

Endorsements for *The Holy Éclair*

Becky Ramsey's deliciously vibrant memoir will whisk you on an armchair pilgrimage to a tiny village in France, where, amid cobblestone streets, a gingerbread church, and a cast of quirky characters, you'll brush against the everyday sacredness of life. A delightful read filled with whimsy and charm, *The Holy Éclair* will leave you craving pain au chocolat and inspired to catch your own holy-ordinary glimpses of God.

—Michelle DeRusha, author of *Spiritual Misfit, A Memoir of Uneasy Faith* and *Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk*

Becky Ramsey's French immersion is not just one of logistics and language. She finds that the rituals of faith from her Baptist life in South Carolina simply do not translate to the heart of France. Steeped in the language of prayer and reverence, Ramsey discovers the sensuality of faith—the presence of God in painting and conversation, in letting go of “productivity,” in mothering, in beauty, in apple cider, and in the perfect French éclair. Her spiritual journey is one for readers of all faiths, a revelation in the saints who surround us each day and the presence of God beyond the walls and the work of the church. But even more importantly, hers is a gentle message much needed in the conversation of spiritual shoulds and musts for today's Christian woman: that savoring God in the perfect éclair can and should be enough for one day.

—Angela Nickerson, author of *A Journey into Michelangelo's Rome*

Far from her home in South Carolina, Becky Ramsey struggled to keep her spiritual life exactly as it had always been—full of church-going, volunteerism, and Bible study. But faced with the entrancing nature of her new home in France, she wandered far afield into a land of saints and cathedrals, strong coffee and holy pastries. Becky not only awoke as a joyful Christian while in France, but also awoke as a spirited writer. *The Holy Éclair* is the rollicking story of that awakening, told in exquisite and delicious prose.

—Deb Richardson-Moore, author of *The Cover Story*, *The Cantaloupe Thief*, and *The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets*

Even from the author's notes, before the book officially begins, I was captivated by Becky Ramsey's writing style, sense of humor, and above all else her relatability. So relatable, in fact, I was reminded of the great David Sedaris as she described the woes of navigating French pharmacies and explanations of suppositories for a sick child with vivid and hilarious detail! There is nothing holier-than-thou to be found in Ramsey's pages: you will instantly feel like you've found your new favorite friend.

—Michelle Icard, author of *Middle School Makeover: Improving the Way You and Your Child Navigate the Middle School Years*

In her new book, *The Holy Éclair*, Becky Ramsey takes the reader back to a delightful place described in her earlier book, *French by Heart*. Now, Becky invites us to return to La Belle France and revisit people and places—and it feels good! On this visit Becky uses her ability to tell a story, describe it in detail, and then wrap it together with her brilliant sense of humor and challenging spiritual depth. As she shares her learnings from her experiences with people, situations and church, she communicates a discovery of God’s presence and purpose for her life. Then, through her powerful taglines, prayers and lessons learned, Becky gives readers permission to press at our own boundaries and celebrate life where we are. *The Holy Éclair* is a gift of sweet freedom. “Take, eat!”

—Ka’thy Gore Chappell Leadership Development Coordinator
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina

Every shared moment of Becky Ramsey’s life is a mini memoir. Each paragraph and page is packed full of ponderings and worthy of a pause. The laughter or tears they invoke are indicative of how honestly and freely she opens her life to us. I found myself very easily connecting my celebrations and struggles to hers. *The Holy Éclair* is simply fun and inspiring.

—Jim Dant, Senior Pastor First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, author of *Finding Your Voice: How to Speak Your Heart’s True Faith*, and *The Truth Is Sensational Enough: Meditations for the Church Year*