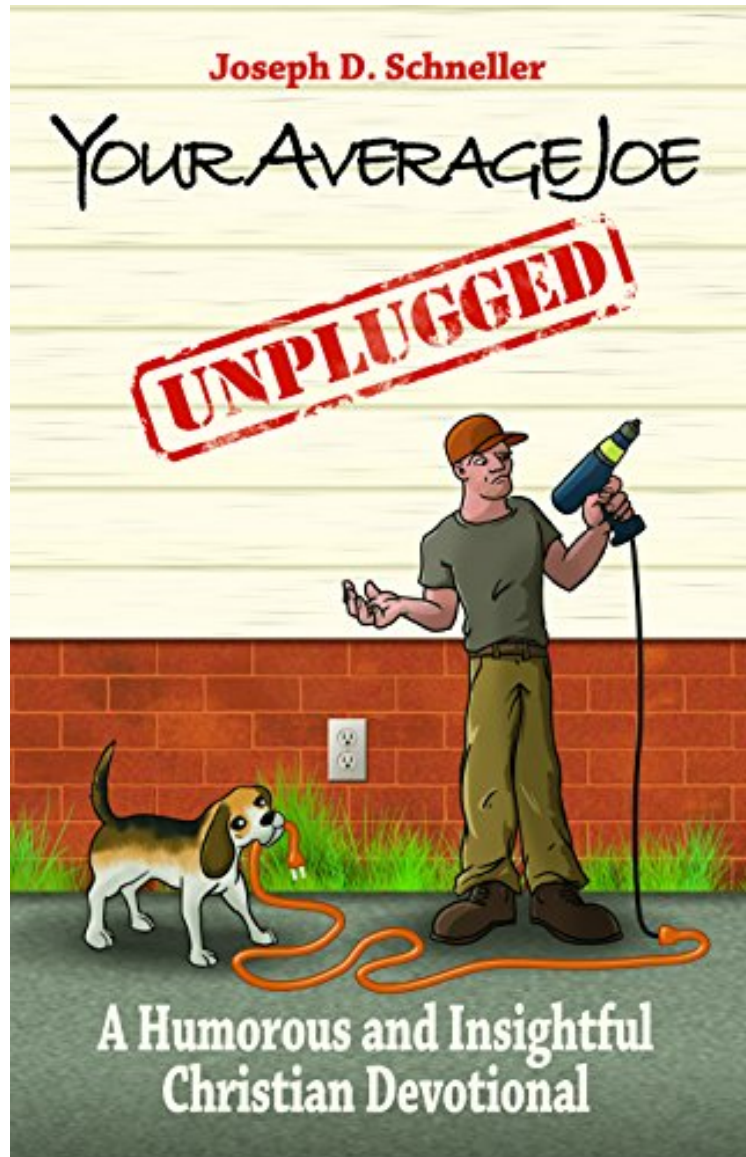


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offers a refreshing blend of honesty and humility in this daily devotional. There is no substitute for real world life experience when addressing the doubt and struggles we all face. Average Joe is brave enough to step into the limelight and expose doubt and fears. After drawing the reader in with honest vulnerability, Your Average Joe then has the wisdom to offer refreshment and hope from God's Word. One of my favorite observations of Average Joe is "Your Today's Encouragement". This offers both practical application and a spiritual growth moment. It is like Your Average Joe offers you a cup of coffee and says, "Ok, now you understand what God has for you, what are you going to do with it?" Your Average Joe has a finger on the pulse of the American public and that is revealed in his careful writing of "Today's Prayer". Many Americans struggle with prayer. Your Average Joe offers prayers that effectively voice being tired, worn out, beaten up, and discouraged. Then the prayer gently shifts to recognition of God's grace and mercy. There are layers of truth and encouragement written into each prayer. By the time you finish the Your Average Joe 30 day devotional, you will know God better and have a more clear understanding of how much He loves you. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I guess I'm not Average. By VonReading this book brought back to me, not for the first time, an understanding that I am not 'average'. "Your Average Joe, Unplugged" is a series of vignettes/devotionals that attempt to reach out to the 'average' American middle aged male and relate God's Word to their lives. Being rather profoundly out of the 'average' for American middle aged males I found myself watching this foreign country with fascination. The theology in this book is a bit shallow, but I don't think it was ever intended to be a theological treatise. Instead it is a direct emotional appeal to its audience... an appeal from the author's life: his relationships, fears, hopes and dreams... an appeal that is meant to direct them to the answers that the author has found in God's Word. The writing is excellent and the chapters (no doubt in a fashion that appeals to the 'Average' Joe) are short and easily readable. For all of the average, American, middle age, 'average' Joe's out there... who are struggling to be Christians in the middle of job crises, relationship struggles, and life-fears, I think I can recommend this book. Now someone just needs to write one for me :) Vaughn Ohlman Author of 'What are you Doing, A Conversation on Dating and Courtship'. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Funny, Timely, and Encouraging Devotional. By Kindle Customer "Believe it or not, God does not want you to win them all. At times, you will swing and miss, you will submit and be rejected, you will try and you won't succeed. You may miss your mark on a single attempt or for an entire season. And no, it won't be due to some specific sin. Today we will discuss the wonderful calamity of failure." Occasionally a book from which you expected little is a wonderful surprise. Full disclosure: "Your Average Joe, Unplugged" is published by my own current publisher, and I got a review copy for free. But I've passed over other books by that publisher that did nothing for me. This book impressed me very much, and was a blessing to me. Joseph Schneller lost his business, a restaurant franchise, in 2008, about the same time the economy took a nosedive. As he struggled with the challenge of job-hunting, paying the bills, and being a husband and father to his family, he wrote a blog chronicling his spiritual battles. Those blog posts became the book, "Your Average Joe, Unplugged." It's a one-month devotional, but more than a devotional. Schneller walks us through his own experience, as he applies the Bible and its promises to the day-to-day challenges and fears of an unemployed "average Joe." There is much insight here, and courage I can only admire. Also humor, very well done. I can hardly think of a more timely book. "Your Average Joe," Unplugged is highly recommended, especially for those seeking jobs, underemployed, or worried about their jobs. And who isn't right now? (Lars Walker is the author of West Oversea: A Norse Saga of Mystery, Adventure and Faith.)

In Your Average Joe Unplugged, Joseph Schneller voices inner struggles of faith that resonate broadly among Christians. He writes for those tired of the canned answers, for everyday believers desiring to live in faith amidst the joys and pains, the responsibilities and tragedies of life. Through 30 daily devotionals and a half-dozen humor articles, he presents honest, often humorous encouragement for your Christian pilgrimage through this fallen world. And all throughout he shows how, by Christ's grace, our everyday lives can have eternal impact.

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