**ATHEISTS**

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**The authors begin by explaining that this book is the result of surveys of Atheists in different parts of America and Canada. They also included fundamentalist Christians in their surveys to use for comparisons.**

**They recounted stories of dozens of Atheists and how they came to disbelieve. Their stories run the gamut from uneventful decisions to family-tearing spectacles. Many of the stories will boil the blood of any Atheist reader. Their stories pretty much destroy the myth of Christian moral superiority.**

**Summarizing the results, the authors found a progression in attitudes as you went from Atheist, through moderates, to fundamentalists: dogmatism, authoritarianism, zealousness, and prejudice all increased as one read the results from Atheism to Fundamentalism.**

**Responses are given by eight Atheists included in the study. They all had a problem with the basis that the authors used to come to the conclusion that they were dogmatic. I tend to agree - it was a bad question. The authors showed honesty by including these criticisms in their book.**

**The authors had a really difficult task: how to make a book on poll results interesting? They gave it their best shot … but, it was pretty brutal.**

**I would not recommend this book mainly because it bored me to tears. However, that was due more to the nature of the book, than to the authors.**

**GRADE C-**

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