

2. *Give us a brief description of the book.*

My life can be broken down into two distinct parts, which is reflected in the book; before I came to faith in God and after I came to faith in God, and how it led me to the American dream. The book shows the contrast between the two.

3. *Why did you write “Don’t Tell Me There Ain’t No God”?*

Initially the book was to be a personal memoir to my children, who are still very young, 12 and 14 years old, while I’m a senior citizen—had my children late in life. I was not confident that I would be around long enough to see them grow into full adulthood, with stable careers and children of their own. The book was a way of leaving something behind that they could draw inspiration and courage from by sharing what I overcame to succeed, and that they could too.

After I completed the memoir, I shared the contents of the draft manuscript with family, friends and colleagues. The feedback I got was that the story was so compelling and inspirational that I should share it with more than just family, but with the world. So, I added more information and decided to publish it.

4. *How did you come up with the title?*

After all I’ve been through in my life, it has shown me that there is a God. Therefore, I say Don’t Tell Me There Ain’t No God, because I know better.

5. *As the child of undocumented immigrant parents how has the current Immigration issues affected you and/or your family?*

Both my parents are deceased. However, my father never became a Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident. He self-deported in the 1990s. My mother became a Citizen through the Reagan Amnesty program. I also have siblings who came to the U.S. as non-citizens when they were little children (DACA) and grew up not knowing they were not Citizens. They also went through the Amnesty program.

As a retired Law Enforcement officer, I believe in the rule of law. Therefore, it is my opinion that we should follow immigration law and use our constitutional rights to petition our government representatives to find a compromise to the current crisis that would continue to allow immigrants to migrate to the country in a humane, but legal way.

6. *In your book, as teenager you and your girlfriend decided to have an abortion. How did that decision affect the both of you then and how did it affect you in your adult life?*

Having an abortion was a traumatic experience for both of us. However, it was far worse for her than for me. I cannot imagine what she suffered physically and emotionally, as I could never experience it as a man.

If I had to do it all over again, at that time and age, knowing what I know now, I'm not sure I would have gone through with it. However, I believe it is a terrible decision to have to make and I understand how difficult it must be for a woman. That said I'm still torn between Pro-Choice and Pro-Life. Ultimately, as a Christian, I believe we will all stand before the judgement seat of Christ one day and give an account of our actions. Therefore, I will let God be the judge.

7. *What can readers hope to learn from this book?*

It is my hope that readers will be encouraged and come to know that no matter what you may be going through, others have gone through it too and were able to overcome it. Therefore, so can they, and in the end realize their manifest destiny as I did.