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Americans still believe in God, but they are leaving the church in record numbers. Why are the faithful fleeing?

Reporter Julia Duin (Washington Times, Houston Chronicle) has collected the research and added insights from interviews with disillusioned followers, as well as from her own story. In this engrossing account of churches in decline, Duin visits numerous churches and explores a number of factors underlying the social shift away from church: irrelevant teaching, the neglect of singles, the marginalization of women, and a lack of authentic spiritual power. She also journeys into house churches and emergent congregations.

Duin's careful analysis is sure to help church leaders—and churchgoers—examine how they might better serve their communities and create inviting spiritual homes for people of all kinds.

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“Quitting Church will force pastors and church leaders to ask some very basic questions about the church—and about their churches.”

Albert Mohler, President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Rod Dreher, Blogger, The American Conservative

“We have come to expect solid journalism from veteran religion reporter Julia Duin, and *Quitting Church* does not disappoint. Churches need to address the seasoned churchgoer who wants more, not less, out of worship.”

Nancy R. Pearcey, Author, *Total Truth and How Now Shall We Live* (with Charles Colson), and scholar-in-residence at Houston Baptist University

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