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Felicia says

Excellent! Touched my heart, learn from someone else experience. Thank you Gary

Karen says

The book is comprised of personal stories. They mostly start with "woe is me" and end with acceptance that people, and relationships, are imperfect. Most unbelievable to me was an entire story about a couple who had issues with how each other loaded the dishwasher. For real? I'd be happy to simply HAVE a dishwasher.

Lorra Metko says

If you like the [Chicken Soup for the Soul](#) books, or reading those Readers' Digest stories, you may enjoy this book. The book began with "love" in a variety of settings, but about halfway through became only about marital love. I started to tire of the "rekindle the love" stories. This is one to keep in the bathroom to read from time to time; it's not a "read it from cover to cover" sort of book.

Mom says

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Paul and I listened to this one on a road trip. It's well worth the time and gives some good insights on how to show love to those you love!

Christy Lockstein says

Love is a Verb by Gary Chapman is subtitled *Stories of What Happens When Love Comes Alive*, and this book is full of love! In a format similar to the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, Chapman has collected several stories about how the power of love has completely transformed lives. Marriages reborn, children

who teach about the true meaning of love, and love even through illness, every story is an illustration about how God uses other people to teach us how to love and how He loves us. After each story, Chapman gives a short summary about how the reader can apply the message to his/her own life. Every story is uplifting, and many may induce some tears. This book brought a smile to my face every time I opened the covers.

Christina says

I truly appreciated this collection of stories. This book is proof that, if you let it, love wins. It takes really living love to get there, especially in situations when it's not easy to do so. These contributors clearly put their hearts into sharing their stories. I'm sure that many folks who read this book will find writers to relate to. Dr. Chapman does sum up each story with his own thoughts; I would have loved to have heard more of his voice, but the short stories made this a quick, enjoyable read.

Danielle says

I forced myself to finish this book. I wish I could say I learned something, felt inspired, or encouraged, but all I was left with was the knowledge that relationships are hard everywhere and on everyone. Not really a "feel good" book.

Becky says

I really enjoyed The Five Love Languages, so was looking forward to more lessons about love in this book. Big disappointment--it felt like a gimmick, like Chapman's publishing company said, "Hey, here's a quick buck we can make!" The stories were often treacle-sweet, sometimes poorly written, and the follow-up "lessons" after each one were obvious and dull.

WhatIReallyRead says

This was a collection of fluffy, vaguely moralistic and surprisingly religious stories.

I was expecting "Love is a Verb" to be about, well, love. But barely any of the stories were about romantic love, even those that were about marriage. The book was filled with stories of terminal illness, chronic pain, death, addiction, etc. The advice was along the lines of endurance, sacrifice, and servitude.

While some of the stories, I felt, had good advice, most were "too much" for me. I don't think you should dedicate your life to serving people who hate you. Really, just leave them alone. It will be better for everyone. The fact that you are making a sacrifice does not add intrinsic value to the deed. If a person didn't need your help, sacrifice or no sacrifice, your help will be wasted.

Another thing that really bugged me throughout the book, was endless reference to religion. I'm not religious and don't know any religious people, so I wasn't accustomed to seeing such line of thinking. For example:

1) I have this problem. I pray.

or

2) I have this problem. I search the Bible for instructions on solving it.

or

3) I have this problem. I do this to solve it. It works, the problem is solved. I thank God for solving my problem.

The whole time I was like "????????". It just felt very weird, out of place. When I read XIX century novels or ancient literature, I expect religion and rituals to be a major part of decision-making, but in a modern book... Well, I guess it's just very far from my approach to problem-solving or any approaches I've ever encountered.

I can't say it was bad, just clearly very much not for me. Not in line with my values and outlook on life. I'm sure people closer to Christianity might like it. The low rating is just a reflection of me not finding reasons to give it more stars.

Tawny says

Favorite lines:

1. "Somehow love is flexible and strong enough to step up to the challenges it faces. When we encounter distressing situations love has a deep reservoir we may not see but we can still draw from" (30).
 2. "That is the power of compromise inspired by love: When we give and take, the unbelievable becomes possible and even enjoyable" (49).
 3. "Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to a better understanding of ourselves" (59).
 4. "Love's lessons are never over, nor are we ever done making sacrifices. We do so in small, day-to-day moments for the rest of our lives" (75).
 5. "To love others means to free them from our own unreasonable expectations that they should be or think a certain way" (134).
 6. "Expecting less, I am more thankful. Giving more, I receive more" (199).
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Mark says

a book full of stories about love. If you love the "chicken soup for the christian soul" genre you'll LOVE this... ps i OWN ZERO chicken soup books

Janie says

Nice read and great reminder about the various ways love is shown and received.

Stormie Steele says

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a collection of various "love evoking encounters" - presented uniquely through the eyes of those whose experiences were ignited by moments of insight - gained by touching or being touched by others.

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~Storm Steele

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My rating: 4 of 5 stars

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Love is a verb, is a reminder that every encounter - expected or unexpected, familiar or unfamiliar - holds a life bearing seed worthy of our investment (participating with our eyes and hearts open)~ Storm Steele

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Brad Poel says

This book contained nice, anecdotal short stories that demonstrated--yep, you guessed it--love, but they didn't engage me for long. I made it through 3 or 4 of the short stories before I gave up. While the stories were undoubtedly true and admittedly inspirational at times, the fact that they were read by (oh yeah, this was the audio book format I "read") professional actors took a way a bit from the authenticity. For non-fiction like this, I think I'd prefer to hear it read by the author. If I had read the print edition of this book (the way my grandparents used to consume stories) then this wouldn't have been a factor, I guess.

Kathy says

A feel good book with too much God language in it for my taste.
