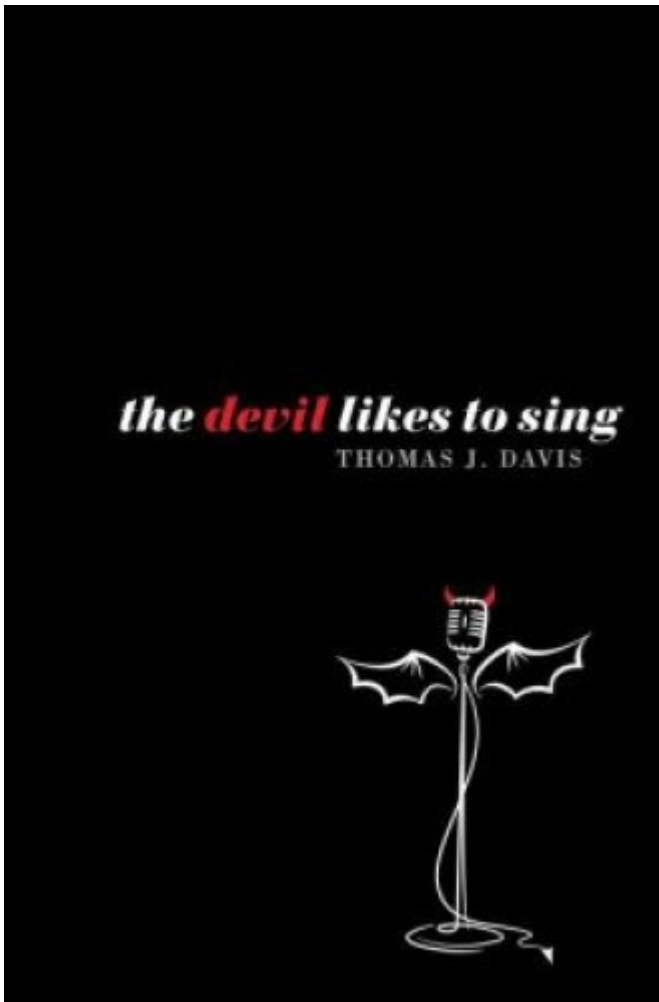


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In Review



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The Devil Likes to Sing is laugh-out-loud funny at places and clever throughout. It's the story of Timothy McFarland, a student at University of Chicago Divinity School. After failing to get a dissertation approved, he hangs around Hyde Park, Chicago,

developing a career as a writer of schmaltzy gift books. When his wife walks out on him, the devil starts showing up and inspires McFarland to literary greatness. The devil not only likes to sing: he likes church, even the Eucharist, partly because he assumes he has something to say about how the church conducts itself. The devil teaches McFarland a few things about theology and about himself.