| **Title:** Mosquitoes in Paradise | **Author:** John R. Aurelio |
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1. **What is this book about? (describe briefly)**
   How having faith in God helps individuals who are faltering towards their hope of attaining Heaven. Also answered my wondering about why mosquitoes have any value on this earth.

2. **What main message does the author convey?**
   How God's love for us saves the faithful and how seemingly bad times in our lives can be redemptive and inspiring for others if we let it. "Yet, with all this, I still don't know why this person with cancer was healed and not that person with muscular dystrophy, any more than I know why Jesus picked the one paralytic at the pool of Bethzatha over all the others. I can only say that for me there is greater light and in a theory that calls for mosquitoes in Paradise than in one that ignores them."
   "Day 31" chapter is especially touching and explains much of what the author is trying to express in this book for us.

3. **What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it?**
   I must admit I was initially attracted to read this book in particular because I despise mosquitoes and the title spoke to me. I was intrigued by the idea of mosquitoes in Paradise and how they could qualify for being a good creation of God's and share Paradise in harmony with Adam and Eve. Ah such shallow thoughts as I perused the church library! There is so much more to that idea than I suspected. Read this book and maybe you too will find not only a reason for mosquitoes being in this world, but also build your faith as you struggle with hard times in life.

4. **Who would benefit from reading this book?**
   This book is built with short readable "days", not chapters that any adult might like to explore. I don't recommend this book for very young people mainly because it's beyond their reading ability and comprehension. A teenager, however, may benefit from reading this book.

5. **Any other impressions:**
   I grew slowly impressed with how the author set up this book. It's tough for me to read lengthy theological studies and understand the ideas they contain. Yet this author explains his theory in a very comprehensible way for readers of average reading ability. I hope you too will benefit from reading this book.