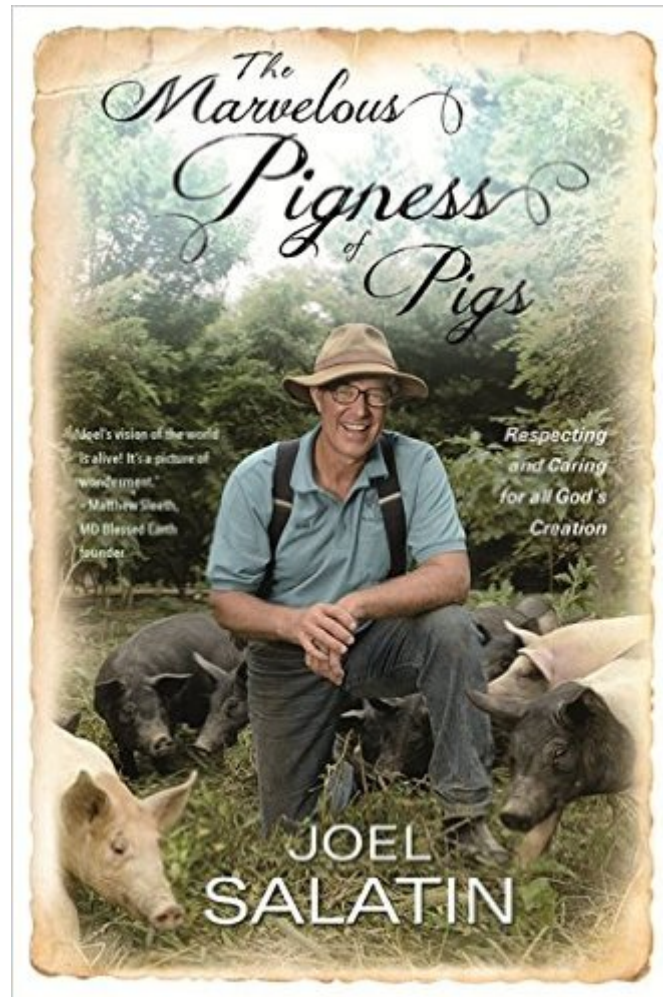


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The Marvelous Pigness Of Pigs: Respecting And Caring For All God's Creation



Synopsis

>What on earth is THE MARVELOUS PIGNESS OF PIGS? It's an inspiring call to action for people of faith . . . a heartfelt plea to heed the Bible's guidance . . . It's an important and thought-provoking explanation of how by simply appreciating the marvelous pigness of pigs, we are celebrating the Glory of God. As a man of deep faith and student of the Bible, and as a respected and successful ecological family farmer, Joel Salatin knows that God created heaven and earth and meant for all living organisms to be true to their nature and their endowed holy purpose. He intended for us to respect and care for His gift of creation, not to ravage and mistreat it for our own pleasure or wealth. The example that inspires the book's title explains what Salatin means: when huge corporate farms confine pigs in cramped and dark pens, inject them with antibiotics and feed them herbicide-saturated food simply to increase profits, they are not respecting them as a creation of God or allowing them to express even their most rudimentary uniqueness - that special role that is part of His design. Every living organism has a God-given uniqueness to its life that must be honored and respected, and too often that is not happening today. Salatin shows us the long overlooked ethics and instructions in the Bible for how to eat, how to shop, how to think about how we farm and feed the world. Through scripture and Biblical stories, he shows us why it's more vital than ever to look to the good book rather than corporate America when feeding the country and your family. Salatin makes a compelling case for Christian stewardship of the earth and how it relates to every action we take regarding our food. He also opens our eyes to a common misconception many Christians may have about environmentalism: it's not a bad thing, and definitely not just the province of secular liberals; it's really a very good thing, part of heeding God's Word. With warmth and with humor, but with no less piercing criticism of the industrial food complex, Salatin brings readers on a fascinating journey of farming, food and faith. Readers will not say grace over their plates the same way ever again.

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Customer Reviews

Loving this new book by Joel Salatin. I love this book because over the past few years, as I learn more and more about sustainable farming, as I get to watch all the different animals outside, in nature, doing exactly what God created them to do, and them truly healing our pastures, and then I see so many believers eating "food" that is totally dis-honoring God, and His creation, it breaks my heart. AS believers, we should care more. We are commanded to care more. I'm so happy I get to see all the tiny things that the animals do that show Gods incredible design, His love and His power. I've been greatly disturbed by the fact that Christians scoff at the idea of shopping from a farmers market, or laugh at the idea of buying a Chicken from a farmer that costs even more than the "organic chicken" at the store, and choose to look the other way, and stay ignorant, and support insane amounts of abuse (on the animals, and workers!) at Confined Animal Feeding Operations, and are fine with saying "We aren't convicted by those things, and that's fine". It's so hard for me to see this, when we are commanded through out the bible to steward the land, to care for the least of these, and that our bodies are a temple, and yet we shovel mounds of terribly un-healthy, land deteriorating, and dis-honoring food into our bodies. This book really digs into the bible the verses that show us that when we are honoring God in the small things (like what we eat) we will have more capacity to honor God in the big things. When we eat real food, we are honoring God with our bodies, honoring His creation, and His plan for us as believers, and stewards of the earth. We should be eating nourishing foods, that were raised in a manor that respects that animals, and the land, like raising hogs on pasture, or in the woods, allowing them to show the Marvelous Pigness of the Pig. Please read (or get the audio on Audible) this book if you are a believer. So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

I'll be perfectly honest, I love Joel Salatin, and I wanted to get pigs soon so I ordered this book without looking at the summary. It was a book about raising pigs by Joel Salatin, right? Wrong! This book is great, don't get me wrong, but it has very little to do with pigs. This book is aimed more at the conservative right (which I am) and asking them to step up with regards to taking care of the

planet. It isn't preachy, at least to me, and it is definitely a message that many people need to hear. Definitely worth the read.

I get the sense that Joel has spent a lifetime pondering the scriptures from his unique perspective as a Christian sustainable farmer. I find his insights and conclusions very thought provoking. I listened to this one on Audible and definitely recommend it since Joel is the reader and it helps you get a sense of his tone and personality.

Joel Salatin is one of my favorite authors and he has truly outdone himself with this wonderful book! It's like he got inside my head and was able to express so many things I have been thinking about lately and put it on paper in such a clear way. As a Christian, I get very frustrated with "my people," who say they stand for the truth, yet refuse to believe actual truth when it's put in front of their faces, because it comes from someone they think is incapable of knowing truth ("creation worshippers," as Joel calls them). I know and have expressed frustration with countless Christians who eat horrible diets consisting mostly of "food-like substances" (as Michael Pollan calls it) and take tons of prescription drugs and blindly listen to whatever their doctors tell them, but then when they are faced with the consequences of their poor choices, then they ask for prayer for God to basically bless their mess and heal them! It took a great deal of courage for Joel to really call out "our people" on their hypocrisy and I hope he is prepared for the onslaught he will likely face for doing so. When he spoke about being able to relate to both creation worshippers and Creator worshippers, yet feeling at home with neither (or actually more at home with the creation worshippers), it was like someone really understood how I feel, as he's been "in the trenches" with this stuff much longer than I have. The blind support for allopathic medicine, the big food and Big Pharma systems without any question, while simultaneously ripping apart truly healthy eating, earth stewardship and natural medicine is mind-boggling and incredibly frustrating. The fact that they can go along just fine with the medical and food tyranny that is taking place in our country and then out of the other side of their mouths say they want smaller government and more liberty is just mind-numbingly hypocritical, or as Joel puts it, "intellectual schizophrenia (I love that!!)." I agree with Joel that there are no pastors that I know of (and I know some rather courageous ones) who will tackle these topics and that is just so sad and unfortunate. I truly hope some of them will read Joel's book and wake up and start talking about this like it needs to be talked about. You do not have to be a Christian to appreciate this book, by the way. I know people who are polar opposite of my spiritual beliefs who would read this and appreciate and respect what Joel is saying here and as always, he says it with

such eloquence and humor. I loved this book and not only will I recommend it to friends, family, co-workers, etc., but I will be sending a copy to my pastor! He is incredibly courageous and he just might speak up after reading it (at least I truly hope he will).

Salatin hits the nail on the head. As a fellow Christian concerned about where my food comes from, and our instructions from the Bible to be good stewards of our resources, I have never read a better example of how to be a witness through our behavior in the marketplace than this book. Now to live it out.

Currently listening to this book on Audible as we drive through the mountains. What a great, well written book by Salatin! His take on "glory" is truly paradigm shifting. Honoring the uniqueness/glory of the pigs helps us honor the glory/uniqueness of God. Truly, truly great! Praise God for good books.

I stayed up all night listening to this book. Joel takes us down a road that nobody else has. The disconnect that we have from our food is hurting our souls, this book offers the correct thinking to heal our mind, body and soul. I cannot recommend this book enough.

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