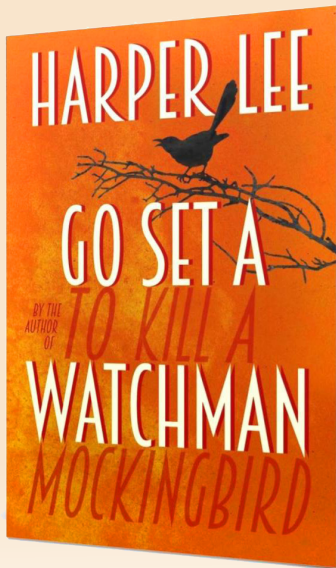


## GO SET A WATCHMAN - HARPER LEE

Reviewed by Patricia Kruger



Most have read the classic 'To Kill a Mockingbird' that won Harper Lee a Pulitzer Prize two decades ago.

'Go Set A Watchman' was initially described as a sequel to Lee's best-selling novel To Kill A Mockingbird which was published in 1960. Go Set A Watchman is actually that novel's first draft. Lee described it as being more a series of antidotes than a fully conceived novel.

Mockingbird, in contrast, represents a determined effort to see both the bad and the good in life, the hatred and the humanity and it views the past not as something lost but as a treasured memory.

This book captures the era so brilliantly, as the political unrest and civil tensions brought out both the best and the worst in people. We see the reactions of different communities and how policies made to bring people together began to drive them apart.

Go Set a Watchman was by no means a perfect read, but it's left me thinking about so many decisions made in the world today.

Read it with an open mind. It was a wonderful story, filled with a range of ideologies and opinions that are great to sink your teeth into.

The more I look back on this book the more I enjoy it!

## STREET GOD

### How a Former Drug Boss Escaped the Hood & Came Back to Change It.

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Today Dimas is back on the streets, but rather than dealing drugs, he is showing people the way out of the hopelessness that keeps them rooted in self-destructive choices. He is the pastor of Infinity Bible Church, which targets at-risk, gang-involved youth and has spearheaded numerous outreach events, discipleship groups, and weekly prayer walks. These activities have been a factor in virtually eliminating homicides and other violent crimes in the Bronx River housing projects. The New York City police commissioner credited Pastor Dimas and Infinity for the notable drop in crime. The man who was once called "Daylight" is now bringing the light of the gospel into the darkness of the streets. Dimas says, "If I could risk so much for Satan, I'm gonna go all out for Jesus."

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# Book Synopsis:

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### Endorsements:

*A powerful story of emerging leadership founded in personal transformation.*  
A. R. Bernard, Pastor of Christian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY

*This is a powerful story of the relentless love of God. There is no pit so deep that his grace and mercy can't find you.*

Sheila Walsh, Author of *Five Minutes with Jesus*

*You won't find a more amazing account of how God's grace can change lives than what you have here in the life of my brother, Dimas Salaberrios.*

Timothy Keller, Senior pastor, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

*A complex and thrilling narrative. I dare anyone to read *Street God* and come away unchanged. This is *The Cross and the Switchblade* for a new generation.*

Josh McDowell, Author and speaker

### Author Bio

Dimas Salaberrios is pastor of Infinity Bible Church, which he founded in partnership with Tim Keller and Redeemer City to City, in the South Bronx of New York City. Infinity targets at-risk youth and spearheads numerous outreach events and discipleship groups. As a worldwide missionary, church planter, and speaker, Pastor Dimas has shared the gospel on every continent except Antarctica. He is also president of Concerts of Prayer Greater New York, and he holds a master of divinity degree from Alliance Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Tiffany, live in the Bronx with their two daughters. Visit him at [pastordimas.com](http://pastordimas.com).

### Discussion Topics

- From smuggling drugs to smuggling Bibles: Dimas Salaberrios shares how God changed his heart from wanting to be a god of the streets to bringing God to the streets.
- Programs and morality won't change the streets; the difference is Jesus.
- How the power of prayer and diligent ministry have led to a reduction in homicides and related crimes in the Bronx.
- How to effectively reach and transform urban communities.
- *Street God* exposes the drug world to liberate many people caught in it and to empower people to liberate others.
- How prison ministries can be more effective in transforming the lives of inmates.

