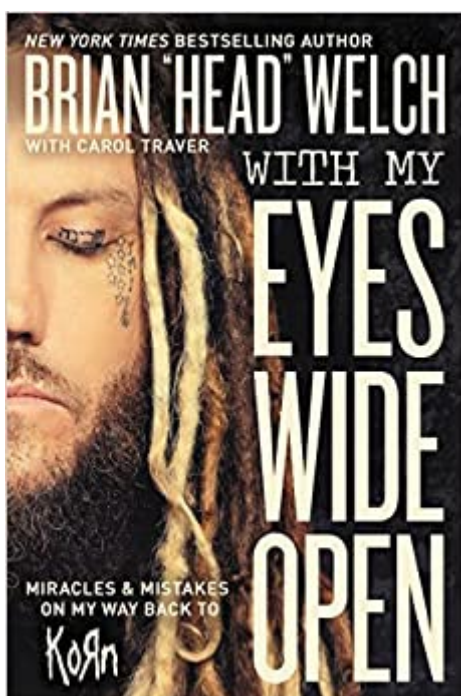


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With My Eyes Wide Open: Miracles And Mistakes On My Way Back To KoRn



Synopsis

He left KoRn to help himself. He went back to help others. And along the way, he nearly lost everything. A life-changing spiritual awakening freed Brian "Headbanger" Welch from a stranglehold of drugs and alcohol and prompted him to leave the highly successful nu-metal band KoRn in 2005. What followed was a decade-long trial by fire, from the perils of fathering a teen lost in depression and self-mutilation to the harsh realities of playing solo and surviving the shattering betrayal of a trusted friend. In this intensely inspiring redemption saga, perhaps most inspiring is Brian's radical decision to rejoin KoRn and reconcile with the tribe of people he once considered family in the metal music scene. Brian returned to his musical roots with a clear head and a devoted heart. Though his story is wild, hilarious, and deeply poignant, the message is simple: God will love you into the freedom of being yourself, as long as you keep the relationship going and never, ever quit.

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Customer Reviews

Brian "Headbanger" Welch is the cofounder and lead guitarist of the Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum metal band KoRn. He is also the bestselling author of the book *Save Me from Myself*. He lives in Nashville, TN.

"Wait a second... KoRn is a satanic band?" That was my initial thought when I found out that Brian Welch had left KoRn. I was confused: it was a song on

After all, it was listening to Koehn that made me want to stay sober. Was I missing something? What happened? I would have given my eye-teeth to have been a rock star, hugely successful no less, and I couldn't think of one reason why anyone would want to let that go. I binge read his first three books over a weekend and what emerged was a somewhat sad, albeit familiar, story of a boy who grew up angry and with poor self-esteem, and by hard work and a stroke of good fortune started his early adulthood with fame and wealth complete with all of the privileges and indulgences that accompany it. He was given the golden ticket only to find it took him to a place that was abysmally void. But, as he was to find out, that was the ride, not the destination. He told his story honestly, and at times allowed stabs of unresolved emotion to emerge above the surface, bearing evidence that this was not an autobiography told in full; this was the beginning. WMEWO is what happened during the in between, the life he negotiated with his new found Faith. This is how he fought to be a good father, a successful entrepreneur, continue to engage his talent as a musician, and most of all, be a happy person, and how none of that came easy. I was overjoyed to read about his journey back to Koehn, and the way he can look at his absence not as God taking him away, but as God preparing him to go back. It's very touching to read the stories of him praying with fans alongside his band mate and brother through Christ, Fieldy. Of course ignorant fans would mock them; it can be overwhelming for those who don't know to stand in the presence of the Lord. I appreciate the candor he brings to this book, and that he has retained his humor. He shared some deeply personal stories about financial mishaps and near ruin. The challenges of being a single father to his daughter were heart wrenching, but I couldn't help but find myself thinking how lucky she is to have a father who won't give up on her, or their relationship. His Faith is a driving force for him that he is eager and unashamed to share. Be you Christian or not, reading about his life so far, his ability to fall, to persevere, and to rise again, is admirable. As for me, I have learned that Brian didn't have one reason to walk away from a rock star's life...he had a million. And why he came back was backed by a force far greater than money, fame, and possessions. I love to see life come full circle.

I read this book in a day only putting it down to help with homework, answer typical questions of a ten year old, and the responsibilities of being a parent. It was so real and true and inspirational to me. I related to almost every paragraph. You don't have to be a musician to feel the beat and

become engulfed in the verses and choruses that rise and fall from haunting deep base melancholy lows to the victorious hard and heavy crunching overtones of metallic joy. I didn't just read this book ~ I experienced it as Brian's writing brought me into the room with him and Jennea as they struggled to find the answers to life's challenges together. My hopes are renewed my vision for tomorrow is clearer and I now hunger to develop a daily conversation with God and my family. After reading the final page I had to walk outside under the cold November star lit sky and pray for the first time in months. "With eyes wide open" will entertain you encourage you inspire you and challenge you.

Brian "Head" Welch has been an absolute inspiration, and has encouraged my faith since day one. I highly recommend all his books. I find Brian to be a 'real and humble' Christian, who has battled immensely with life, until God turned his life on its head (pardon the pun!) and Brian accepted Jesus Christ into his heart as his Lord and Saviour, and Brian's addictions and sin were history. God's grace and mercy shine through in Brian's books, and life. God is blessing millions with Brian's testimony. It is incredible how having faith in Jesus can pull anyone from the pits of darkness, and wickedness of this evil world. Spiritual warfare has become a daily battle, but GOD is ever present, for those who trust Him with their life. Thank you, Brian, you have helped me many times, encouraging me to step out in strength, and not fear. "Stronger is He who is within me (JESUS) than he who is in the world" (satan). I give this (and all Brian's books) 5 stars. Fantastic!

Not a religious guy. I'm an Atheist actually. But I have been a die hard Korn fan my entire life so I enjoy reading their life stories and what they have been through. Read Brian "Head" Welch's book 'Save Me From Myself' and though it was a little too preachy and Christian for me it was nice to read his story. Same with Fieldy's book 'Got The Life'. Stoked to have this one now so I can read about what Head went through when he rejoined Korn. I'm half way through the book now and it's very cool. I recommend to any die hard Korn fans.

Real and raw, this is a great story of Brian's ongoing adventure with God. I love how Brian opens his life so that we can all learn from each other and find peace and wholeness in life.

God led me to read Save Me From Myself and now With My Eyes Wide Open and I am incredibly pumped up not only as a Christian, but as a rocker. The bold honesty of Brian's books meshes so well with Johnathan Davis's lyrics, but veers off to worship a God who is misunderstood and misrepresented throughout the whole "been there, done that, give me money" world. I had faith

before I discovered his journey, but I have even more faith now, in humanity, in taking chances, but mostly in the amazing savior that will rescue all the meek and downtrodden who have no other representative for their pain. Thank you, Brian for being faithful, for not giving up, and for sharing your story with the world. You are a heavenly treasure and a testimony to the depths of the love of God. Keep it up, brother!

Welch doesn't hold back. He lets us into his life and gives a powerful witness to God's love and forgiveness and power. Welch also shares some deep supernatural moments he has experienced with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. And to top it off he and Fieldy have found their true calling. And, his daughter is healed. Praise God! Loved this book.

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