

Lee Strobel – Biography

**Author of *The Case For Grace:*
*A Journalist Explores the Evidence of Transformed Lives***



Atheist-turned-Christian **Lee Strobel**, a former award-winning legal editor at *The Chicago Tribune*, is a *New York Times* best-selling author of more than twenty books. He currently serves as Professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University and a Teaching Pastor at Woodlands Church, one of the largest congregations in the country.

Lee's latest book, ***The Case for Grace: A Journalist Explores the Evidence of Transformed Lives***, delivers a compelling case for the power of God's grace to revolutionize lives. With journalistic and theological expertise, alongside personal candor, Strobel shares a collection of stories that seem to be best explained by a personal encounter with a God of grace.

Described in the *Washington Post* as "one of the evangelical community's most popular apologists," has created content for dozens of popular books, curriculum products and films. Lee shared the Christian Book of the Year award in 2005 for a curriculum he co-authored with Garry Poole about the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. He also earned Christian Book Awards for *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, and *The Case for a Creator*, all of which have been made into documentaries distributed by Lionsgate.

Lee was educated at the University of Missouri (Bachelor of Journalism degree) and Yale Law School (Master of Studies in Law degree). He was a journalist for 14 years at *The Chicago Tribune* and other newspapers, winning Illinois' highest honor for public service journalism from United Press International. He also led a team that won UPI's top award for investigative reporting in Illinois.

After investigating the evidence for Jesus, Lee became a Christian in 1981. He joined the staff of Willow Creek Community Church in 1987 and later became a teaching pastor. He joined Saddleback Valley Community Church as a teaching pastor in 2000. He left Saddleback to write books and host the national network TV program *Faith Under Fire*.

In addition, Lee taught First Amendment Law at Roosevelt University. In recognition of the extensive research for his books, Southern Evangelical Seminary honored him with the conferring of a Doctor of Divinity degree in 2007.

Lee's other books include *The Case for the Real Jesus*, *Finding the Real Jesus*, *God's Outrageous Claims*, *The Case for Christmas*, *The Case for Easter*, *The Unexpected Adventure* (co-authored with Mark Mittelberg), and *Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage*, which he wrote with his wife, Leslie. Lee also co-authored the *Becoming a Contagious Christian* course, which has trained nearly two million Christians on how to naturally and effectively talk with others about Jesus. His latest works include his first novel, *The Ambition*, and *The Case for Christ Study Bible*, which features hundreds of notes and articles.

He has been interviewed on such national TV networks as ABC, Fox, PBS and CNN, and his articles have appeared in a variety of periodicals, including the online editions of the *Wall Street Journal* and *Newsweek*. He has been a recurring guest on *The Bible Answer Man* and *Focus on the Family* radio programs. He is a member of the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

Lee and Leslie have been married for 42 years and live in Colorado.