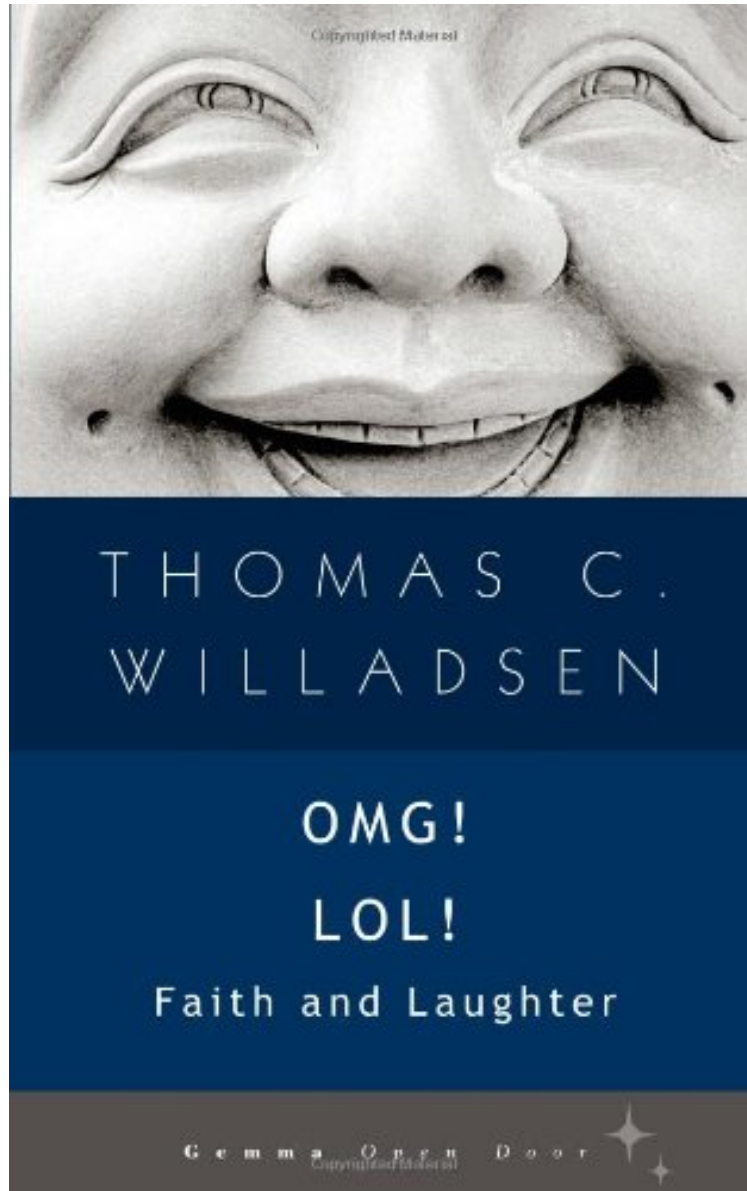


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fully expected to find a well-written and funny book that also had some positive and thought-provoking messages, and I was not disappointed. I did NOT know, however, how many times I would actually drop the book from laughing so hard (one word: drainage) -- sometimes from Tom's skill at original composition, sometimes from his choice of illustrations, which are always exactly the right one for that point. You cannot beat the 2,000-year-old man's explanation of the distinction between comedy and tragedy, so it's in here; as is a foreword from Martin Marty, itself more entertaining than some entire books I've read; and some very convincing discussions about where the jokes are in the Bible -- and why we overlook them. If you want a great read with many laugh-out-loud moments, this is it; and if you want an inspiring story of how laughter unites people who are so frequently divided by stuff that doesn't really matter, this is also it.

While organizing a community interfaith Thanksgiving event, a pastor discovers that people of all religious traditions laugh in the same language. He explores the connections between faith and laughter, examining his own holy heritage in dialogue with followers of other faiths. The story culminates with Interfaith Laughter Night, with an open mike that encourages participants of all the faiths gathered to laugh with each other...and at themselves. Come along on a journey of ecumenical silliness!

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