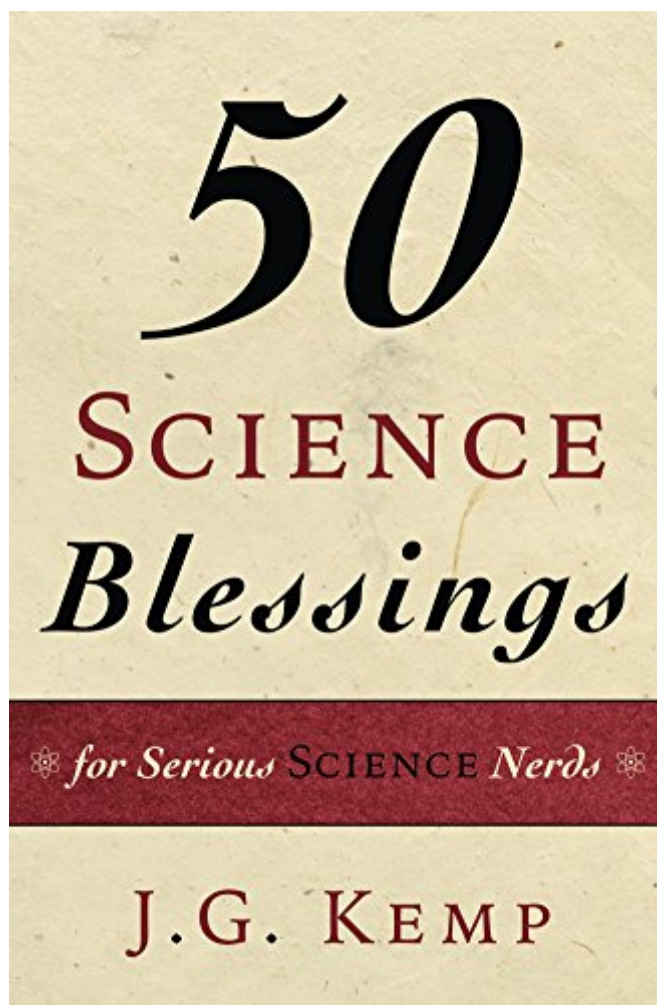


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50 Science Blessings: For Serious Science Nerds



Synopsis

By mingling the hard facts of science with humor, gratitude, and unbridled wonder, author J.G. Kemp turns traditional blessings into Science Blessings in this one-of-a-kind, hilarious and poignant, reverent and irreverent book, written especially for skeptics and serious science nerds! Contains 50 science-themed blessings for: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Solstice, Mole Day, Pi Day, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Graduations, Mornings, Evenings, Mealtimes and Goodbyes, as well as a collection of "science proverbs" for any occasion. Whether you read it in the bathroom (see the proverb on serotonin), or you want to impress your dinner guests with your knowledge of the microbiome (see "Blessings for Mealtimes"), or you need something to say at that Pi Day celebration for which you've just baked 314 miniature pies, 50 Science Blessings has the nerdy words to make you laugh, cry, and remind you (and your science loving friends) of the beauty and wonder of it all.

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Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed this slim book on my Kindle. The author gave enough background for most blessings to help you appreciate the deeper meaning of each. The blessing that made me chuckle was #28 in the section called "Blessings and Goodbyes". It is only 3 lines long, but each of them is a gem: "May your bowels go unobstructed, your blood flow under reasonable pressure, and your mitosis be error free." The blessing that meant the most for me was "A Toast for Weddings". It explains why marriage is like a brilliant light on a mountain. I told the blessing for graduations to my daughter, who is a senior in college. This blessing describes the journey of various seeds until they take root. It did not amuse her. My wife also told me that it is inappropriate. Since I was mistaken to assume that my closest family members would like these blessings, I suggest then that the reader of the book should choose the target audience carefully and maybe restrict the recipients of the blessings to like-minded people.

I very much enjoyed this grouping of salutations. They are rhetorically - in the public speaking sense - interesting and well structured. As a person who is often asked to give public speeches I try to collect these types of works. I will warn these fall heavily on the nerd end of science. I found that charming and endearing but it will not be to everyone's taste. For secular folks who have been held captive at a family gathering by a relative in an overly zealous attempt to use the grace at dinner as a fervent attempt to save your soul, and you have found yourself longingly staring at the cooling mashed potatoes while the person who shares your DNA waxes on about damnation, there may be an escape hatch in here.

Intriguing book and great when you are not oriented to a Church/Religion.

My grandchildren loved "Mary Andromeda and the Amazing Eye" so when I saw this offering from the same author, I decided to give it a try, and was richly rewarded! This little book is chock-full of interesting facts, humor, wisdom, and inspiration. I plan to read it again, probably more than once. It will definitely be on my bedside table for awhile. I was especially impressed by how well the author conveyed a deep spirituality and a feeling of joyfulness without the need to rely on dogma or supernaturalism. After experiencing the poetry (and much of it is just that!) of this book, I think it would be hard for the reader to think of science as a subject we take in school, but rather something much more profound.

"50 Science Blessings..." has helped me confirm that we can be spiritual, and deeply grateful for the

infinitely beautiful blessings of our world, yet still be grounded in scientific reason. And it does it in the most delightful, often playful, always heartfelt way. For those of us who have struggled with the rift between religion and science, not knowing how to balance the two (either in ourselves, or in our world), but intrinsically wanting to express gratitude to a mysterious universe, the poetry here will soothe your soul. J.G. Kemp gives the reader beautiful poetry peppered with scientific facts to be SO amazed at, to laugh hysterically at, to help you weep at the sheer magnificence of nature, that in the end you find yourself just... grateful. Without any religious dogma messing things up. If you want to tap into your spirit, while celebrating nature, science, and reason, this wonderful book will carry you through the year! Year after year.

(5*10^1)'s blessings and proverbs reform the union between spirituality, rationality, and the beauty of the natural world in a eloquent and accessible manner I had yet to put words to.

Ha Ha Ha! Lots of LOL'ing in this read for sure. I've never come across a book like this
ÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã â œ maybe it will be the start of an entire new genre.

This book is exactly what I didn't even know I was looking for! A very good idea and very well executed!

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