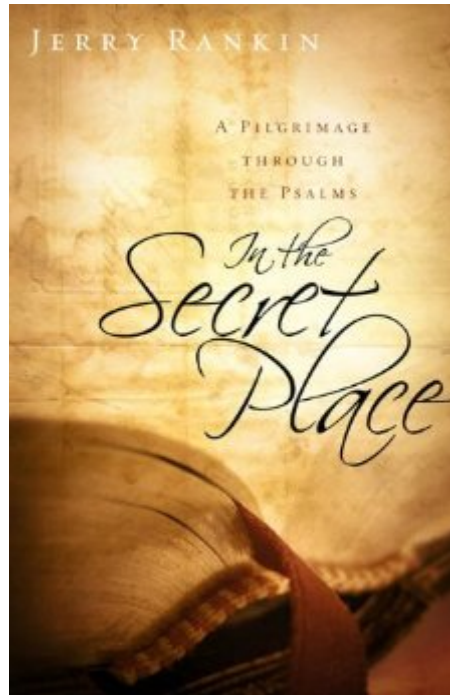


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# In The Secret Place



## Synopsis

For years, International Mission Board president Jerry Rankin has begun each day by reading and meditating on a Psalm. "The Psalms reveal the nature and character of God," he explains. "The graphic, picturesque language evokes images that stir our emotions and strengthen our confidence. To know that God is our rock, our shield, our fortress and our strong tower all convey an understanding we need each day." In *The Secret Place* gathers devotions and prayers written by Rankin for each of the one-hundred-fifty chapters in the book of Psalms. Personal yet universal, they reflect an openhearted journey of faith and deepening love for God to which the reader will aspire.

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## Customer Reviews

I was given this book by a missionary and I love it!! Mr. Rankin's prayer life has encouraged me to spend more time in the Word and in prayer. And I love his insights on the Psalms! I now read one Psalm each day and his insight on that Psalm; I am on my third time through and I get something new each time.

This is incredible power. I have read Psalm 91 for years. The protection is real. Recently I was at my lavatory and picked up a cloth. For some reason I shook it and a large female, Black Widow spider, fell out. She was dead, I live in a huge home, I thought sealed from such, but there she was red spot and all indicating the danger. I have heard a story, a Col in the army during WW II required his men to quote the Psalm daily (out loud). None of these men were killed. I know, sounds like preaching. This is the old and new Test combined. Read a modern version and you may understand the meanings better than the King James version. If I had it to go over, I would require my children to memorize.

This book is such a great encouragement to anyone who has any struggles with life. Whether you are a leader or a layman desiring to live your life in a way that honors God, you will find much encouragement from Jerry Rankin and the Psalms. He takes the Psalms and puts such a personal aspect on them and shares his heart with some of the struggles he has faced and just connects with you in such a real and personal way. I have bought this book for 3 people personally since reading it and am reading it again myself.

These meditations on the Psalms, usually only two pages long, are great to read along with the particular Psalm even when you have only a few minutes to read. I like to read one just before going to bed at night as well as part of my regular Bible study time. The meditations are all the more inspiring coming from the heart of a man who has devoted his life to God's service.

Well I haven't finished it. But, so far, I think it is very good. I happen to love the psalms. I say them out loud and I get joy from doing so. And, this book just adds to my understanding of each of them.

This is an awesome devotional. Jerry Rankin shows amazing insight into God's word and his review of the Psalms can help anyone to understand the application of these verses from God's Word.

I really like the style and depth that Jerry Rankin writes with. He's not froth and bubble, but has depth in the word of God and experience in his walk with God. It's great going through the Psalms a day at a time, and the prayer at the end is also helpful if you like to use that to spark you on further in talking to God about what you've read. I'm using this on my Kindle but know my Mother would really enjoy this in book form, so am going to buy it for her.

Kept this book at my desk and read the meditations daily until I retired a few years ago.

Interestingly, there was a framed print entitled, "The Secret Place", hanging in front of my work space, featuring a mountain stream. I would begin my day immersed in thoughts of the Psalms and the art of God's peaceful creation. Was then ready for whatever came my way with a peace that passed all understanding.

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