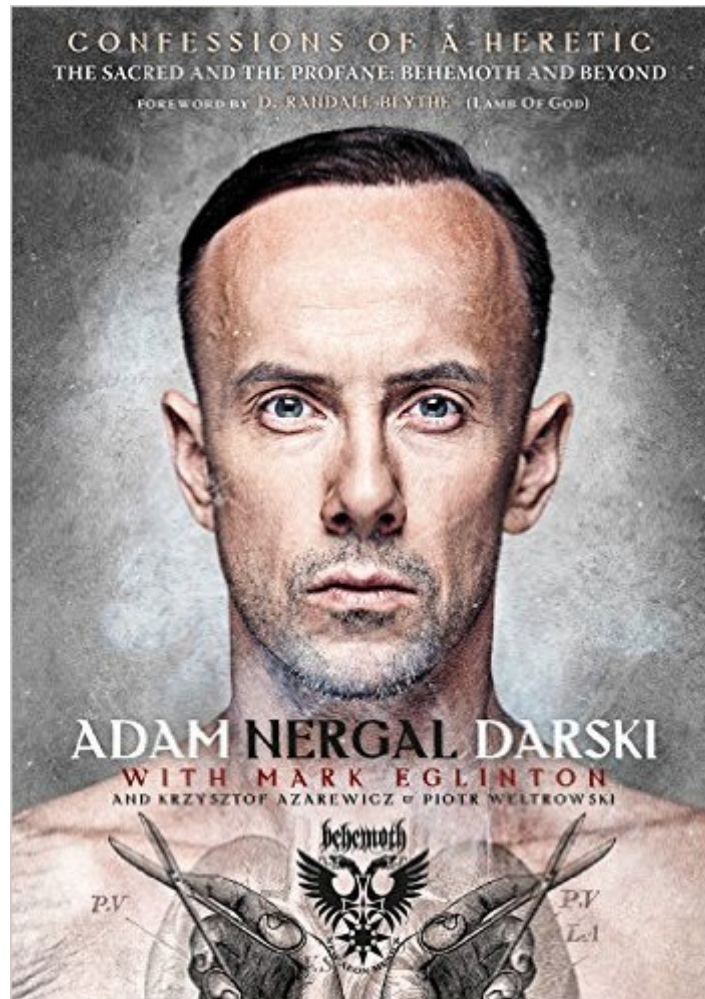


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Confessions Of A Heretic: The Sacred And The Profane: Behemoth And Beyond



Synopsis

"Rebellion is a part of youth. Sometimes it's dangerous. Instead of a sword, I hold a guitar in my hands. I'm in the same, rigid world but instead of Molotov cocktails, I've got a computer. It's a much more powerful weapon." Confessions Of A Heretic is the forthright and erudite memoir of the front man and driving force behind the Polish heavy-metal group Behemoth, currently at the top of their game following the release of their 2014 US Top 40 album The Satanist. Presented as a series of interrogations by friends and associates, the book reveals a complex man of great contrast--a health-conscious, highly personable intellectual known for his extreme views and even more extreme music--lifting the lid on everything from his clashes with the Polish Catholic church to appearing as a judge on the Polish edition of The Voice to his recent battle with leukemia.

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Customer Reviews

I received one of the first wave of 1400 signed copies shipped from the Behemoth webstore, and managed to pace myself so that I didn't devour it in one sitting. Nergal is an extremely good interviewee (I've probably read every single interview in existence online in addition to watching every single video interview that can be found) and this book does not disappoint. He takes as much of an unflinching look at himself as at everything/everyone around him and is never anything short of completely forthright in his explanations of how he got to where he is now, and why he sees the world the way he does in regards to music, art, religion, freedom. Particularly riveting (and inspiring) are the chapters about his fight-to-the-death with leukemia, as one might expect. He never

gives up, just will not concede defeat, Even if he has to commit apostasy "armed to the teeth" with a stack of papers, two friends and a baby for backup against an equally tenacious priest determined to keep him "in the fold." One of the funnier moments in this book. My only complaint - not enough photographs. Only two sections to be found, would have loved at least 2 more. But overall, he knocked it out of the park, so to speak, and I'm grateful he lived to tell his story.

I loved reading this book from front to back. From hearing a second-hand account of Nergal's audacious side to later reading about how his complex personality shifts a full 180° turn because of his adoration for one of his girlfriends, the whole book is a great mix of informative and entertaining tidbits about Nergal himself. 5/5 stars; would recommend this to anyone interested in reading this

Nergal is an inspirational human being. Not only he came out of leukemia, but also he has work hard to be a better human being. Consistent with his beliefs, and he pushes very hard to whatever project he sets his mind to. To all people who judge and criticize non christians, he has a healthy spirituality, overcomes his problems and looks to grow as a person. I wish all of us learn from him, which is why I recommend his book. I love and deeply admire him. Hail S*tan

Ordered and received a signed copy from the Behemoth web store. Nergal's book is unique in its format, content and appearance. Its not a memoir (although the sum of its parts could be said amount to one) -- more a series of at-times awkward interrogations over a period of time. The result is something you just can't put down. Enough said -- go and buy it. It's as good as music related biography/ autobiography gets. Fantastic quality and feel too for a book at this price.

This is an incredible book, even if you're not a fan of Behemoth. The views that Nergal has and his description of what he went through while fighting leukemia and his attitude towards it is very impressive. I found it to be invigorating and also made me question some of my own views, inspiring me to look deeper into my own thoughts. Very good read

I bought the book for my brother for his birthday! we are all huge behemoth fans and fans of metal in general. the book described by my brother so far; he says so far that it's raw! intense and the side you wanted to see of Nergal! and in depth interview with the mastermind behind behemoth.

The book is in a question and answer format, pretty much like an interview. This makes it very easy to understand. Nergal really has a mind of his own and I believe everyone should read this. The book itself looks amazing, too. It might be my best purchase so far!

Not so much an autobiography as a look into the man's mind. I always enjoy Nergal's philosophical and anti-religious insight. You learn a lot more about the public Nergal too, star in Poland, than we normally do here in the States. Of course there's the epic bout with cancer as well, highlighting his courage through deepest adversity. Nothing shakes Nergal's worldview (although some of his views on women still could use a little refining).

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