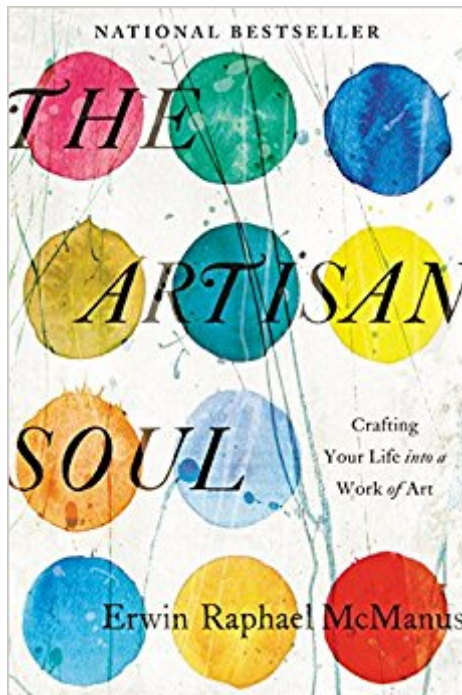




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# The Artisan Soul: Crafting Your Life Into A Work Of Art



## Synopsis

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Erwin Raphael McManus is an iconoclast known as a cultural pioneer for his integration of creativity and spirituality. An artist, entrepreneur, and thought leader, he is also the founder of MOSAIC, a community of faith in Los Angeles, California. McManus is the author of *Soul Cravings*, *Chasing Daylight*, and other leading books on spirituality and creativity. His travels have taken him to over fifty countries and he has spoken to over a million people from a wide variety of audiences, from professional athletes to Wall Street investors, universities, film studios, and conferences around the world. McManus has a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's of divinity from Southwestern Theological Seminary, and a doctorate of humane letters from Southeastern University.

I was excited to read this book because I thought it'd help me know more about my faith and my creativity. Little did I know at that point that it would change the way that I live and the way I interact with others! This is not a book about creativity, this is a manifesto for your soul. And it is good.

If you are feeling like you can't get out of the hole that you've dug for yourself or others have dug for you, then check out this book. I have been so inspired to recognize who I am and what the Lord has put inside of me, that I am ready to rip into the artist within to get her out and producing the art that has been pent up all these years. There are golden nuggets of wisdom cast throughout the book that will speak to your soul and carry you towards heights of fulfillment. Don't pass this one up! Very well written.

I love Erwin McManus' work, podcasts, church, all of it. He's tapped into something that resonated with so many because he's tapped into the very source of life. In this work, it's like he's pulled back the curtain to show us how his own life and work has been informed and how we can do the same in

our lives. I hope you read this too and it unlocks the dreams and potential in your own soul. Thanks Erwin!

This book is a powerful perspective shift! Erwin's writings have caused me to see my life a creative act, rather than a fixed set of events and people that happen to me. There is so much freedom and passion available in these pages!

We chose this book for our book club this past month. When I went into the first meeting with our group I was prepared to tell them that I did not get all the required reading done, as I just could not get into this book. Well we started the meeting only to find out that not one of us had done our required reading as none of us could not get into this book. Main reason was he was very very wordy on attempting to get his point across. And in so doing he was alienating how we were feeling about God and expectations. There were 5 of us in the group and we all came the same consensus to not hold this book any longer for our book club.

This book is Erwin McManus's manifesto for human creativity and reveals how we are all "artists at work and works of art" and that ultimately our greatest work of art is the life we create. I had a book club with this book, and every week someone brought another friend. Why? Because everyone from every walk of life can resonate and grow from a book that helps you discover your truest self and live the life you were intended to live. What life were you intended to create? I'm so grateful Erwin imagined, risked and created this book because in doing so and reading it, it has ignited a fire within me to create the greatest work of art that God has ever intended. *~f~c~ â ~f~c~* my life *~f~c~ â ~f~c~* our lives. Just get it, you will NOT be disappointed! "True Creativity does not come easy; creativity is born of risk and refined by failure." -Erwin Raphael McManus

I discovered you (Erwin) 3 years ago on a podcast. God made sure I found you when everything in my life was falling apart. At a time when I needed to hear about God's love, not the world's fictional version of the God membership, your voice and the revelation that God inspired you to speak about, brought peace and intimacy to a woman who had known nothing but pain. I'm now writing my own book. It's called Thirsty. When it's finished you will receive a copy, and someday I will meet you. But know that on those days when you wonder if the commitment and sacrifice you've made to ensure that the God branding is being reworked to more accurately portray His heart....what you share changes people's lives, and at the end of the day there is nothing more important than "evidence of

change." No matter what we create, the benchmark will always be "evidence of change" and my friend, you are doing that globally in the hearts of millions who need hope to believe that God really is as loving as we know He truly is. Marilee Arthur

I read this book very slowly to savor it. I only wish it had been available years ago. I found out about Erwin McManus on Daystar television. It has helped me rethink my creative abilities and what I should do with them. I have since sent a copy to my daughter-law. I will read this again.

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