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"*The Dirty Parts of the Bible* is a grown-up Mark Twain-type adventure with lots of spirit and humor." --**Reader Views**

"A fun read." --**The Nashville Scene**

About the Author

Sam Torode is the author of *The Dirty Parts of the Bible: A Novel* and its companion volume, *The Book of Crow: A Hobo's Testament*.

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