

What I Saw in Heaven: The Incredible True Story of the Day I Died, Met Jesus, and Returned to Life a New Person by Heidi Barr Paperback ISBN: 9781540904126

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# A Jewish Teen Girl's Experience of Dying, Going to Heaven, and Having a Face to Face Encounter with Jesus

"Heidi's experience of God and of the life to come is not at all what she would have expected, yet it aligns with the thousands of accounts I've studied," writes John Burke, NYT best-selling author of Imagine Heaven, in the foreword of the book What I Saw in Heaven. "and, it confirms God's identity as revealed to the Jewish prophets and through Jesus. Heidi came face-to-face with the love, compassion, forgiveness, and inexpressible joy of God."

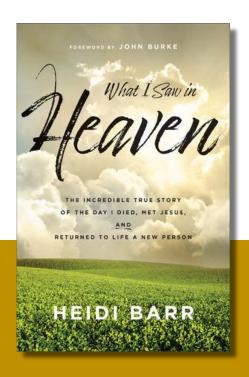
At age 16, Heidi Barr, experienced a tragic horse-riding accident and died. That's where she met Jesus and saw heaven.

Before that she didn't believe in Jesus. No one in her Jewish family did.

In Barr's debut book, What I Saw in Heaven: The Incredible True Story of The Day I Died, Met Jesus, and Returned to Life a New Person, she shares the incredible true story of her difficult family life, her sudden death, her unexpectedly loving encounter with Jesus, and her return to life on earth as a person completely and irrevocably changed.

And, she shares the gripping, beautiful story of her parents' eventual reconciliation both with her and with God, through the redeeming grace and all-encompassing love of Jesus Christ.

"Over the past eight years, Heidi has become a good friend to me and my wife, Kathy," writes Burke. "I've had many conversations with her since that first email in 2016. I've interviewed her multiple times about her story, and I can tell you, she's the real deal. She's an honest, kind, unpretentious person who loves God and has dedicated her life to serving others as a hospice nurse. She's Jewish, yet she believes in Jesus as her Lord and Messiah because she met him face-to-face when she died. I find it amazing that as a sixteen-year-old with no understanding of God's nature, she describes meeting the triune God of the Bible."







#### **About the Author**

Heidi Barr was raised Jewish in a small Orthodox Jewish community in Iowa. When she was 16, a horseback riding accident led to the near-death experience that introduced her to Jesus and changed her life and faith forever. She went on to work at a hospital and later a hospice nurse. She is now retired and lives in Bozeman, Montana. Heidi and her husband have three children and three grandchildren.

### PRAISE for What I Saw in Heaven

"Heidi's amazing story is about much more than her heavenly journey. It's about life, family struggles, and redemption by God's amazing guidance and grace. Heidi has been through hell on earth, yet through the many trials and tribulations, she came out the other side a better person. Her story intersects with so many stories of people who have been abused, betrayed, or just beaten up by an evil world and wonder, Where is God? Is he there? Does he even care? If you've ever asked those questions or struggled with the evils of this world, Heidi's story will give you hope and a new perspective that will help you to overcome, just as she learned to do." - John Burke, pastor and New York Times bestselling author of Imagine Heaven and Imagine the God of Heaven



## **Sample Interview Questions for Heidi Barr**

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- Let's start with what prompted you to write this book and sharing your story.
- Why did you keep your experience to yourself for a few years?
- Talk about how Jesus communicated with you.
- How were you transformed after this experience?
- In what ways were you changed?
- Share how your family reacted to your transformation.
- How do you think your experience impacted your life choices such as being a nurse, or hospice nurse?
- Explain where you fit in with the Jewish community and the Christian community?
- For Jewish people, talking about Jesus as the Messiah is not acceptable, but your face-to-face encounter with Jesus is something you can't ignore or dismiss. How did you reconcile the two religions?
- What do you want people to know about your journey to heaven? Were you surprised by your experience?
- After hearing about your encounter with Jesus and heaven, you often hear people say "I can't wait to get to heaven." Why do you tell them not be in a hurry when it seems so amazing?
- What was the main message Jesus wanted you to know after spending time with him?
- When readers finish your book, what one thing do you want them to know or understand?
- Where can our viewers go to connect with you and purchase a copy of What I Saw in Heaven?