

Year Published	Title	Author	Copies Sold	Comments
1909	<i>40 Days in Heaven: the True Testimony of Seneca Sodi's Visitation to Paradise, the Holy City and the Glory of God's Throne</i>	Elwood Scott		"People who haven't grown in true grace are unprepared for the greater things of God and so must spend time among the trees of life in paradise, partaking of the leaves of the trees which are for the healing of the nations, meaning for those who are unsanctified and only able to enter the 'outer courts' until they grow more in grace."
1975	<i>Life After Life</i>	Raymond Moody Jr.	13,000,000	"Sadly, the avalanche of books on the subject includes many that, to my personal knowledge, have been fabricated by unscrupulous self-promoters cynically seeking notoriety or financial gain rather than true advancement in knowledge."
1993	<i>A Divine Revelation of Hell</i>	Mary K. Baxter	500,000	Written some 17 years after her "vision" came. "After the Lord appeared to me in 1976 and told me that I was chosen for a special assignment, He said, 'My child, I will manifest myself to you to bring people out of darkness into light. For the Lord God has chosen you for a purpose: to write and to make a record of things I will show and tell you. I am going to reveal unto you the reality of hell, that many may be saved, many will repent of their evil ways before it is too late. Your soul will be taken out of your body, by me, the Lord Jesus Christ, and transmitted into hell and other

				<p>places that I want you to see. I will also show you visions of heaven and other places and to give you many revelations."</p> <p>1998: She followed up with <i>A Divine Revelation of Heaven</i>.</p> <p>2000: She followed up again with <i>A Divine Revelation of the Spirit Realm</i>.</p>
1999	<i>Caught Up Into Heaven</i>	Marietta Davis		<p>This 1999 edition is a rewrite of the original book. Ms. Davis had her "experiences" in 1850.</p> <p>"I saw new spirits of the dead congregated over battlefields in an intermediate region or passageway to the spirit world. The arrival of these new spirits into the heavenly realm was eagerly anticipated by attending spirits who have the same moral nature as those who had just died. This is the case with all classes and conditions of men. All classes, as they emerge from the physical form, are attracted to and mingle with beings of similar character. Those of discordant and ungodly nature's are attracted by like elements and enter into regions overhung with clouds of the night[.]"</p>
2003	<i>Heaven is So Real!</i>	Choo Thomas		<p>"Every time I have gone to heaven with Jesus ... God would give me a new body – a body in which I looked remarkably like I did when I was a teenager. Sometimes this transformation would take place at a beach on earth that he</p>

				<p>escorted me to. Other times I would be clothed in my incorruptible body in my bedroom at home ... Each time the Lord has visited me, I have been lying on my bed under the total control of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Just before he visits each time, my earthly body quivers and quakes for at least twenty minutes. I do not understand everything about this, but I know that he is releasing his power into my being."</p> <p>The author died in April 2013, and has not yet come back from heaven.</p>
2006	<i>90 Minutes in Heaven</i>	Don Piper	6,000,000	<p>He went to heaven in 1989, but waited 17 years to write this book about it.</p> <p>This book is 205 pages long, but only 15 pages deal with the author's "experience in heaven." He didn't see God or Jesus. He saw old friends there in heaven; all of them were the same age as when he last saw them.</p> <p>Heaven is: brilliant light, dazzling colors, a reception committee of friends and family, indescribable joy, ethereal music, angels' wings, and sensory overload. About what we would have expected.</p>
2006	<i>23 Minutes in Hell</i>	Bill Wiese		<p>He visited hell in 1998, and wrote this book seven years later.</p>

				<p>He says that the sound of billions of people screaming in agony is "annoying."</p> <p>2010: He followed up with a second book - <i>23 Questions about Hell</i> [DVD included].</p> <p>2013: A followup book - <i>What Happens When I Die?</i></p>
2007	<i>Revealing Heaven: an Eyewitness Account</i>	Kat Kerr		<p>The author claims that over a period of ten years, God took her up to heaven multiple times. Heaven has an amusement park, a golf course, and a movie theater.</p> <p>2011: A followup book - <i>Revealing Heaven II.</i></p>
2008	<i>Glimpses of Heaven: True Stories of Hope and Peace at the End of Life's Journey</i>	Tracy Harris, RN		44 different stories of "visits to heaven."
2009	<i>My Time in Heaven: a True Story of Dying ... and Coming Back</i>	Richard Sigmund		He was "dead" for nine hours.
2010	<i>The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven: a Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life Beyond This World</i>	Kevin Malarkey		<p>In 2004, the author and his six-year-old son, Alex, were in a car accident. Alex was in a coma for two months.</p> <p>Six years later, Alex's father wrote this book. It is fake.</p> <p>Alex's mother knew all along that the story was fake, and after a few years, she went public.</p>

				<p>Alex (now 17 years old, and still confined in a wheelchair) has never received any of the proceeds from the sale of the book. He has written an open letter to book publishers.</p> <p>Although Kevin and Alex Malarkey are listed as joint authors on the book's cover, Alex (the child) has publicly disclaimed the book online, calling it "one of the most deceptive books ever." Beth Malarkey, Alex's mother, describes the book as "a beautiful testimony distorted, twisted, packaged and used as business ..."</p> <p>His parents are now divorced.</p>
2010	<i>Flight to Heaven</i>	Dale Black		<p>For the first 96 pages, he tells his life story, followed by two chapters that describe his trip to heaven (which occurred when he was in a coma for three days. He doesn't claim that he actually died).</p> <p>He says that heaven is surrounded by high thick walls.</p> <p>The rest of the book describes his recovery from the injuries he received in the airplane crash.</p>
2010	<i>Heaven Is For Real: a Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and</i>	Todd Burpo	10,000,000	<p>Todd Burpo is a pastor. This is the story of his son Colton who, at age 4, went to a hospital for surgery after suffering a burst appendix. It is</p>

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not clear that the child actually died. He told his parents his story (about heaven) several months later, and his parents then waited another 6 years before writing this book. He tells about spending time with Jesus (and John the Baptist), about meeting the sister he never knew he had, about fluttering around with wings, and he talks about pearly gates. Jesus has blue-green eyes, and wears a crown with a pink diamond.

"Hey Dad, did you know Jesus has a horse? ... Yeah, a rainbow horse, I got to pet him. There's lots of colors." p. 63

"Everyone kind of looks like angels in heaven."

Colton tells his father that he sat with the Holy Spirit and it was hard to describe him other than "He's kinda blue." p. 102

The Burpos were obsessed with finding out what Jesus looked like. "As pastor, I wound up spending a lot of time at hospitals, in Christian bookstores, and at other churches – all places where there are lots of drawings and paintings of Christ. When we came across a picture of Jesus we'd ask Colton, 'What about this one? Is that what Jesus looks like?'" [pg 93]. Finally, Todd came across information about a girl named Akiane Kramarik who began having

				<p>visions at the age of four. Akiane paints the most beautiful paintings - "She states that God has given her the visions and abilities to create her artwork." One of her paintings is that of the Christ of her visions; she calls him her 'Prince of Peace.' Colton turned to his father when he saw Akiane's Jesus and said, "Dad, that one's right." [p. 145].</p> <p>"There's going to be a war, and it's going to destroy this world. Jesus and the angels and the good people are going to fight against Satan and the monsters and the bad people. I saw it". [p. 136]</p> <p>The movie was produced by T.D. Jakes.</p> <p>2011: A followup book, <i>Heaven is for Real for Kids</i> is published - a children's edition of this book.</p> <p>2012: Yet another follow-up book, <i>Heaven Changes Everything: the Rest of Our Story</i>. "People ask us if Colton has shared more details about heaven – he has. We couldn't include everything in the first book, but also, as Colton grew older, he had more amazing details to share with us."</p>
2012	<i>My Journey to Heaven: What I Saw and How it Changed My Life</i>	Marvin J. Besteman		<p>He waited six years before he wrote his book. He claims that he was in heaven for thirty minutes. He claims that he had a conversation</p>

				<p>with Peter, who was "a little bit shaggy looking."</p> <p>"Peter leafed through the Book of Life, which was actually multiple books, looking for my name. But of course he couldn't find it; otherwise I would be in heaven now, possibly having another lively debate with Peter. He left his post at heaven's gate briefly to consult with God about what to do with me - keep me or send me home ... Surely it was on purpose, but Peter left the door to heaven open, revealing a translucent gate through which I could see inside."</p>
2012	<i>Heaven is Beyond Your Wildest Expectations: 10 True Stories of Experiencing Heaven</i>	Sid Roth and Lonnie Lane		<p>"I saw various parts of [Jesus'] body, and each part seemed to love me. I saw his feet. He still has the wounds where the nails pierced his feet. But what really overwhelmed me was the love his feet showed me. He loved me so much that I did not have to look at his face to experience the love he has for me."</p>
2012	<i>Proof of Heaven: a Neurosurgeon's Journey Into the Afterlife</i>	Eben Alexander	1,000,000	<p>The author claims that he came down with an infection in his cerebral cortex in November 2008, went into a coma, and encountered a beautiful girl riding on a butterfly who told him that everything he did was good; she turned out to be his sister.</p> <p>"I was flying, passing over trees and fields, streams and waterfalls, and here and there,</p>

			<p>people. There were children, too, laughing and playing. The people sang and danced around in circles, and sometimes I'd see a dog, running and jumping among them, as full of joy as the people were."</p> <p>In fact, in November 2008, he hadn't practiced medicine in a year, and had been sued for malpractice.</p> <p>His treating physician (in November 2008), Dr. Laura Potter, says that the author was groaning and flailing, and he had to be put into an induced coma. "We couldn't work with Eben at all, we couldn't get vital signs, he just was not able to comply. So I had to make the decision to just place him in a chemically induced coma. Really for his own safety, until we could treat him. And so I did.... I put him to sleep, if you will, and put him on life support."</p> <p>2013: He put out a CD (<i>Seeking Heaven: Sound Journeys Into the Beyond</i>) of sounds that are intended to help the listener reproduce the states of consciousness that the author experienced during his coma. Sounds include the chanting of "Om;" tinkling sounds; "space sounds;" and heartbeats.</p> <p>2014: He wrote a second book, <i>The Map of Heaven: How Science, Religion, and Ordinary</i></p>
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2012	<i>To Heaven and Back: a Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again: a True Stor</i>	Mary C. Neal		The author originally self-published this book. She claims that her experience(s) took place in 1999; she says that she drowned in a South American river, and afterward, she had several "trance conversations" in a large open field with an angel.
2013	<i>Waking up in Heaven: a True Story of Brokenness, Heaven, and Life Again</i>	Crystal McVea		She claims that her experience took place in 2009. Claims she was in heaven for nine minutes.
2013	<i>Appointments With Heaven: the True Story of a Country Doctor's Healing Encounters With the Hereafter</i>	Reggie Anderson		<p>The author doesn't actually claim to have gone to heaven and back - 99% of this book is simply his life story.</p> <p>"That night, I experienced the veil parting – the veil that separates this life from the next. As I held the dying woman's hands, I felt the warmth of her soul pass by my cheek when it left her body, swept up by an inexplicably cool breeze in an otherwise stagnant room. I smelled the familiar fragrance of lilac and citrus, and I knew the veil was parting to allow her soul to pass through. Since that first patient, I've walked with countless others to the doorstep of heaven and watched them enter paradise. On many occasions, as I held hands with the dying, God allowed me to peer into heavens entryway where I watched each patient slip into the next world. I've sensed Jesus on the other side, standing in heaven's foyer, welcoming the dead</p>

				<p>who were whole again. I've glimpsed surreal colors and sights and heard sounds more intense than anything I've ever experienced in this ordinary world. I've inhaled the scents of lilac, citrus, freshly carved cedar, and baking bread – more fragrant than I ever thought possible."</p>
2013	<i>Visions From Heaven: Visitations to my Father's Chamber</i>	Wendy Alec		<p>"Lately, my visits with 'Daddy' had taken place in three distinct places. I would find myself in the Throne Room in a vast meadow, or in what seemed to be one of the Father's chambers, which seemed like an intimate library. Whenever I visit him in this chamber, I call it 'My Father's Chamber.' I find myself sitting on his lap and I seem to be snuggling into his chest. In front of us is a huge desk; sometimes it appears to be an altar of some kind. Many times when I am there, there is a large open book on the table in front of us, which he explained to me is my personal Book of Life, and from which he often explains many things to me."</p>
2013	<i>Is Heaven for Real? Personal Stories of Visiting Heaven</i>	Patrick Doucette		<p>In one of the "personal stories" a man claims to have visited heaven 80 times. Another story in this book comes from <i>90 Minutes in Heaven</i>.</p> <p>Contains many typographical and spelling errors.</p>
2014	<i>The Day I Died: My Astonishing Trip to Heaven</i>	Freddy Vest		<p>The author was riding his horse (named "Rapture") when he had a heart attack.</p>

	<i>and Back</i>			He didn't see angels or loved ones, but says he saw a "representation of the prayers of believers." He says that "being in heaven with Jesus is an intensely private experience - so private it almost seemed off limits for conversation." Basically, he dies, sees nothing, feels the love of Jesus, and comes back. This book tells his life story; there is very little information about any "visit to heaven."
2014	<i>My View from Heaven: a Boy's Story of His Journey to Heaven and the Purpose of Life on Earth</i>	Sarina Baptista		"This book is quite different than most books about heaven. Not many are written by children, let alone children who have 'died.' I put that word in quotes because if you ask my son J.T., he would say he is definitely not 'dead.' I have to agree. Even though his body died in March 2007, a most devastating time for me and my family, J.T. would tell you it was the best day of his life."
2014	<i>Heaven: My Testimony About Life in Heaven</i>	Christopher Roberts		The author claims to have visited heaven twice, and to have been visited by an angel. He sees Jesus working in a field. 80% of this book is the author's life story.
2014	<i>Heaven: There's Light at the End of the Tunnel</i>	Hope Reynolds		An e-book. "Hope R. Reynolds is a pseudonym to protect the privacy of the family." " A few years ago, [the author] realized her daughter Aimee was extremely gifted. Aimee

				<p>communicates with angels and spirits on a regular basis. She also travels to and from heaven daily. There are only about 200 individuals like Aimee on Earth right now. Hope and Aimee have been asked by spirit to relay the information in the books that they write. Angels and spirits can enter all of the dimensions that exist, whereas humans can only be in this dimension."</p> <p>2015: Her followup book is <i>Heaven: Through Pearly Gates</i>.</p>
2014	<i>Face to Face with Jesus: a Former Muslim's Extraordinary Journey to Heaven and Encounter With the God of Love</i>	Samaa Habib		<p>This book states that all of the names used in the book have been changed; some of the locations have been changed; and some details have been changed. The author worked as a model in her own country before she came to the West. In the last chapter, there are diamonds appearing everywhere she goes on a mission trip (???).</p>
2015	<i>Miracles From Heaven: a Little Girl, Her Journey to Heaven, and Her Amazing Story of Healing</i>	Christy Wilson Beam		<p>A little girl had an incurable digestive disorder. One day when she was playing outside, she fell into a hollow tree. While she was unconscious inside the tree, she visited heaven. After she was rescued, and after she was released from the hospital, she was cured of her chronic illness.</p>
2015	<i>Finding Peter: a True Story of the Hand of Providence and Evidence of Life After</i>	William Peter Blatty		<p>"Ever since his passing in 2006, our beloved son Peter has been giving me and his mother almost unremitting evidence of his continuing,</p>

	<i>Death</i>			<p>active, and unbounded existence and I intend to pass this evidence along to you[.]”</p> <p>Like most of these books, it contains a tremendous amount of information about the author's life and experiences.</p>
2015	<i>Heaven: 33 Stories From a Real Place</i>	Jim Harwell		
2015	<i>Heaven is For Real, Though!</i>	Tom Burpee		<p>Not to be confused with <i>Heaven is For Real!</i> by Todd Burpo.</p> <p>The author has a car wreck, dies, goes to heaven, and comes back.</p>
				<p>In the summer of 2014, the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution declaring that many books on the afterlife “contain details that are antithetical to Scripture” and affirming “the sufficiency of biblical revelation over subjective experiential explanations to guide one’s understanding of the truth about heaven and hell.”</p>