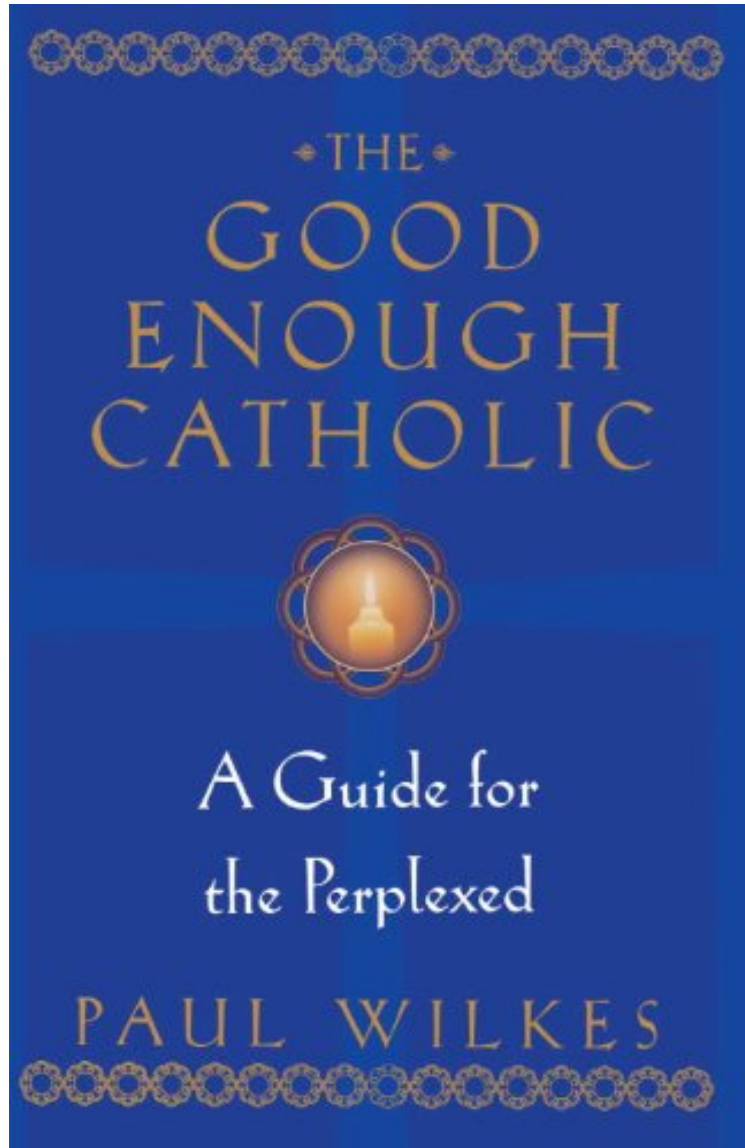


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Von Paul Wilkes : The Good Enough Catholic: A Guide for the Perplexed before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Good Enough Catholic: A Guide for the Perplexed:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book helped drive me away from the Church... Von Ein Kunde Fortunately, I'm back, having discovered that not all Catholics are as wishy-washy about their faith as the author! When I first saw this book, it seemed perfect for me. I was tempted to blame the Church's politics for my spiritual malaise: "If only it could be just a bit different... just a bit more

in keeping with what *I* want..." After reading the case studies, though, I wasn't attracted to the "do-it-yourself" Catholicism he describes. After some searching outside the Church, I realized that the root of the problem was my pride driving me to try to remake God (and His church) in my own image. If I believe that the Catholic Church was founded by Christ, and continues to be guided by the Holy Spirit, then surely it's worthy of my obedience. (If I don't, there are 23,000 Protestant denominations to choose from.) I wonder if the vocal dissenters and quiet rebels understand that there's great joy and freedom to be gained from obeying the teachings of one's religious leaders in a disciplined way, rather than just picking and choosing? This concept is still holding its own in Eastern religions, but it seems to be out of fashion among many Christians. And books like this one do nothing to help. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interessant Von Ein Kunde This book has interesting points to it. However, for a reader who has grown to a real love for and understanding of the church, it gives little. I scares me that this book may help someone to develop the attitude of "whatever you find to be ok is ok." Today's world surely shows us that more than this is needed.

Kurzbeschreibung Many Catholics face a dilemma: how can one be faithful to traditions, yet remain open to new discoveries, both about yourself and Catholicism? In *The Good Enough Catholic*, Paul Wilkes plumbs the hunger in Catholic souls for a relationship with God and a spiritual life, and boldly confronts the controversial issue of Church authority. After each chapter, there is an invitation to put into practice what has been explored through a rich mixture of doctrine, history, current thinking, and the personal experiences of "good enough" Catholics across America. With this book, Wilkes beckons us to look to the essence of our religion for the guidance and strength to live lives filled with spiritual transcendence. From the Trade Paperback edition..de Ever since Vatican II in 1963 revolutionized the liturgical practices of the Roman Catholic Church, attracting the scrutiny of its laymembers, the church has suffered from a crisis of authority, particularly in the United States. American Catholics remain extremely loyal to their church, and yet the majority of the laity still feel free to disagree with its teachings on such defining issues as contraception, abortion, the role of women, and celibacy of priests. This tension between respect and disobedience causes a degree of guilt-ridden angst. In *The Good Enough Catholic* Paul Wilkes, a noted writer on religion, addresses troubled Catholics who are, he says, "spiritually hungry" and "morally unsure," suggesting that the tension is resolvable with good faith and a thoughtful, practical approach to Catholic dogma..com Ever since Vatican II in 1963 revolutionized the liturgical practices of the Roman Catholic Church, attracting the scrutiny of its laymembers, the church has suffered from a crisis of authority, particularly in the United States. American Catholics remain extremely loyal to their church, and yet the majority of the laity still feel free to disagree with its teachings on such defining issues as contraception, abortion, the role of women, and celibacy of priests. This tension between respect and disobedience causes a degree of guilt-ridden angst. In *The Good Enough Catholic* Paul Wilkes, a noted writer on religion, addresses troubled Catholics who are, he says, "spiritually hungry" and "morally unsure," suggesting that the tension is resolvable with good faith and a thoughtful, practical approach to Catholic dogma.