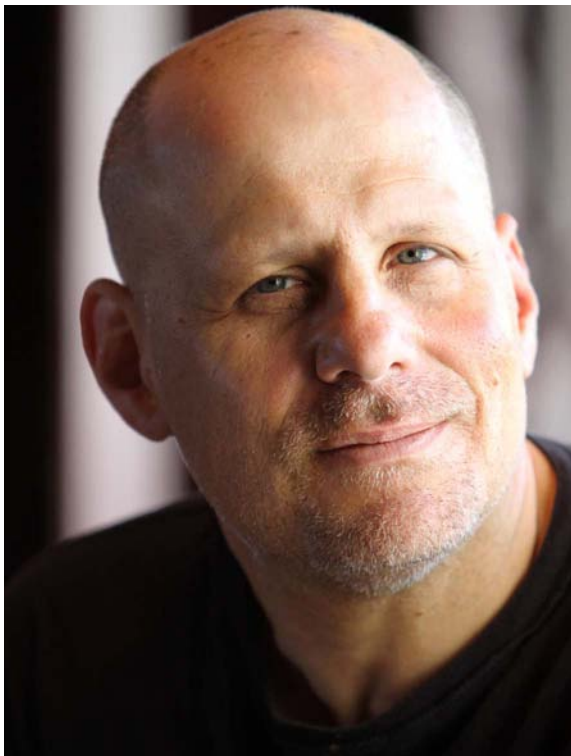


Religion, at its best, helps us grapple with, if not answer, the three big questions: *Where do we come from? What happens when we die? How should we live our lives?*



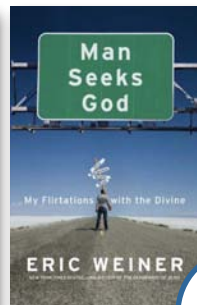
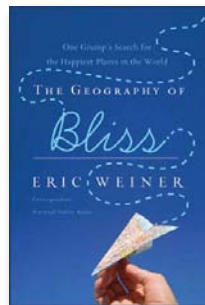
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Eric Weiner

□ A wry yet sincere searcher for happiness and the divine. □

Award-winning national and international correspondent, Eric's bestseller, *The Geography of Bliss* is a "philosophical self-help humorous travel memoir" that sets out to describe, not what happiness is, but *where it is*, and what we can learn about happiness from different cultures. In his next book, *Man Seeks God*, Eric explores the world's religions and try them on for size.

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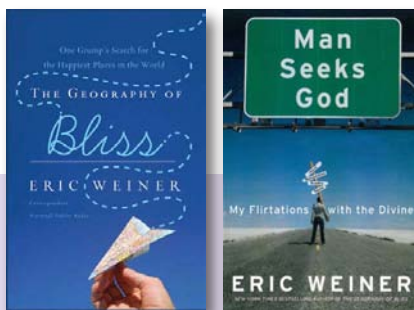
Highlights

Eric Weiner can't keep away from the big questions. His last book, *The Geography of Bliss*, was about happiness (big topic); his new book, *Man Seeks God*, is about, well, God (even bigger topic). But as you know if you've read *Bliss*, Eric has the special ability to take these big questions and make them personal: he brings an **everyman's perspective**, immediately sympathetic, full of humor, insight, and even self-doubt, that makes everything he talks about funny and real. He calls it "**funny/serious**": a unique balance of skepticism and sincerity.

Since Eric's a former international correspondent for NPR and the *New York Times*, when he has questions, he travels. *The Geography of Bliss* took him from Bhutan, where the government measures the country's well-being by its **Gross Domestic Happiness**, to Iceland, where strong communities and stiff drinks keep citizens cheery in the brutal cold. Now, in *Man*

Seeks God: My Flirtations With The Divine, Eric is prompted by a health scare to explore the world's religions and try them on for size. It's an amazing story filled with such memorable characters as the UFO-worshipping Raëlians and the great Nepalese Buddhist sage Wayne-from-Statens-Island, but also a very real spiritual journey that teaches Eric deep truths. As for his personal decision? We'll let him tell you that himself.

When he does, we know you'll enjoy the chance to laugh while you learn. And there is a lot to learn. As the world grows more connected, a real understanding of global faiths only becomes more crucial. More personally, Eric's talks could create a safe space for exploring these traditions outside the spin zone, or just a chance to glean some knowledge from these ancient teachings. Whatever your angle, you'll leave Eric's talks smiling — and a little wiser, too.



• Credentials

- Author, *The Geography of Bliss*, a *New York Times* Bestseller
- National and international correspondent, NPR
- Winner, Angel Award
- Co-recipient, 1998 Overseas Press Club special citation for coverage of Israel's 50th anniversary
- Co-recipient, 1994 Peabody award
- Former business reporter, *The New York Times*
- John S. Knight Fellowship, Stanford University

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