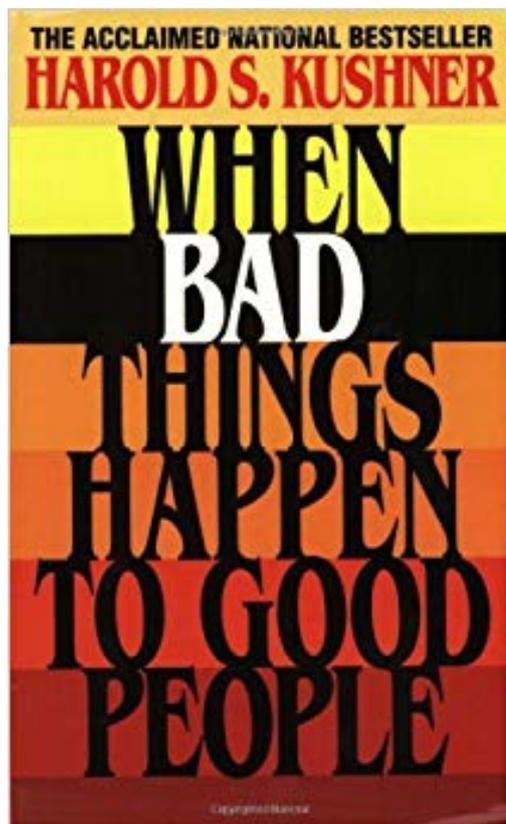


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A classic self-help guide by the respected rabbi explains how to find comfort and strength in the face of tragedy and understand God's role in recovery. By the author of *How Good Do We Have to Be?* Reissue.



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Nahelm

My baby brother is very ill, he is 34 and needs a new liver, through no fault of his own. I converted to Judaism many years ago but my family is very Christian. I have been finding it difficult to maintain my relationship with God in light of the absolute misery my brother has gone through over the past 4 years since his initial cancer diagnosis. It suddenly came to me. The title of this book. I decided to order it on kindle. I read it all straight through in about 3 hours. I recommend it to anyone suffering in any way who still wants God in their life. I don't feel totally at peace with the possibility of my brother's death, but i do feel less alone in my pain. I also felt a nudge to be a better sister with the

time my brother has left. I have been sort of ignoring the situation, his pain, my family's pain, and my pain. That isn't the best way to go. Anyway. We all struggle with life and this books helps the struggle. Buy it if you can.

Uyehuguita

I purchased this book just a few weeks ago. It sat on my nightstand for awhile because I was so angry about the current struggles my family is facing and I thought to myself "how can a silly book really help me?". In a moment of despair I decided to finally start reading this book. Two words: life changing. I've struggling with the hand that my family has been dealt and it has made me angry and resentful. This book doesn't solve your problems, but what it does do is open you to an entirely new mindset that allows you feel, be gentle to yourself, and find the courage and strength to move forward. Read it, highlight it, reference it often.

Insanity

A really poignant book and one that has helped me out several times over the years when I have encountered a rough patch in my life. I have since read a few other books by Rabbi Kushner, but this is the one I return to for its wisdom. I am not Jewish, but good advice and sympathetic experience are universal. This book has that in spades.

Granijurus

I had read this book many years ago, however with some recent events in my life I decided to re-read and the book took on new meaning. Rabbi Kushner addresses the topic of good people encountering unfortunate circumstances through the Biblical book of Job. A good read when your life seems to be spiraling in a direction you can't understand. Well worth re-reading as the waves of time deposit you on different beaches, some of which are not easy to comprehend.

Phobism

This book is recommended for the position it takes and the explanations that most miss. We need more who understand that God created all systems that exist on earth and almost never interferes with the outcome that results from the choices we make. I think anyone wanting a better understanding of who our God (Creator) is and how He interacts with us - will enjoy this book.

Morlunn

I feel like I have very little to add to the other 811 reviews, so I am writing this more as a Thank You to Rabbi Kushner, not that he'll ever see this.

I first read this book in college. It was mandatory reading in one of my psychology classes. At the time, I noted that the book was well written and offered sage advice regarding a topic few write about.

The book took on even more meaning later in life however, when my wife was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive cancer. She passed away 9 months after being diagnosed. I return to this book often, each time mining for something I missed upon previous readings. Each time I am consoled.

I truly recommend this book for anyone going through a difficult time with a loved one's illness. And as a healthcare provider working with sick children, I also recommend this book to anyone who deals with suffering patients and families. It will add to your humanity and by doing so, allow you to help others on a deeper and more meaningful level.

Runehammer

A very thought provoking book. I have been struggling with why an all powerful God is good when all the bad things are allowed to happen. This book has suggested that many beliefs people (including myself) are taught and have about God may be limiting and not correct. Another perspective is presented that helps me understand that God can be good and why. Although we will never have the answers to all of our questions here on earth. this book was very comforting in helping me reconcile a lot of anger that has been directed towards God.

Five stars... Yes, this indeed is a thought-provoking book, at least for those who are not so

threatened and frightened by his ideas and interpretations that their minds [and perhaps their hearts too] snap shut. From life's experiences it does seem to me that in order to gain spiritual strength and consistency, the depths of one's personal faith-system needs to be explored openly at all levels — apparently there can be no hidden dark places where one dares not enter — and Kushner does seem to honor that in this writing, at least within his own framework of belief and faith. To address one common thread that seems to be part of many of these appraisals here, I make the following [personal-only] comment. Being the sole survivor of my own beloved family-of-origin, I honestly find much broader and comforting solace in Kushner's ideas about God and Reality and Humanity than in pondering the [to me] very dusty empty path of why such profound pain, loss, and frustration was God's fate for them and all the "Good Honest Loving People" who have suffered painful catastrophic terminal events in their lives.

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