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Four in the Garden

An allegory of one's relationship with God

A retelling of the Garden of Eden story except that God creates only one human

Martinez, CA, June 13, 2017 — An unusual retelling of the Garden of Eden story, *Four in the Garden* is a thought-provoking allegory of one's relationship with God. In this spiritual fantasy, Creator makes only one human, named Cherished. Instead of creating a second human to be a companion to Cherished, Creator desires to fill that role. Can this relationship work? This inspirational book challenges the reader to trust in God because trust is the means by which we are transformed. To aid contemplation and spiritual growth, *Four in the Garden* is divided into short thematic chapters.

“I wanted to present an accessible God who desires connection with us,” says author Rick Hocker. “Some people believe God to be distant, judgmental, or uncaring and I wanted to challenge their perceptions of God.” *Four in the Garden* is Rick's first book (Second Edition, Hocker Press, May, 2017, \$14.95, ISBN 978-0-9915577-0-7). More information about the book can be obtained at www.rickhocker.com, by e-mailing rick@rickhocker.com, or by calling 925-691-5520. The book can be purchased on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, or other online bookstores.

In February 2007, Rick dreamt he was sitting in a college religion class. The class was discussing a book that presented a world where God had created only one person. The story described the growing relationship between this person and God. When Rick awoke, he believed God wanted him to write this story about how to have a close relationship with God. Three years prior, Rick had learned some spiritual lessons from a severe back injury. He saw this book as an opportunity to weave those insights into a story form.

Rick works full-time as a game developer for StoryArc Media, a kid's gaming company. He attends a writer's workshop in Martinez, California. Sue Clark, who has been teaching writing for over forty years, leads the workshop. Rick attributes most of what he has learned about writing from Sue. He writes monthly inspirational articles for his fans who subscribe to this free program. Archived articles can be found at www.rickhocker.com/articles.html. rick@rickhocker.com, 925-691-5520, www.rickhocker.com.

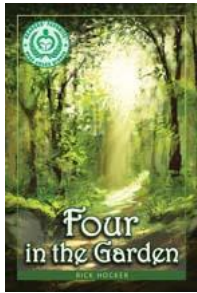
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About the Author:



Rick Hocker is a game programmer with a background in graphic design. In 2004, he sustained a back injury that left him bed-ridden in excruciating pain for six months, followed by a long recovery. After emerging from this dark time, he discovered that profound growth had occurred. Three years later, he had a dream that inspired him to write his award-winning book, *Four in the Garden*. His goal was to help people have a close relationship with God and to share the insights he gained from the personal transformation that resulted from his back injury. He lives in Martinez, California. www.rickhocker.com, rick@rickhocker.com, 925-691-5520.

About the Book:



Copies of *Four in the Garden* (Second Edition, Hocker Press, May, 2017, \$14.95, ISBN: 978-0-9915577-0-7) are available at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, or other online bookstores, or by contacting Rick Hocker at 925-691-5520 or rick@rickhocker.com.

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