

## Book Review: This is a Soul by Marilyn Berger

So far this year I have read 11 books:

- [Grace to Race-Sister Madonna Buder](#)
- [True Religion—Palmer Chenchon](#)
- [Half the Sky-- Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn](#)
- [The Rite –Matt Biglio](#)
- [The Last American Man—Elizabeth Gilbert](#) (book review forthcoming, it's worth the wait)
- [State of Wonder—Ann Patchett](#)
- [The Aromatherapy Bible—Gill Farrer- Halls](#)
- [The Essential Guide to Healing- Bill Johnson & Randy Clark](#)
- [The Practice of the Presence of God-Brother Lawrence](#)
- [Made from Scratch—Jenna Woginrich](#)

But the one that has my heart up in an uproar is [This is a Soul by Marilyn Berger](#) . This book is based on the life and work of Dr. Richard Hodes. He is an internist living and working in Ethiopia. As his life unfolds you see God working in all the corners bringing together a miraculous work that is so inspiring. He truly believes in the healing power of God. He is Jewish living among mostly Muslim people and yet the people are inspired to respect religion so much so that some want to convert to Judaism.

What amazes me is his drive and energy to help his most critical patients. He has formed wonderful networks with some of the best specialists in the world to get care for his patients. All throughout the book you can see God moving in his work which I call a ministry of healing.

Clearly we are all very grateful for the advances in technology and medicine which allows us to diagnose and treat diseases which were so difficult years ago but have they replaced God's healing power? I would say definitely not. God is still in the healing business and you see it in the life of Dr. Hodes and his patients.

I want to be just like him, practicing my faith and bring healing to patients in a way that gives honor to a God that still cares for His people and offers his healing mercies generously.