

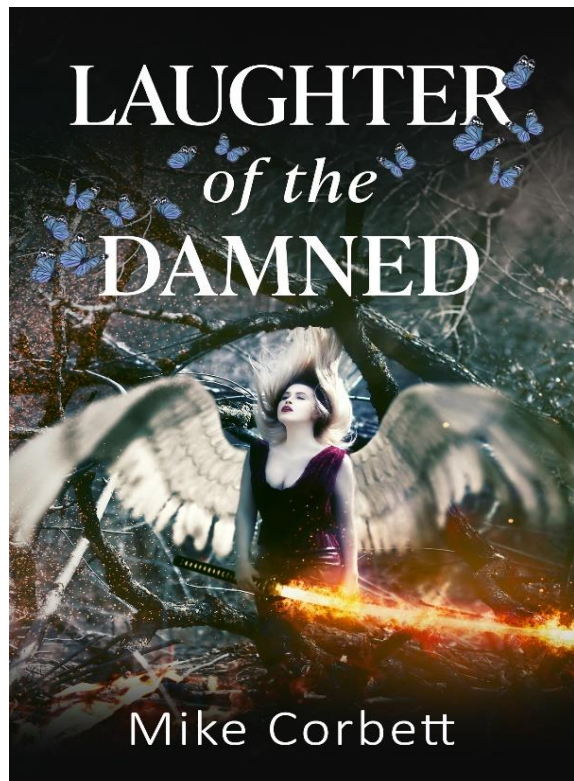
Laughter *of the* Damned

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Mike Corbett has spent his fortunate life in the company of stimulating people in extraordinary situations. Along with *Laughter of the Damned* (a satirical sendup of heaven and hell) and *Mr. Nachron's List* (a blend of romance, history and science fiction), he has written tactical books on poker and backgammon. Corbett is fascinated by the wavering border between reality and fantasy and he is a master of the transition from observation to interpretation.

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Whose dreams of hell are more interesting, politicians or popes? The reader may discover the answer to that question and more in this imaginative interpretation of an afterlife. If you are curious about the opinions of Shakespeare, Mark Twain, Marilyn Monroe, or Saint Thomas Aquinas, there are plenty of those as well.

"Very entertaining and very interesting. This would be a great book for a readers group. We really won't know where we are going when we die, until we actually arrive. Reading "Laughter of the Damned" by Mike Corbett will definitely make you think about it."
Reader Views

QUOTES FROM LAUGHTER OF THE DAMNED

"A true cynic has one obvious characteristic; he cannot be disappointed."

"Heaven is an item from the cave of the thief of dreams."

"I particularly reject all representatives of religion who don't think that the prayers of children of any faith are heard by the same ears."

"But in heaven, as in life, a properly assigned husband may expect to be left alone until needed (as in a fourth for bridge) as a kind of social lubricant."

"Eternity is a river of tears; tears of sorrow and of joy in equal measure."

"I am fashionably unimpressed with the material world. I am moved by the beauty of aspiration, and I hope that I can elevate myself to the standards I have imposed on others."

"Satan: Something's different around here. I don't hear sounds of wailing anymore."

"There is a sort of mental treason that smothers dreams outside of reason."

Have you watched world news day after day and noted the persistent phenomena of helpless people quietly starving while an incompetent corporate pirate sits atop a golden toilet half a world away? Without a heaven and a hell to complete the job, the quality of justice merely inconveniences perpetrators while permitting victims to languish. This book is a consequence of the idea that most of us would like to see people get what they deserve.

..... I was surprised by the diversity of opinions that people shared with me regarding what, if anything, happens after death. I expected some differentiation based on faith, age, or nationality, but after hours of interviews, unexpectedly, it seemed that nearly everyone's concept of an afterlife was unique. To this challenging issue, I applied my modest ability to interpret and relate.

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