

# Idealism Without Illusions; 253 pages; Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1994; 9780802807465; George Weigel; 1994

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