



## Customer Reviews

### Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Imperfection

**★★★★★ A Rich Resource for Nouwen Lovers**, January 10, 2007

By: **Alan J. Fadling "fadman"**

(Mission Viejo, CA USA)

Since reading "The Way of the Heart" in 1989, Nouwen's writings have been a source of refreshment, encouragement and direction to me in my spiritual and ministry journey. Wil Hernandez's comprehensive and deeply integrative work in "A Spirituality of Imperfection" has deepened my appreciation for Nouwen's unique impact in our generation. Whether you've walked with Nouwen for a while, or are new to his writings, I would encourage you to buy and read this book. It's breadth and readability is quite remarkable.

Alan Fadling, Mission Viejo, CA

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**★★★★★ Illuminating the sources of Nouwen's depth**, December 14, 2006

By: **L. Paul Jensen**

Wil Hernandez provides us with a readable multifaceted look into the life and ministry of Henri Nouwen who has been a spiritual guide par excellence to so many of us. One cannot read a page from Nouwen without sensing his depth. Wil's book illuminates the sources of this depth far beyond what could be gleaned by those of us who have frequently returned to Nouwen as a source of spiritual reading and guidance over many years. As Wil so ably shows us, Nouwen's love of God, self and others was Biblically faithful, theologically nuanced and psychologically sound which freed him, broken as he was, to engage others in the healing and transforming ministry of Jesus. I highly recommend adding Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Imperfection to your library if you have not yet done so.

L. Paul Jensen, Orange, CA

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 **Recommended Highly**, December 14, 2006

By: **C. Lynn Gibson**  
(Maryville, TN USA)

Wil Hernandez's lucid text is a welcome and needed volume to the study of Christian spirituality. By building upon Henri Nouwen's "spirituality of imperfection" readers will find much hope and clarity for their own journey of faith. Hernandez offers a very engaging and erudite discussion of the travails of spiritual formation, encouraging all honest believers to bridge the gap between professed and expressed theology by cultivating an integrative authentic spirituality for the whole of life.

C. Lynn Gibson, DPhil, CFSP  
Assistant Professor  
Oxford Graduate School

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 **Great book on spirituality**, November 11, 2006

By: **J. C. Chen**  
(Los Angeles, CA)

This book will be an encouragement to those who have embarked on a spiritual journey and have wrestled with integrating and bringing to life the aspects of our inner, relational and spiritual lives in light of unending longings, wounds and struggles. Through Wil Hernandez's clear analysis and synthesis of Nouwen's spirituality, we can learn from the dynamics of Nouwen's spirituality of imperfection, and continue with renewed hope on our journey to know God.

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 **A Perfect Book on the Imperfection of Nouwen**, November 10, 2006

By: **Melvin K. Fujikawa**  
(Berkeley, CA USA)

This is a wonderful book! Will Hernandez has done a great job of probing Nouwen's writings and thoughts, citing key Biblical references and giving insight into Christian Spirituality that has been so profoundly impacted by the deep faith and soul-struggle of Henri Nouwen. This text is a powerful integrative resource for those that are familiar with Nouwen's writings and personal journals. But Will Hernandez' labor of love will also be a inspiring introduction to the novice of the heart and soul of the "wounded healer." I highly recommend this book to anyone that has struggled to find meaning and hope in the imperfection of their own journey of faith.

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 **Intelligently Heartfelt**, October 31, 2006

By: **Jonathan Dephouse**

I have been reading a number of works by Henri Nouwen over the past few years was absolutely delighted to read Wil Hernandez's book on Nouwen, "A Spirituality of Imperfection." It is no easy task to write holistically about a figure who has had such a wide and deep impact as Nouwen; yet, Wil H. has managed the task wonderfully. Grounded in research; yet, easy to understand, the book conveys a spiritual and theological maturity that will likely connect with a wide spectrum of people. The author's chosen theme of "imperfection" rings with precision (though this sounds ironic) in capturing the essence of Nouwen amidst all his apparent and real success. I was challenged intellectually and moved deeply at a number of points. If you are new to Henri Nouwen, or have been acquainted with him for some time, "A Spirituality of Imperfection" will be a welcome edition to your library. Cheers.