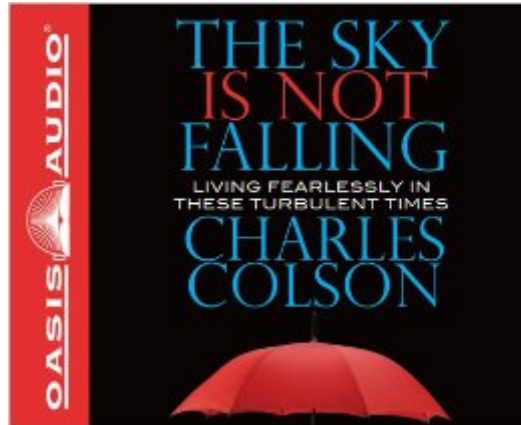


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Customer Reviews

The Sky Is Not Falling by Charles Colson
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First saw this title in a book store in Seattle and then borrowed it from our local library which brought it in for me. Like in his other titles, Colson makes broad observations mostly referring to man's relationship with the Christian God, and this one is about the spiritual welfare of American evangelicalism and its place in American culture. In many, if not most issues he addresses, the same concerns could be applied to most Western countries and cultures. He tackles the eroding morality, the intentional push away from Christian principles in every public institution, and points out the unsettling loss in America of its identity. For at least two-thirds of the book, the reader cannot discover assurances that the sky is not falling, but in the latter part of the book Colson does offer some possible solutions and pointedly challenges Christians to be bold and clever in moving the American culture back to Christian principles. Some would argue that this was never Jesus' intention, Jesus the originator of the

Christian movement. Others might say that Colson is only repackaging concepts that have been discussed elsewhere. Still, it is a well-conceived work, and he keeps writing well, bringing his unique former Whitehouse and later prison experience to assess present cultural dynamics.

The late Chuck Colson became a prolific Christian writer after his conversion to a living faith while in prison for his part in the Watergate mess. In this book Colson puts many of today's problems in perspective. The title is an obvious reference to Chicke Little and Colson examines many of today's issues to sort hyperbole from fact. A good read.

"The Sky is NOT Falling" is a call to the church to be the church. This book is a call for the church to engage the culture. Colson, the activist and founder of Prison Fellowship, charges believers to stop living in isolation and to stand for truth--out of a great love for the Savior and for the world. The time is now. Colson was an American who loved his country and he put a lot of emphasis in this book on Christians being involved in the political system: voting, writing congressmen, voicing opinion in public square...etc. And he displayed great hope throughout this book! I tend to be pretty pessimistic when it comes to the drastic moral decline of America in the last 15 years. Honestly there are times I feel like giving up on this country. But this book is an encouraging reminder to do my part as a citizen of my country, and speak the Truth. Will America ever reclaim its former glory as a nation under God? Probably not, but the harvest fields in America today may never have been more full...and that is an amazing opportunity for every Christian today. Colson's book is solid, and my primary complaint is that it is a little scattered as it hits a different issue every chapter. It would have been easier for me to follow along without such a shot gun approach to the writing. But all in all this is a great work from a saint. A man who served God in his generation, and who urges us to do the same.

Charles Colson was a wise man who could convey his message in a very readable-for-the-masses form. His book offers insights into how Christians in the US can reclaim our nation for God without the anger and name-calling that both sides of the argument often engage in. Love your neighbor and show them logical reasons for establishing our nation according to the tenets of the Bible--we can't force people to believe, but we can kindly and calmly show them how God's truth brings order, peace and justice in a world that is swimming in confusion. If we want the world to stop focusing on self, we Christians must be the first to put self aside--a big order for humans in general, but we have the power of Christ within us!

As Chuck Colson's last book before his death...this is a must read for how to live out faith in a culture that is quickly deteriorating. Mr. Colson's "no-nonsense", get involved directives are a reminder to all of us who wonder about the future of our country. Christian worldview training at it's best. Highly recommend.

Colton has his finger on the major ill s of this country, it really is our responsibility to serve in our community and reach out to all who are in need. A Christian world view is the only world view that will address what ails our hearts , we can start right in our neighborhood, or better yet in our churches.

The late Charles Colson was a modern day prophet. He did all he could to warn Americans about the ethical collapse of our culture. "The Sky Is Not Falling" is an easy yet informative read. You will fly through it. This book, as with most of Colson's, is about what we as Christians can do to take back our Post Christian country. The plot is simple - The sky will not fall if we all act like Christians should act 24/7. Once our neighbors see we are different because of our relationship with Christ, then and only then, will they be open to hearing the Gospel. Colson became a prolific Christian speaker and writer after his conversion just prior to entering prison for his part in the Watergate scandal. From the White House to a prison cell is quite a story. The books title - taken from Chicken Little - is true if Christians truly walk the Biblical Worldview walk and talk the Biblical Worldview talk. This book is chocked full of pointers on how to talk the talk in our mission field - America's Culture.

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