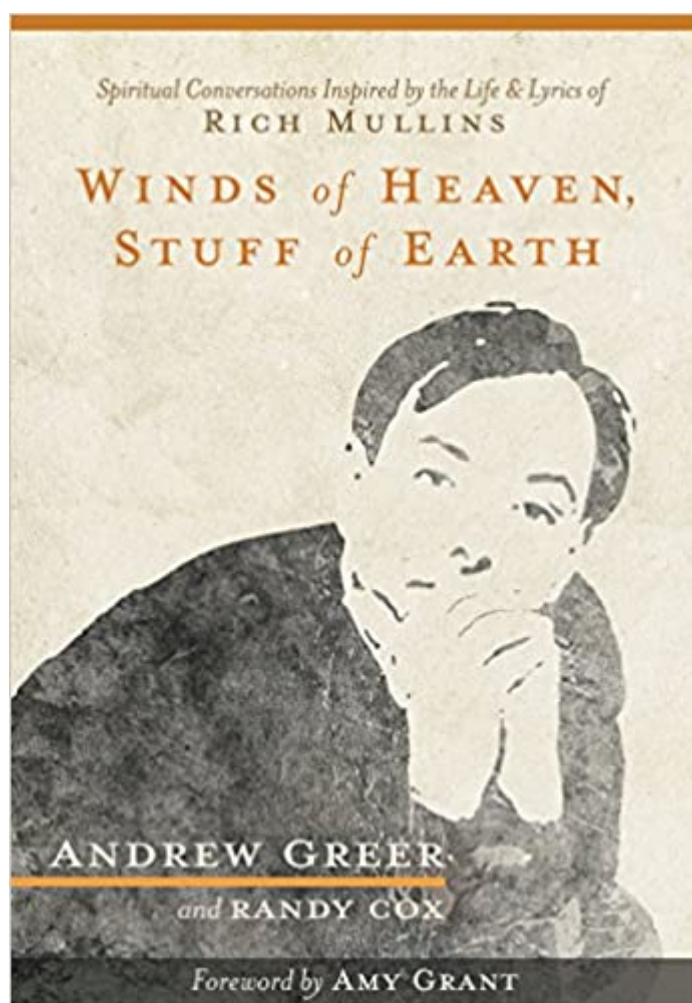


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Winds Of Heaven, Stuff Of Earth: Spiritual Conversations Inspired By The Life And Lyrics Of Rich Mullins



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Lyrics from never before published Rich Mullins songs are interwoven into stories from those he inspired, memories from those he loved, and lessons from a ragamuffin faith. Rich Mullins was a once-in-a-lifetime singer/songwriter whose impact on Christian music and the church is still felt today, even twenty years after his passing. His words and music softened and inspired the most hardened hearts to believe. His was a ragged and raw faith of a pilgrim, poet, and prophet. Now more than a dozen of today's singers, songwriters, producers, and authors gather to share never-before-heard stories and lessons that continue to influence their music and ministries today. These lessons, gleaned from Rich's own struggles and pursuits, are combined with lyrics from unreleased Rich Mullins songs that will inspire longtime Mullins fans, new Christian music followers, and spiritual seekers trying to understand the reckless love of God. Foreword by Amy Grant.

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I don't think one can ever be the same after reading *Winds of Heaven, Stuff of Earth*. This is not a biographical book on Rich Mullins but you will learn more about the faith he lived, the hunger he had to know the love of the Lord and his weaknesses. Each chapter is written by someone who knew him or was influenced in their Christian life by Rich's music and words. You'll recognize many of those who contributed and learn more about them along the way. It is truly a story of one man who loved God furiously and sought to learn more as a flawed human being. This book will challenge you, make you cry, make you smile and make you desire to know more of the love of God and the grace He bestows on His children.

We live in an age where believers are trying to balance grace with accountability while grasping the truths about relationship and religion and living this out in our lives. Andrew Greer's new book, *Winds of Heaven, Stuff of Earth: Spiritual Conversations Inspired by the Life & Lyrics of Rich Mullins*, hits the mark in Christian life books as he and his friends sort out the messiness of life and God's love, something Rich Mullins did so well in his short time on earth. Andrew is known for his gift of bringing people together to discuss the things of music, Heaven and Earth (CCM Magazine online and soon to be released *Dinner Conversations with Mark Lowry and Andrew Greer*). In this book, he does this so beautifully as he brings friends of Rich Mullins together and they dive deep to the heart of the gospel Rich so beautifully expressed in his life and music. Among some of my favorites, like Cindy Morgan, Mark Lowry, Brennan Manning, and Jayson Gray, his friends bring depth and more layers to Rich Mullins's musings, painting a clear picture of how we are more sinful than we can imagine and deeply loved more than we can possibly fathom. Intertwined are Andrew's thoughts that provide a solid

ribbon mixed through a rich tapestry of writing. You will be challenged and encouraged in this book. As Jason Gray says, "Rich's transparency about his messiness helps me believe that I might be loved in my mess, too." Andrew and his friends have confirmed how deeply God loves me in my grief and mess of life, inspiring me to take that love outside my four walls. On the practical side, this book is designed in short chapters, making it a perfect daily devotional, which I appreciated as I needed to take one chapter at a time and meditate on it throughout my day. This book will be a keeper and classic, like *My Utmost for His Highest*, *One Thousand Gifts* and *Jesus Calling*, to refer to in months and years to come.

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