

*Where the Light Fell*, Philip Yancey

*Where the Light Fell* is Yancey's memoir. As a celebrated and prolific author of many nonfiction theology-based writings, Yancey takes us into his personal background in his newest book. This memoir makes for fascinating and engaging reading.

Yancey starts his story with the death of his father, something that happened before he truly had memory of the event. He was the younger of two boys born to a young couple that felt their life direction was to become missionaries. Yancey's father contracted polio and passed away when he made the decision he could live outside of an iron lung machine. The outcome left Yancey's mother raising two small boys on very little income, and a commitment to herself that her sons would be raised to complete the original plan of becoming missionaries. Her strict religious beliefs and the economic deprivation made for a harsh life for Yancey and his brother.

While Yancey's writing is easy to read, parts of his story are not. The story of his own life journey is so interesting, and brings new insight into his other writings.