

A YEAR WITHOUT LYING

Humor in Daily Life and Heartache

Veteran author and popular speaker **Phil Callaway** accepted a 12-month truth challenge and *To Be Perfectly Honest* is a humorous journal of what happens when a Christian author does his best to tell the truth.

“For some, a lie-less year would be an easy assignment. Their natural habitat is the truth. Not me. I lie for a living. Oh, I’m not a lawyer or a politician. Nor do I write copy for bank advertisements. I’m even worse: I’m a humorist,” Callaway writes. “I stand in front of audiences and tell them funny stories. These stories are 96 percent true—at least as far as I can remember. But sometimes I add just enough salt to keep a story savory, just enough falsehood to keep people interested. Some of these things may not technically have happened, but they might as well have.”

Callaway’s book is full of success, near-success, and admitted failure on his quest to tell the truth. He debated imagined opponents, made a really bad investment, fielded intrusive questions from strangers and friends, attended a class reunion and encountered numerous awkward situations. He had difficult conversations with his wife and dealt with his mother’s dementia. This bare-knuckle adventure in truth-telling is at times humorous and often uncomfortable, and at all times it is enlightening, inspiring and encouraging.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Phil Callaway is known worldwide for his humorous, yet perceptive, look on life. He is the best-selling author of a dozen books including *Who Put My Life on Fast Forward?*, *Making Life Rich without Any Money* and *With God on the Golf Course*. Callaway has been described as “Dave Barry with a message” and he is a popular speaker at conferences, marriage retreats, trade shows and corporate events. He is a frequent guest on national radio and television and is a visible supporter of Compassion International, a Christian child-sponsorship agency. Callaway and his wife, Ramona, have three grown children.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

“This book is fabulous and funny. I couldn’t read it all at once because my doctor doesn’t want me to tear my stitches! These journal entries can help alter the way we view our speech and relationships, God’s grace, and our own integrity. To be perfectly honest, I plan to plagiarize everything Phil has written here!”

—**Bryan Duncan, Grammy Award-winning musician**

“Reading Phil Callaway’s writing is one of life’s pure pleasures. His books are not just a pleasure to savor, like eating a perfectly ripe pear. They are full of firm insights that give grace for the daily race, especially when the journey is hard.”

—**Ellen Vaughn, New York Times best-selling coauthor of It’s All About Him and author of Time Peace**

“Phil Callaway may be known for his humor, but he takes on a serious topic in *To Be Perfectly Honest*: He tries not to lie for one solid year. Thankfully, he takes us along on his 365-day journey with his sense of humor firmly intact. You’ll enjoy this book—no lie.”

—**Mark Joseph, Foxnews.com, author of *The Lion, the Professor, and the Movies: Narnia’s Journey to the Big Screen***

“Phil is what you’d get if you tampered with the genes of Garrison Keillor, Dave Barry, and my fourth-grade Sunday school teacher. Don’t buy a copy of this book. Buy a few dozen.”

—**Joel Freeman, author of *God Is Not Fair*, chaplain for the Washington Bullets**