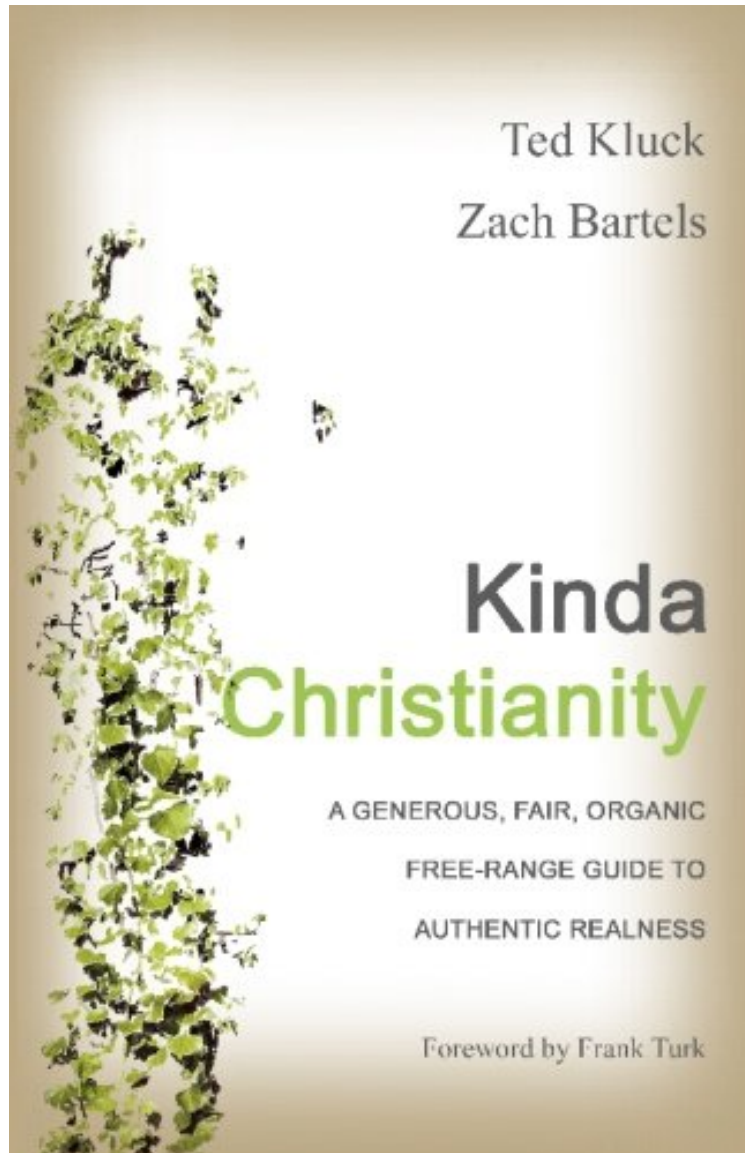


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Get Smart" Meets The Emergent Movement
By Dr. David P. Craig
was born in the 1960's and wasn't old enough or "smart" enough to enjoy the original airing of the satirical show "Get Smart." Get Smart was a successful spoof on two very popular and successful icons of the time - James Bond and the Peter Sellers character - Inspector Clouseau. Don Adams playing secret agent 86 was both dashing and fumbling and played the role perfectly. I have the whole Get Smart series on DVD and when I am in dire need of a good laugh - I break out a season and watch a few episodes with my teens - who love Get Smart as much (or more) than I do. This book is a satire on representatives of the emergent movement largely represented by Brian McLaren and his book "A New Kind of Christianity." Much like aficionados or critics of the show "Get Smart" - you are either going to love or hate this little book. If you take James Bond, Inspector Clouseau, Brian McLaren, or those of his ilk too seriously - you will really hate this book! Well if that's you - and I knew who you were - I'd pray that you would lighten up and learn to laugh at yourself and your heroes. For those of you who believe in absolute truth, calling a spade a spade, and actually take a stand for something, instead of being continually banal and vague - you will love this book and laugh a lot! My only critique of the book was that it was too short. However, like episodes of "Get Smart" - I have noticed that as much as I love watching these shows - the reality of the satires and the truths we laugh about are too serious to only make fun of. Ultimately, the sad part about this book is the reality of the truth that it conveys - a lot of people are duped by the emergent leaders that have little to stand on, and that's why the movement - like the 60's - will pass and die out - but leave many dazed and confused in it's wake. God willing - the truth will be sought and found - where it's been all along - the authoritative, inerrant, and sufficient Bible. Ted, Frank, and Zach - thanks for the laughter amidst the chaos that is the "emergent movement." I gave this book four stars out of five - not because I didn't like it, but because I only give five stars to books that I will read over and over again, or are what I would consider classics that will stand the test of time. This book will not stand the test of time, because the emergent movement - like the liberal theology of the 20th century will be part of historical study (as a passing fad) in a short period of time - and the book like "Get Smart" will not be as relevant to the times - but will always be funny to those who lived through the times in which it took place. The gospel grows churches, speculation, and confusion only scatters wandering sheep.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny!
By SLIMJIMA
great satire on the Emergent church movement, with a title parodying McLaren's "A New Kind of Christianity" After going through primary sources of Emergent leaders to hear them speak for themselves as well as wading through refutations of them in the forms of presentations, papers, discussion, articles and blogs, I have to say that this satire would probably stick better for most people's memory given how hilarious it is. Good use of humor and irony to expose a theological group that stresses so much that they can't be stereotyped only to discover that they do present themselves with a certain persona and stereotypes. Think hipster coke bottle glasses and pseudo-intellectual stuffiness. Or "a Coexist bumper sticker on your used Volvo." Again, a witty book beginning with the cover (see Brian McLaren's cover of "A New Kind of Christianity" to get it), the fake endorsements (the J.I Packer one got me laughing aloud), the preface by Frank Turk of PyroManiac, the meat of the book and the concluding appendix. For those who are familiar with the Emergent movement and knows it's people, you will be smiling and laughing out loud (for real). Certainly would step on toes but no one could fault them that unlike the "real" Emergent (real and authentic as adjectives for Emergents?), at least the authors lived up to it's parody of being "generous, fair organic free range guide" considering the fact that they are selling this for a buck for Kindle which I downloaded on my Iphone. As the book pointed out, "The Apple Store: If you're not buying your technology here, you're not emergent."

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. HILLARIOUSLY (and unfortunately) true
By James G. McAlister
Kluck and Bartels have obviously read their McLaren and Bell. They have noticed (and mastered the art of skewering) the mis-direction of these "super-apostles" (see Second Corinthians) who pretend open-minded gracefulness while marginalizing most of the biblical text and most Christians, to boot. Kinda Christianity illustrates why the Emergent Village is in rubble and why the authoritative center of Anglicanism now resides in faithful African churches, where there are few Starbucks and little cost-free Christianity.

"So you're ready to take the plunge. Ready to translate your quest into action! Without defining yourself, and certainly without boxing yourself into one particular rigid way of doing theology or church, you're ready to become emergent. You have a username and clever screen name picked out at Emergent Village(tm), and maybe you've even begun having church in an empty warehouse in the industrial sector of your city. If so, good for you! But those are just the first, baby steps in your journey (your dance, if you will) into Kinda Christianity. This book will help you along the rest of your uniquely creative path to super-terrific self-discovery." -From the Introduction
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Ted Kluck is the author of several books, on topics ranging from Mike Tyson to the Emergent Church. Both Why We're Not Emergent and Why We Love the Church (with Kevin DeYoung) won Christianity Today Book of the Year awards, and Paper Tiger: One Athlete's Journey to the Underbelly of Pro Football won a Michigan Notable Book award in 2008. His work has also appeared in ESPN the Magazine and Christianity Today. Ted has played professional indoor football, coached high school football, trained as a professional wrestler, served as

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