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Chase Falson is the founder and pastor of a successful megachurch in New England who faces a spiritual crisis. The certainties of faith and scripture are no longer so clear; his theological foundation has collapsed. When church elders insist that Chase take some time off, he heads to Italy, embarking on a spiritual odyssey that follows in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi before returning with a renewed and invigorated vision of Christianity and community. Cron's blending of the fictional and historical allows him to offer a polite challenge to those elements within Christianity that peddle entertainment and attract those "disappointed that happiness hadn't come as optional equipment in their Lexus SUVs." As Francis demonstrated, Christians should be communities of peacemakers, stewards of creation, givers of hospitality, restorers of dignity, and seekers of the divine through beauty. Although clearly addressed to Christians, Cron's story is a charming read for anyone interested in spiritual autobiography and the quest for meaning. --Christopher McConnell

## Review

Caution! Reading this book may cause spontaneous kindness, charity toward others, and a total overhaul of the way you think about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

- **Mark Batterson**, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Circle Maker*

If your heart longs for God, but you have questions --and have found aspects of your church experience to be less than the real thing -- welcome to the club. But there's good news: centuries ago, Saint Francis led the spiritually hungry away from "dead religion" and back to God himself -- and through this wonderful book by my friend Ian Cron, he is doing it once again!

- **Eric Metaxas**, author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, spy* and *amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to end slavery*

I've now read *Chasing francis* twice and found it equally compelling both times. It's challenging, disarming, and delightful, and the vision behind it is a serious one. It's a remarkable book.

- **Dr. Rowan Williams**, Archbishop of Canterbury

*Chasing francis* is a wonderful story of pilgrimage and redemption, and Ian Cron's storytelling is so rich, bursting with details and insights, full of wisdom and warmth.

- **Shauna Niequist**, author of *Cold Tangerines* and *Bittersweet*

It seems the world never gets tired of seeking, discovering, writing about, and falling in love with Francis of Assisi. Ian Cron does it again, but with real insight, imagination, and courage. Join in the chase! - **Fr.**

**Richard Rohr**, author of *falling Upward: a spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*

From the Back Cover

*Chasing francis* invites readers on a pilgrimage --through history, through doubt, through the back roads of Italy, to unlikely holy ground. What begins as the story of someone else's journey turns out to be your own. -

**Rachel Held Evans**, author of *evolving in Monkey Town* and *a Year of Biblical Womanhood*

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