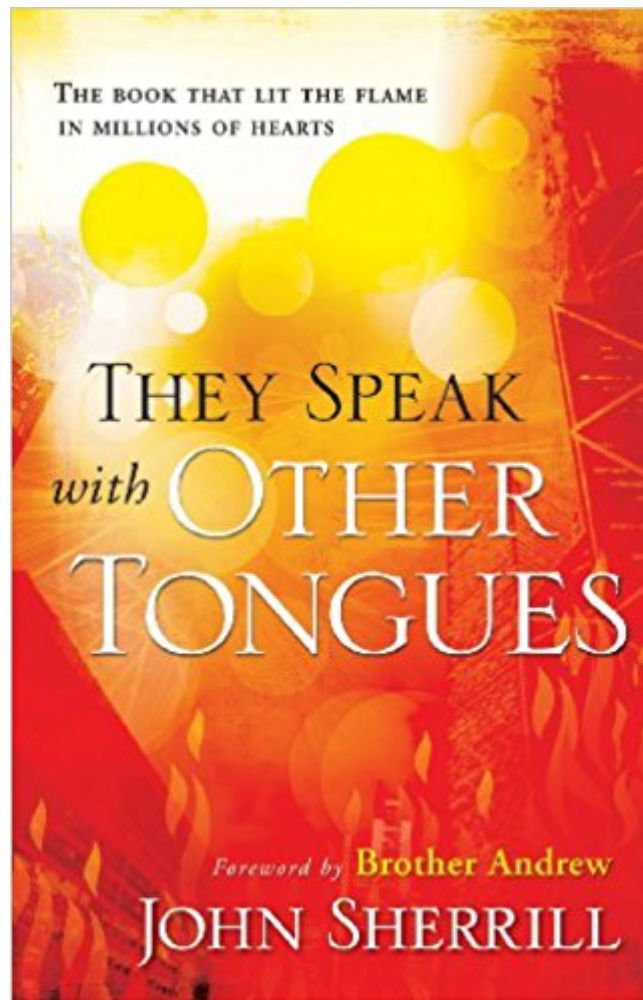




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Synopsis

John Sherrill was a skeptic as far as miracles were concerned. He lived in a suburb with his family, attended a mainstream church, and although he believed in the power of the Holy Spirit, he had never seen it manifested. Then the magazine he worked for sent him to investigate a strange biblical event that was cropping up across the country: the phenomenon of speaking in tongues. His search led him on an adventure that was to have profound personal results. Since it was first published in 1964, *They Speak with Other Tongues* has sold over two and a half million copies. This Chosen classic chronicles the discovery of an investigative reporter that would ultimately change his life. As Sherrill relates the historical and biblical background of speaking in tongues, examines significant contemporary events, and shares his personal experience, he gives valuable insight into this gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Customer Reviews

This is an easy to follow guide on this much contested subject. This guy started as a doubter,

thoroughly researched the topic and got scientific testing involved who proved this is a legitimate thing. If ever there was a time on earth that the praying in tongues phenomena was needed it is today. I can't tell you how many times God has moved me suddenly to pray in tongues NOW, and then protected me from what would have been a horrible incident. God knows everything, including when enemies and problems are lurking near by. When you don't know what to pray for, the Holy Spirit is there to pray the prayer that works.

This is a book I can highly recommend. I believe that whatever your beliefs on the issue of tongues you owe it to yourself to read this book. I have been a Christian since 1975, and was taught against tongues in the first couple years of my Christian walk. I was well versed in, why tongues was not for today. Then in 1977 through a chain of events I ended up going to an Assembly of God Church. I was somewhat cautious of them as I knew they were of the Pentecostal persuasion. But from the very first service I attended I noticed an excitement in worship and over God's word (Bible) from the pastor and the members, that I had not seen in the other churches I attended. I really liked the church, the people, and the powerful preaching from the Bible, but, I still didn't agree with this "tongues" thing. Anyway, one Sunday evening before service, in August 1977, I went to the church altar alone and was on my knees in prayer, looking at the cross and thanking Jesus for dying for me. Then I asked the LORD to fill me 100% with His Holy Spirit (with or without tongues). So there alone at that altar I lifted that prayer up to God. Just me and Jesus at that altar. There was no expectation from me of speaking in tongues. I was NOT seeking tongues, but to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Almost immediately from the time I lifted that prayer to the LORD, to my surprise, I instantly started praying in tongues. As I did, I felt a release in my worship to the LORD and also such a fresh appreciation for the Cross (that Jesus would die for me). A river of tears of joy flowed from my eyes. That being said, I believe from that day I had a fresh desire to see others come to Christ and to grow in their Christian walk. So, do yourself a favor, and read this book. I believe God can use it to touch your life. It is well written, it shows the authors own battles with the "tongues issue" and gives a good scriptural basis for "speaking in tongues".

It's been around for decades and it's still an excellent, quick and easy read. Full of stories that are timeless. I devoured it. This is a journalist who was skeptical and fair-minded, something we need more of today. His assignment was to see what was going on; reports from far and wide said this strange phenomenon of speaking in tongues had broken into the staid mainline denominations. Sherrill followed the story to its source, first to those who experienced and could describe what had

happened and how it had changed them, and then he went to the Bible. His search was extensive and objective...yes, he was a believer, a Christian in a dignified, liturgical church, but he was also a journalist on assignment. He'd done all he could do to get to the truth and yet he wasn't satisfied. Something was missing. He decided the only way to know whether it was authentic was to experience it for himself. And what happened to him is one of the best stories in the book. Be good to yourself and read *They Speak with Other Tongues*.... It may take you to the same place it took John Sherrill, and I can say from my own experience, it's a great place to be.

This is a great book for the Christian who believes in tongues and also skeptics. The author started out skeptical and through many years of research, arrived at the conclusion that speaking in tongues is biblical and available to Christians today. I gave this book to a Baptist preacher who explicitly denied that tongues still exist. A few days after receiving the book, he conceded that there was evidence and personal stories in the book that simply "could not have been faked or made up". If you want to learn about this spiritual gift for yourself, or try to persuade a skeptic, I highly recommend this book.

I loved this book as a teenager and got it again to read... John was an editor or reporter for Guidepost magazine in the 70's when asked to write an article on speaking in tongues as it had become more common in mainstream churches. John didn't agree with what was going on but didn't know much about it so he agreed to investigate and write about his findings... This book is the result of that work.... Still one of the best investigative books on the subject there is and as the description states, "This book is textbook reading for any Christian seeking to better understand the Holy Spirit or walk in the power of the Spirit day by day." The forward is by Brother Andrew of the God's Smuggler and founder of Open Doors Ministry.

I have read this book twice and have found it to be fascinating and a good read. It's easy to follow, has a story line as very much like a detective story and cites valid scripture references. John Sherrill starts out investigating the phenomenon of speaking in tongues for a story in Guideposts Magazine and ends up receiving the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" and speaking in tongues himself. The book traces the history of speaking in tongues and the pentecostal movement in the United States. If one is thinking of attending a pentecostal church or just wants to learn more about speaking in tongues I highly recommend this book.

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