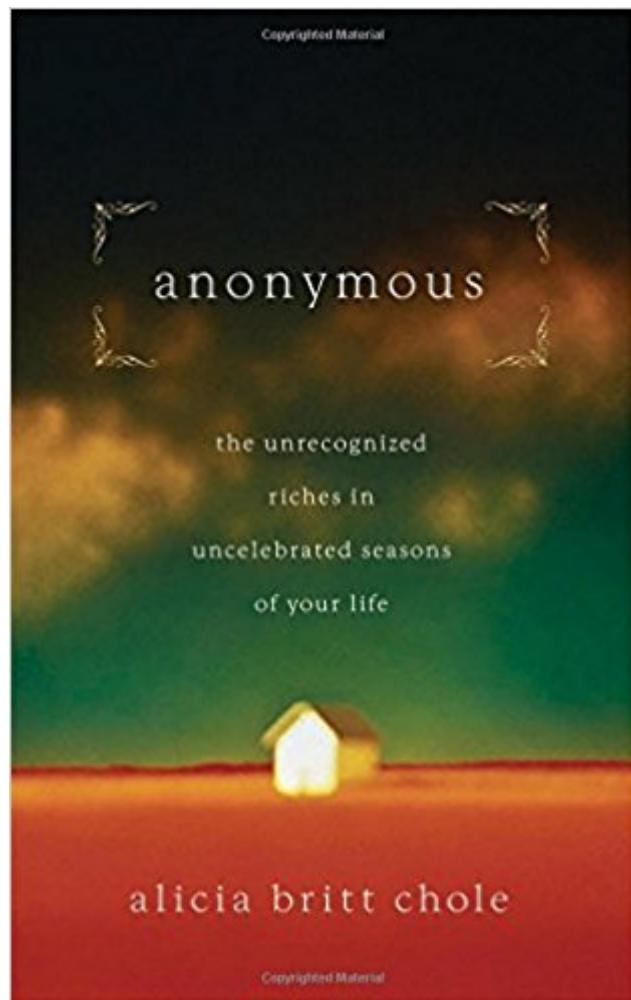


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Anonymous: Jesus' Hidden Years...and Yours



Synopsis

We all experience times of hiddenness, when our potential is unseen and our abilities unapplauded. This book redeems those times by reminding us that though we often want to rush through these anonymous seasons of the soul, they hold enormous power to cultivate character traits that cannot be developed any other way!

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It felt like this book was written just for me. I am a newly licensed minister (22) and I have yet to take on a position that utilizes my strengths because I feel God telling me to wait. This book completely explains why this time in my life is necessary. Its encouraging but also cutting because it speaks of the immense importance of our hidden times. Every day is as important as the next even when no one is watching us closely. This book is written beautifully and concisely. You'll find yourself gliding through the chapters, but its really good stuff. You don't hear this message every day in fact I've NEVER heard this message preached before. I rarely highlight books, but this one is covered in yellow. This book should be way more popular than it is...kind of fitting since it is all about taking advantage of hiddenness. FIVE STARS.

We live in a crazy world where daily we read in the headlines the sad stories of the righteous that have fallen. What is it that gives some the strength to keep their integrity through fame and failure, while others falter at the slightest provocation? Perhaps it's because most of us haven't fully embraced the iceberg principal that Alicia so vividly portrays for us in her newest book: 10% visible +

90% unseen = an indestructible life. It was the principal that Jesus lived by. And who among us will ever face the amount of fame, testing and trials that He did? Alicia's book came to me at a most opportune time. It impressed upon me the sacredness of my own hidden years. To think that the seemingly endless years of my life spent diapering and rocking were orchestrated by my Father to teach me to draw strength from Him, and to develop character within me to sustain me through the days to come. As I shared with Alicia this week, God is writing a new chapter in my life. I have titled it "Spring". I feel that Alicia has given me a rare gift in anonymous. She has given me the knowledge of what I need when I immerse from my "hidden years"- a commitment to keep the sacred, quite, intimate place I share only with Father God intact. A commitment to strive to be like Jesus, 10% visible - 90% unseen. If I could only read one book this decade, and force everyone I know to read it as well, it would be anonymous. It is a message the church needs not only to hear, but to embrace!

This amazing book by Alicia Britt Chole is and will be one of the defining written works for my life. I feel as if this message were prepared personally for me by the Father and delivered in such a timely and gentle package that I cannot help but soak it all in. I know that the footprint left behind by anonymous on my heart will be a permanent one....one that will literally and practically change my relationship with God and my own expectation of what it means to be a "successful" child of God. This is a message that my generation is dying for. Thank you, Alicia, for delivering it.

There are only a handful of books that have come into my life that will forever stay within arm's reach--they are THAT foundational to the person God is shaping me to be. Anonymous may very well be the most transformative, life-altering book I've ever read beyond the Bible itself. My copy is highlighted, underlined, notated, and tear-stained. To say this was a "good read" would be an injustice. This book was a JOURNEY, an incredible journey. And God used it to strip layers away from my ego and pride and to usher me to a place where wilderness seasons in my life are now not only understood but longed for! I have a deeper understanding and new appreciation for the anonymous years of Jesus' life, how they utterly shaped who he was and marked his 3 years of impactful ministry on this planet. I have had the beautiful privilege of hearing Alicia speak in person on several occasions now, and the anointing on her life is inarguable. Her writing gifts are exquisite...truly manna to a book-lover's soul. Nearly every sentence sends you grabbing for a highlighter; you'd be hard-pressed to find the sentences in my copy that are NOT highlighted or marked in some way. There is a deep, deep wisdom in this book that I believe EVERY Christian believer needs to read, absorb and revisit often. This is the book that will finally truly drive home

what dying to SELF really looks like and means. And while every Christian knows they should be actively doing it, most would admit that the struggle to do it is very real indeed. The flesh is difficult to crucify, but this amazing look at how Jesus learned to do it (long before he got to the cross) will be revelational to even the most learned believer. It would not be possible for me to recommend this book more highly. Get a copy. Then get the journal/study guide that accompanies. But be advised -- this is not a book to be picked up and laid down. Read it in a season where you can devote yourself fully to the journey.

Alicia Chole is truly a woman of God and I believe that what the Lord has revealed to her regarding the 'hidden' years of our Lord Jesus is profound. Much of our own lives are lived in obscurity and this fact sometimes brings despair. We are called to trust the Lord for all things we experience and encounter. What a blessing to know that He wastes nothing!

I have read many books detailing the life of Jesus but this one brings a fresh new perspective on His character. Helped me see the bigger picture of God at work even during the quiet times in my own life. Encouraging!

This is one of my favorite books. Alicia talks about the "Anonymous" years of Jesus and her own life. I may have a different story slightly but I can sure relate to her and it was inspiration for me. Challenged me and I have also bought another book of hers I am going through. We also used this book for our church small group with great success and it opened doors to communication and healing for others. Thank you for your heart!

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