



The Gospel According to Danny

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Short Description

Danny Gausepohl thought he had built a solid life—until tragedy shattered it. Set against the political and cultural upheavals of the early 21st century, *The Gospel According to Danny* is a gripping novel of love, fatherhood, and a fractured America. As Danny struggles to rebuild, he must decide: Is there anything left to come home to?

Key Selling Points

- **Timely and Deeply Relevant:** Set against real-life events like the Columbine massacre, the 2000 election, and 9/11, this novel captures the emotional toll of a changing America.
- **A Masterful Character Study:** Danny's journey from stability to uncertainty and self-discovery makes for a profound and moving reading experience.
- **Brilliantly Written:** With prose described as "a motormouth Philip Roth," Hicks delivers a fast-paced, thought-provoking, and emotionally resonant story.

Critical Praise

★★★★★ "Explores the way that tragedy splits life into before and after... Hicks is wise and compassionate as he narrates this very American tale." Lori Ostlund, author of *Are You Happy?*

★★★★★ "A dark, funny, modern parable of the prodigal son coming home to a self worth becoming." Robert Mooney, author of *Father of the Man*

Audience & Categories

- **Genre:** Fiction, Literary Fiction, Contemporary Fiction
- **Primary Audience:** General Trade, readers of literary fiction exploring social and political themes
- **Comparable Titles:**
 - *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates
 - *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver
 - *Rabbit, Run* by John Updike
 - *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

About the Author

David Hicks is the author of *White Plains*, a finalist for the Colorado Book Award, and *The Magic Ticket*, an autobiographical children's book. A two-time Fulbright scholar and award-winning professor, Hicks is the director of the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Wilkes University. He and his wife Cynthia are the founders of Electric City Writers in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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