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OVERVIEW

Roger Hutchison is a multi-talented creative communicator and ministry leader in Houston, TX. He is the **#1 Bestselling author and illustrator** of nine books, including *The Painting Table*, which was inspired by his grandmother's kitchen table, and his work with children and adults impacted by the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary.

Roger's unique message of hope, beauty and healing and his compassionate, authentic and poetic delivery resonates with children, young people and adult audiences alike.

"Hutchison understands the benefits of artistic expression and the needs of children - all of us - to express our feelings through art and creativity."

Faith In Books

"He's vulnerable and real. He doesn't write as a mental health expert, but as a friend who has found a way through the mess, and learned how to experience calm."

Traci Rhoades, author of *Not All Who Wander (Spiritually) Are Lost*

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TOPICS

- Anxiety & Mental Health
- Grief in Children & Young Adults
- Spiritual Mindfulness
- Making Art as a Spiritual Practice
- Modern Leadership
- Adult ADHD

OPPORTUNITIES

- Guest Speaker
- Retreat Leader
- Workshop Facilitator
- Writing Contributor
- Organization Partner

Travel possible, with services primarily in the Houston, TX area and virtually



ABOUT ROGER

Roger Hutchison is an author, illustrator, speaker, educator, and director of Children's and Youth Ministries at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in **Houston, TX**.

He is the **author of nine books** including *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children*; *Sparrow's Prayer*; and his most recent release, *The Art of Calm: Spiritual Exercises for the Anxious Soul*.

Roger and his wife Kristin live just outside of Houston.

Roger is a member of the **National Alliance of Grieving Children** and **Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators**.



A PROFOUND BEGINNING

Following the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, Roger had the privilege of painting with children and adults impacted by this tragic event.

The experience profoundly affected him and convinced him to serve those who grieve with his writing and art.



AN ARTISTIC APPROACH

Roger is an award-winning photographer with a special interest in nature photography. He also is a talented artist and illustrator.


It's Roger's ambition to use art, color, and poetic language to communicate love and promote healing and hope in today's hurting world.



A PERSONAL JOURNEY

Roger struggled with his own mental health following the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey, which he shared in a [2023 *Houston Chronicle* article](#) and his book, *The Art of Calm*.

He uses his ongoing journey to personalize his message of hope and healing.



“[Roger] facilitated the retreat with compassion, deep pastoral insights, and deep spiritual teachings. I received many emails and calls from folks who found the retreat a balm. Roger Hutchison is a gift, a blessing, a healer.”

The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones Priest and Director of Trinity Retreat Center - a ministry of Trinity Church Wall Street

SPEAKING & MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS

June 10, 2023

All Good Books in Columbia, SC - Book Release Event

June 11-15, 2023

Returning & Becoming with Pádraig Ó Tuama - Co-leader and Presenter

September 1-3, 2023

Virtual Retreat for Trinity Church Wall Street, New York

February 2023

Lenten Workshop for Trinity Church Wall Street New York City

April 2023

Holy Shenanigans Podcast

December 2020

The Deckle Edge Podcast

October 2020

Faith & Grief Podcast

2020, 2021, & 2022

Workshop leader and featured speaker for Writing for Your Life, Children's Book Conference

WEBINAR SERIES

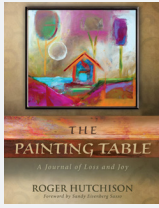
Roger oversaw a webinar series at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. Over the past two years he invited several high-profile guests, including:

- Kate Bowler
- The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
- Brené Brown
- Sr. Helen Prejean
- Sam Sifton
- Amy-Jill Levine
- Joy Harjo
- Pádraig Ó Tuama

BOOK AN ENGAGEMENT

Roger is now taking requests to speak at conferences, retreats, corporate offices, churches, and schools.

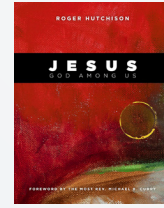
PUBLISHING HISTORY



The Painting Table;
A Journal Through Loss and
Joy, Church Publishing, 2013
(Foreword by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso)



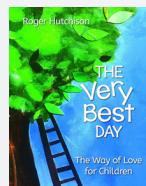
Under the Fig Tree: Visual
Prayers and Poems for Lent,
Church Publishing, 2015
(Foreword by Fleming Rutledge)



Jesus: God Among Us,
Church Publishing, 2018
(Foreword by The Most Rev.
Michael B. Curry)



My Favorite Color is Blue.
Sometimes., Paraclete
Press, 2018



The Very Best Day: The Way
of Love for Children, Church
Publishing, 2020



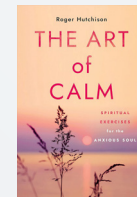
Faces: A Love Story,
Paraclete
Press, 2021



Come in, Come in!,
East 26th Publishing,
2021



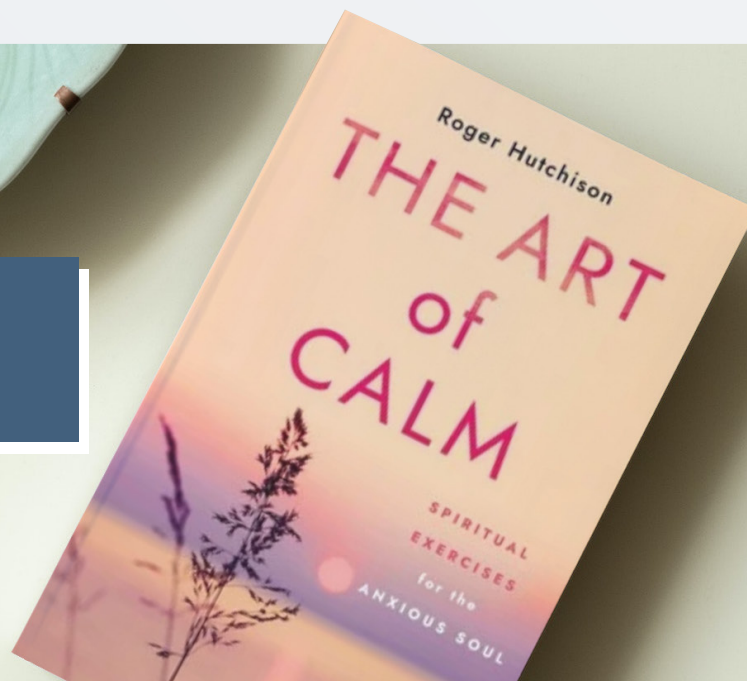
Sparrow's Prayer, illustrated
by Ag Jatkowska, Beaming
Books, 2023



The Art of Calm: Spiritual
Practices for the Anxious Soul,
Morehouse Publishing, 2023

VIEW ALL BOOKS

[Browse all books on Amazon](#)





PLATFORM & INFLUENCE

As the author of nine previous books, Roger has an established platform in the kid lit and adult communities. He interacts regularly with readers through Instagram, webinars, guest author events, and book conferences, where he has been a featured panelist.

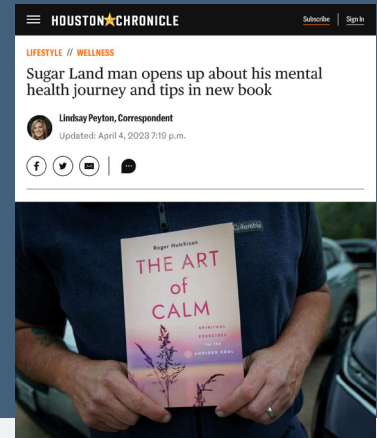
Roger has been interviewed for:

- The Huffington Post
- Houston Family Magazine
- Episcopal News Service
- Houston Chronicle
- Faith and Leadership at Duke
- The Deckle Edge Podcast
- Faith and Grief Podcast
- And more!

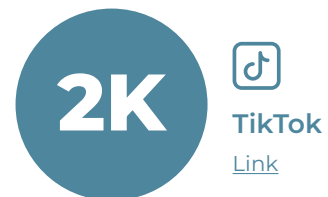
KEY ARTICLE

His latest book, *The Art of Calm*, was featured in a full-length profile of Roger in the Houston Chronicle.

[Read full article](#)



SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



WORKSHOPS

THE PAINTING TABLE

This workshop is a group activity, led by Roger Hutchison, that features casual, no pressure painting. The session can be faith-based, or it can be designed to fit a more diverse community. If time permits, and participants are willing, they are invite to share about the experience and if they would like, their painting. It is always an inspiring conversation.

A Painting Table session can last anywhere from one hour to a period of meeting weekly for several weeks.

Changing Landscapes Exploring Story and Its Role in Children's Christian Formation

Roger Hutchison uses the language of "story" to explore the changing landscape of Christian formation for children. We will take a high-level view and will also explore new (old?) ways of forming disciples.

The Very Best Day – The Way of Love for Children

Introduces the practices for a Jesus-centered life for children ages 3–10 and their families. Using accessible language and age-appropriate themes, it specifically addresses children and the importance of rhythm and practice in their lives as Christians, accompanied by Roger Hutchison's artwork.

Through a cadence of words and colorful images, children will see how to Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest in daily life as a follower of Jesus.

Art and the Passion Story of Christ

Roger Hutchison uses art to reflect on the stations of the cross, bringing color and fresh insight to the pages of scripture.



Workshops continued on next page...



WORKSHOPS

Broken Places, Learning to See, and the Color Blue.

Roger Hutchison will explore how we learn to see again through the broken places in our difficult – holy – lives.

Come. Be. The Art of Calm

Weaving personal stories with thoughtful questions, journaling prompts, and a wide range of inspirational practices, Roger Hutchison will facilitate this retreat through a colorful variety of reflections and creative exercises that will encourage participants to get up and discover a more centered and peaceful life.

Where the Wild Things Are: Parenting in an Ever-changing World

Through the sharing of classic and modern children's books, children's literature, and Holy Scripture, Roger Hutchison and his team at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas led a very popular parenting class that explored and discussed themes such as grief, diversity, mindfulness, mental health, and much more using children's picture books. Roger Hutchison will highlight a selection of these books and talk about ways children's books can be used as resources for parenting.

OTHER THEMES

Roger also offers other presentations and sessions on these related topics:

- Welcome to the Table
- So, You Want to Write and Children's Picture Book
- Navigating Grief Using Color
- Beauty in the Brokenness
- Learning to See
- Photography as a Spiritual Practice
- Walking as a Spiritual Practice
- Journaling through Lent

CUSTOM WORKSHOPS

Roger is open to imagining what's possible with a specific message, group, or organization.

If you would like to work with Roger to create a custom workshop for your audience, please contact Roger and he will consider the opportunity.

ENDORSEMENTS

“Roger stands out among retreat leaders for his unparalleled embodiment of creativity. He skillfully intertwines his personal journey, experiences working with individuals who have faced trauma and anxiety, and his extensive background in the church to create a unique and transformative retreat experience through the arts. His ability to blend these diverse elements allows him to facilitate deeply meaningful conversations and foster profound transformations among participants. Roger’s retreats serve as a testament to his genuine and profound commitment to guiding others on their own spiritual and healing journeys in a space of vulnerable safety.”

The Rev’d Michael Sullivan, PRESIDENT and CEO, M. Div., J.D. Kanuga, An Episcopal Center

“When Roger came to Newtown in 2013 to provide his Painting Table workshop it was such a healing experience. Some of the kids and families present were survivors of the Sandy Hook School shooting only 6 months earlier. Others had lost friends and teachers. We were all still in shock and suffering yet another tragedy just before Roger showed up with his paint. He was just what we needed to express our deep feelings and come together in community for comfort. We are forever grateful to Roger and his caring, creative, ministry.”

Sue Hendrickson Vogelman, Church School Director, Trinity Episcopal Church, Newtown, CT

“Roger is an exceptional speaker whose candor allows the listener to relax, let their guard down and be real...As a speaker, Roger engages the audience with his warmth and honesty and makes the listener want to know him as a friend.”

Kate Whaley Retreat Coordinator and Teacher



BOOK REVIEWS

“The book lays out calm, purposeful pathways acknowledging everyone’s narrative is unique while, at the same time, exploring universal practices of healing.”

Reba Hull Campbell

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Traci Rhoades, author of Not All Who Wander (Spiritually) Are Lost

“This book is a work of art. The generous layering of paint in its illustrations, coupled with the gentle poetry and depth of its text, creates a moment for readers.”

Jennifer Grant, author of Love You More and A Little Blue Bottle



CONTACT

Thank you for your interest! I am available for speaking engagements and writing opportunities that will leave a lasting impact on your audience or readers. Reach out today and let's discuss how we can work together.



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