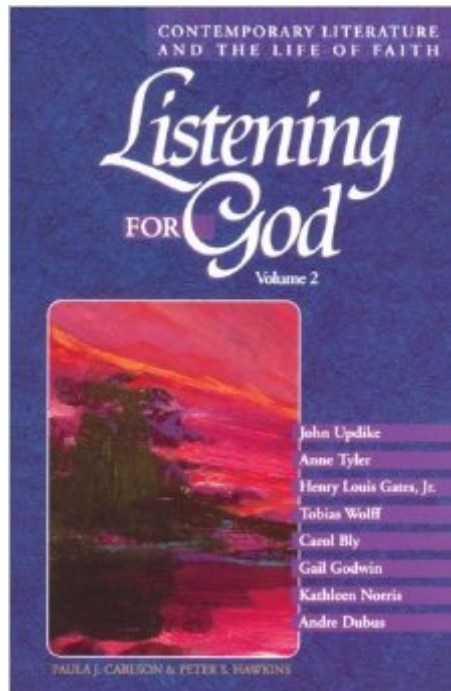


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# Listening For God: Contemporary Literature And The Life Of Faith, Volume 2



## Synopsis

Where do you listen for God? In this new collection of stories and essays, the challenge is to pay attention everywhere. "Listening for God" is a resource intended to help readers investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. Contemporary American literature may not be the most predictable place to listen for God, but it may well turn out to be among the most rewarding.

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Paula Carlson and Peter Hawkins have over the past several years pulled together short stories and a few essays, three volumes in all, from contemporary authors in which faith concerns of all types are raised. The authors are first-rate and include the well known--John Updike, Flannery O'Connor, Gail Godwin, John Cheever and others--to lesser known authors like Tillie Olsen and Tess Gallgher. Each of the volumes includes a leader's guide, and volumes 1 and 2 include videos with interviews of the authors or of people who knew the author. These are excellent volumes for discussion groups that bring out the multitude of issues, problems, life crises that each of has or will face. The relationship to faith and religion are sometimes clear, sometimes not so obvious, but all present situations of interest and, often, deep concern, for individuals. Having facilitated two of this series, the atmosphere provided by the stories and their general literary excellence leads easily into discussions where people can reflect anew on the importance of grace and the mystery of God in our lives

This series is a wonderful way to engage folks in discussions about how faith in God affects every day life and how it is reflected in thoughtful ways in somewhat contemporary literature.

I have several books in this series and truly appreciate the collection. The stories are challenging and thought-provoking.

These essays are providing a starting point for a discussion group. They are thought provoking, sometimes sad, sometimes funny but always interesting.

Great book club book for philosophy, religion, spirituality, or church groups.

The study guide was disappointing -- lacked in-depth questions that could provoke the best conversations.

Excellent

Many of the stories were enjoyable and relateable. While I enjoyed the compact size of the book, I would have appreciated if the print was a little larger.

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