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"It used to be that my own religious philosophy was to work hard, charm everyone within spittin' distance, and do a lot of crafts. So how did this hard-core leftist skeptic find peace and happiness among Biblequoting, praying-out-loud, born-again evangelicals? I realized that my two choices—the existence of a loving God or the reality of evil—weren't the only options. Option three is that God is good and the world is lousy. But wait. There's more. God knows the world is lousy. Knows it, hates it, and wants us to do something about it..."

-Holly Burkhalter, Good God, Lousy World & Me

For over thirty years, Holly Burkhalter has worked as an international rights advocate for victims of genocide, rape, and injustice.

Throughout most of her career, the heartbreak she encountered around the world—and in her own life—had convinced her that there was no such thing as a loving God. How could there be? If God *was* there, he should be charged as a war criminal for tolerating atrocities against the young, the poor, and the vulnerable.

Then, Holly discovered a new truth: God was there—in the grief, in the violence, in the questions. And God was good.

It was the greatest, hardest, most radiant surprise of her life.

This is her story.

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