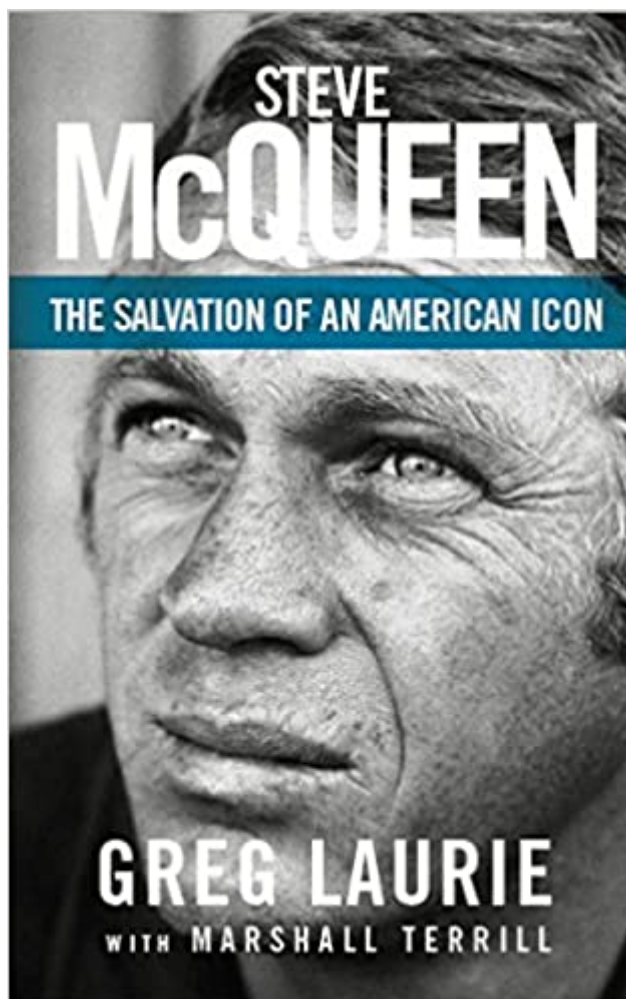


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Steve McQueen: The Salvation Of An American Icon



Synopsis

Join Greg Laurie as he takes a cross-country drive in his 1968 Highland Green Ford Mustang 390 GT through the canyons of Malibu, the alleys of Hollywood, the wide and open roads of the Midwest, the streets of New York, as he traces the woolly geography of actor Steve McQueen's life, relationships, career and spiritual journey. This iconic muscle car was the vehicle McQueen drove in his most raucous and enduring film, Bullitt. In the 1960s, McQueen was, according to box office receipts, the biggest movie star of his generation and one of the coolest men to ever walk the planet. Greg Laurie was a teen at the time and an ardent fan of "The King of Cool," first mesmerized by McQueen in 1963's The Great Escape. Like millions of cinema fans, Greg developed a lifelong fascination with the actor. Now he has a chance to tell McQueen's story. McQueen was a complex, contradictory man who lived the same way he drove his motorcycles and cars: fearlessly, ruthlessly and at top speed. After a lifetime of fast cars, women and drugs, McQueen took a surprising detour. In this book, Laurie thoughtfully interviews members of Steve McQueen's family, friends, co-stars, associates, widow and pastor to tell of the dramatic life-change for the actor in the spring of 1979 - six months before McQueen was diagnosed with terminal cancer. What were the critical steps that led McQueen to make such a life-altering decision? Perhaps more importantly, why is that part of his story so rarely told? This book answers these questions. Greg Laurie will follow the seeds of Christianity that were sown throughout McQueen's improbable life where a Light finally shone into the darkness of his troubled life. These seeds miraculously germinated, allowing McQueen to see that redemption through Jesus Christ is a lasting truth more glittering and real than any magic of the entertainment industry.

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Customer Reviews

"When Greg Laurie shared the story with me of Steve McQueen finding faith and hope at the end of his life I was deeply moved. Everyone knows Steve as an American Icon, but few know of this chapter in his life and I'm glad Greg is shedding light on it." --Mel Gibson

Greg Laurie is the senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside and Irvine California. In 1990, Laurie began holding large-scale public evangelistic events called Harvest Crusades. Since that time, more than 5 million people have attended Harvest Crusades events around the United States, and in Australia and New Zealand. More importantly, almost a half-million people have registered professions of faith through these outreaches. For more information about Greg Laurie or Harvest Crusades, visit harvest.org. Marshall Terrill is the author of more than 20 books, including best-selling biographies of Steve McQueen, Elvis Presley and Pete Maravich. For more information on his books, visit marshallterrill.com

I enjoyed the book, but honestly I felt like it drug out a bit. I felt like some of the material was covered quite thoroughly earlier in the book and kept being brought back up in too much detail considering that we were already familiar with it. I wasn't sure how I felt about it mid way through, but it concluded nicely. In the end I was left a little somber, but happy to see how McQueen found peace in a troubled life. I would recommend it, if for no other reason than it's a good reminder of our mortality, and the fact that fortune, fame and achievement don't buy peace in our life.

What a life! From one of the roughest starts imaginable to super stardom. If this guy can dig himself out of a huge hole anybody can. It's a reminder that you just don't know what some people may be going through or have been through. Looking forward to meeting Steve in eternity. In the mean time I'm going to rent a couple of his movies. I know I must have watched a few back in the day but like Steve and Greg, much of the 60's and 70's are kind of a blur :)

Greg did a great job bringing Steve back to life. From Steve's struggle in the tangle of worldly things to his beautiful salvation of eternal life, my heart is filled with Thanksgiving.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book, its research and the storytelling. McQueen rides again!

Yes, I highly recommend this book! I had no clue about Steve McQueen's life and it gives me hope that others living such sinful lives might also hear the Savior's voice!

Well written. The time and effort Pastor Laurie put into obtaining sooo much history from Steve's life was amazing. The last part of the book, his rebirth and desire to share the 'Good News' was the best. Thank Pastor.

This book is well written and was very hard for me to lay it down. The history of Steve McQueen is very interesting and passes on a very important message. I recommend it highly!

Great book

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