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Synopsis: During his years pastoring an inner-city church, Wendell Mettey discovered that God uses even the most blemished vessels to bring beauty into the world. In *On Which Side of the Road Do the Flowers Grow?*, Pastor Mettey shares the humorous and touching stories of his diverse congregation—ordinary people whose lives were infused with an awareness of God's real and abundant grace.

On Which Side of the Road Do the Flowers Grow? is an excellent text for use in a small group or study class. The story-chapters provide a comprehensive, close-ended format for each session. Study guides are available to be used in conjunction with the book.

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Cheryl Gregg says

The title of this book comes from the opening tale of a reluctant water carrier who comes to the determination that instead of being bitter because of his unfulfilling and demeaning career, would do his work with joy, looking for opportunities to bless the people he met while traveling to and from the well. He also intentionally carried a jar that was cracked. At the end of his life, the path he traveled was marked by beautiful flowers....but on one side of the path only.

This was a sweet, poignant book about a man who pastors what he first considers to be a dying, shrinking congregation. But after getting to know the stories of the individuals that make up this church, he realizes that their lives are full and rich and not what they appear to be on the surface. More importantly, he finds that his "watering" in their lives brings beauty to not just him, but the others around him. This book was a well written reminder to look past first impressions, to see that even ugly, barren soil can be cultivated with love, and that all people have potential....a good reminder for all of us.

Sarah Sluss says

A wonderful way to remind readers how what they do in life's journey effects others along the way

A wonderful way to remind readers how what they in life's journey effects others along the way and no matter what..God is love.

Dee Butler says

Nice!

Much like the chicken soup books. Nice, pleasant reading, good for anyone who wants a little inspiration. Sounds like a very nice man, who really appreciated people.

Eric L cobb says

Heartwarming

Though provoking read. There is value in everyone and everyone needs Jesus and is a vessel for His use to others.

Sheila Carsins says

This book was extremely important in discovering on which side of the road the flowers grow.

It was a quick and informative look at the many good things that God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and God's Helpers here on Earth have done here on Earth for various reasons, at various times, and for various types of people. One is never too old, infirm, or too stubborn and reluctant to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Savior, in their lives, and make the change for the better. There are different ways to bring people to Christ, but no one method is better than another. The love, and connection between true believers can move mountains, alleviate loneliness, torment, and pain, and bring all people of like minds to God. This wasn't a "preachy" book meteing out Hell and Damnation to non-believers, but rather an opening of the whole body--heart, soul, and mind. The stories are precious anecdotes, lovingly told by someone who legitimately cared for them, and often went out of his way to lead them to the side of the road with the flowers. Perhaps if wall preachers approached saving souls and and loving their "flock" of parishioners as this man obviously has, then the world would be a family of followers of God, as well as being a happier, more loving place to be. Thank you Wendell E. Mettey, for putting these stories together in such a way that everyone who reads them should understand them easily, and will hopefully be better people for it. Jesus Christ is the key to God, and Mary is the key to Jesus Christ. And God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit aware the key to Heaven and everlasting life. I especially found it interesting that you portrayed even Holy Mary, as having doubts that Jesus was the Son of God. I have my own doubts about the depth and extent of doubt that His own earthly family members had. But that's just my opinion, since as a child, Jesus Christ was reported as being found in the Holy Temple, surrounded by learned men, and preaching the truths of God to the Holy Men, and holding his own, so to speak! Beautiful book, I heartily recommend reading it! I thank God for guiding your hand in penning this book. May God bless and protect you and yours.--Amen

Judy Brothers says

Great read recommend to anyone

Excellent book. Highly recommend.. easy to read reveals the inner thoughts of people who are in need of a new life.

T. Giachetti says

Uplifting

A well written story of those you may see only weekly, but become as close as family. This book brings you smiles of joy, even when you are reading of a person's personal struggles. To them having a higher power brought peace, happiness and fellowship into their lives. Don't judge people to hastily, maybe you are their water which they need to bloom.

Traci Steele says

Enjoyable

I enjoyed reading this book. The lives of the people portrayed here were touching and I found meaning in their life's lessons. I did take issue with the format of the book though. If a story was able to stand alone, then fine. But if a story built on another person's story told previously, then I often had to go back and remind myself who they were talking about. That was distracting for me.

Fergus says

4 1/2 stars!

A minor masterpiece of a book. It tells the stories of very ordinary people in a shrinking American church parish, whose names may well be written in the Book of Life.

When I was three, my parents moved into a fringe suburb of our Canadian town - way before urban sprawl had paved the wildflowers out of existence!

We were surrounded by sprawling virgin fields, full of natural flora and fauna...

Here a little kid could wander - and after he turned five, unsupervised too - freely exploring with his pals the rocky, swampy natural terrain within seconds of home!

But, you know, there are people who have an unspoiled beauty, too.

They weren't born that way!

No, the people I'm talking about have been put the test, over and over again, like gold refined in fire.

They know well the old maxim... No pain, no gain.

The folks in this wonderful little book are just like that.

No unassailable mountain of the heart is too high for them to climb!

Simple, unassuming people who are just trying to keep the heart of a struggling faith, in an equally struggling church, alive....

In these uncaring modern times.

Rebuilding a forgotten little place of worship - brick by very human brick.

Oh, they have their heartaches too - don't kid yourself!

But they just keep going on, led by the peace of the Spirit!

If you have an eye for little miracles effected by your nondescript friends and neighbours...

If you are at times astonished by a peek at what just may be a hidden magnum opus in a complete stranger...

If, in other words, at rare moments you think you can maybe see the universe in a grain of sand...

Then this one's for you!

A book for and about people who care.

Patti Kerr says

I give this 5 stars

What a wonderful book. So many wonderful people who walked through this author's life. I would have loved to know any one of them and would have considered myself blessed.

Dawn Whynot says

This is one of those books that you can walk away from feeling good. Each of us are created with flaws, but this book helps you see how God chooses to use them for His glory.

Rosa DA says

Rather than finding this book uplifting and inspirational, I found it depressing.

Jane Fournier says

Given to me for my Birthday 2009 from my dear friend, Sandy Bishop. Her Pastor in Cincinnati wrote this book to bring funds to help the poor. He shares the humorous and touching stories of his diverse congregation. Very special.

Pat Overbey says

Great inspirational stories and the carrier of the water with cracks and blemishes causing the flowers to grow

DeeDee says

Spiritual and Inspirational

On Which Side of the Road Do the Flowers Grow is spiritually uplifting book I will be coming back to time and time again. Pastor Wendell E. Mettey and his congregation are an inspiration to me.

