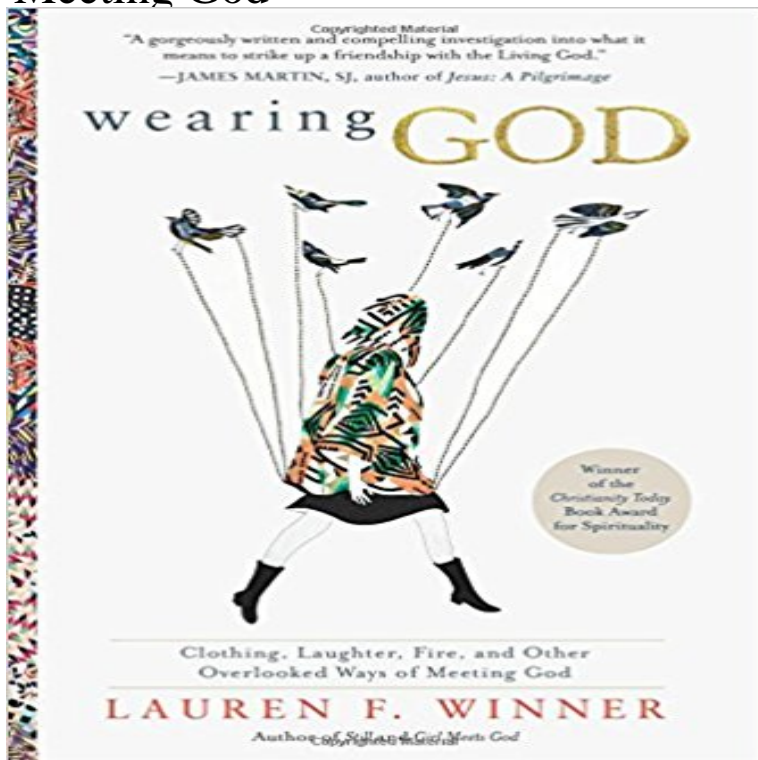


# Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God



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