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Craig Detweiler interacts with major symbols, or "iGods," of our distracted age to investigate the impact of the technologies and cultural phenomena that drive us.

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"As digital tools creep down the age ladder all the way to toddlerhood and invade every space and hour of adulthood, Detweiler argues that conscientious people risk two extremes: succumbing to the avalanche or rejecting it outright. Neither one preserves what is best in digital experience, but we need a higher authority than ourselves to negotiate the right *via media*. Detweiler explains where that authority lies and in doing so provides one of the most important lessons in our time."

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