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The classic book on healing in America by one of our most renowned spiritual writers. Filled with practical advice, it is dedicated to helping people everywhere tap the creative energy that God offers to people of faith -- a love both limitless and available, if only we seek it.

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Lena says

Good book. First copyrighted in 1947. All about spiritual healing. Powerful stuff. Helpful reminders of the power that is available to us via Jesus. Good tips for praying for healing for ourselves and others.

Jim says

My Mom had a 1947 era hardcover edition of this book that came into my hands after she passed away. Amazingly (or maybe not so) I found an old black & white photo stuck in the pages of my Mom as a young woman.

I've turned to this book many times over the years but this is the first attempt at reading it all. A great deal of it provides me with peace and hope, especially when my anxiety level reaches yet another zenith. Written 63 years ago, it feels dated only in it's historical references; the spirituality and faith within has never been needed more.

Justin Morgan says

I read this more out of historical interest than as a guidebook to divine healing. Sanford was an Episcopal minister's wife and published this book first in 1947. I found it interesting that she was practicing healing as a mainline Protestant (rather than as a Pentecostal or Christian Scientist) well before the Charismatic Movement of the 60s and 70s. The book is part testimonial and part practical guide to praying for healing. The testimonial aspect is the most dated part of the book. Sanford's ideas about healing are very matter-of-fact and are delivered in a very practical and encouraging manner. Her theology is very Christocentric while veering away from emotionalism. A unique aspect of her teachings is that healing is for every person regardless of their faith or lack of faith. Right doctrinal adherence or knowledge is not a prerequisite to experience healing in her opinion. So far so good. What I do find disturbing (as well as fascinating) is how similar her teachings are to the word-faith movement within Pentecostalism as well as New Thought. Some of those teachings around healing seem so self assured and have a dark side to them (especially when one fails to receive a substantial experience of healing.)

So while I am wary of many of her ideas, the last few chapters of the book made it all worth it to me. She talks in depth about the power of forgiveness, emotional healing, intercessory prayer and collective (representative) repentance. I think she was way ahead of her times on these things. Well worth a discerning read.

Debra Torgerson says

Good for thought.

I found this book to be interesting for sure. Not being either Presbyterian or Episcopal And only vaguely familiar with there belief systems. I find that there is truth to be found in every belief system. I did find it here in this book. I only gave it three stars because I could not agree with everything. My beliefs have

changed over the last few years through study and the leading of the Holy Spirit. I do believe in healing that it has been given to us and it is the will of the Father that we are to be well. I just had a problem with the idea of us being able to "repent" and "atone " for another person's or nations sins. Christ said It Is Finished because It was. He took away the sin of the world. We need to believe that and share the good news so that others can receive the forgiveness provided. I do not doubt that GOD Meets us where we are. I do not doubt that Ms Sanford had these wonderful results in Her life with sharing healing.

Would I recommend the book. Yes It is has many good things in it. Seeing our prayers as answered is so true. But I do not agree with other things. You read this book and draw from it what the Father wants you to receive and set the rest aside. As I know it is okay not to agree with everything but never throw it all out because of a few things. We all receive differently and are in different places in our walk. I Wii say that some things I don't believe now I use to. And am sure The Lord is still working in my life and everyone's to get us where he wants us. Enjoy the book.

Adam Shields says

Short Review: I am really mixed on this. I spent three months reading it because I was frustrated with it, but there were things that I think are helpful in it. Mostly the helpful stuff was toward the end and was about the role of confessions and the sacraments in strengthening the believer and the last chapter about praying for healing of the nations. I do think some of the earlier parts were helpful, but there was a lot that was just bad theology. It was also a very modernist take on prayer trying to take it apart scientifically and treating prayer as a technology that we just do not yet fully understand. I think that is the wrong approach to take when thinking about prayer.

And specifically in regard to healing, this directly falls into the problem of placing blame on either the healer or the one being healed if the healing does not occur. Some of the highlights you can find show examples of this.

I do think it is useful to read books from a different era. This is one that is over 70 years old and still in print. I picked it up because it was mentioned in a biography of Dallas Willard.

My longer review is on my blog at <http://bookwi.se/the-healing-light-by...>

Mark Thomas says

Very good book on the practice of Christian healing. The analogy to electricity seems a little "light" for our extremely technological time but the practice and the depth of faith of the author are very valuable.

She makes supernatural healing seem quite normal and natural. Her assurance is quite engaging and inspiring.

Amy says

When I first began to read this little book, I was skeptical. I thought maybe it would be new-agey or it would offer a complicated way to prayer. In the end, I loved this book. Agnes provides a very simple, straightforward method for healing prayer. Words need to be simple and direct, laying on hands is best but

she offers suggestions for intercessional prayer, and the main thing is that you have the believe. Your faith needs to be strong. The person who is praying has to believe in the healing power of God, and it helps if the person that needs healing also believes. This little book is packed with stories, suggestions, advice, and motivation. By the end of this book, I felt confident in Agnes and her suggestions, she definitely followed the healer path and she had much wisdom to share. If you would like a boost of motivation and plentiful wise advice on how to start praying for healing, this book is a great place to start.

Mary Campbell says

Agnes Sanford wrote THE HEALING LIGHT in 1947 and revised it in 1972. Amazingly, it anticipates the "New Thought," which, though the movement actually began in the late 19th century, has recently gained momentum from the apparent links to quantum mechanics.

Sanford is very matter-of-fact about spiritual healing. She likens a person's being infused with spirit to a lamp's being plugged in to electricity. Sanford claims that spiritual phenomena that appear to be miraculous are actually in harmony with natural (scientific) law; science simply hasn't caught up yet.

It can't possibly be an accident that many of the ideas, even the phrases, might have been lifted out of SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Mary Baker Eddy. The only major difference in theory and practice is that Sanford does not recommend relying totally on spiritual healing when one has a medical problem. She does believe that any illness can be healed spiritually, and that the dead can be raised -- in theory; but very few of us, she says, are far enough evolved, spiritually, including herself.

I am interested in alternative healing and recently underwent "therapeutic touch." I can't say how well it worked, because I was feeling fine when I began the session, and I slept right through it.

More when I have finished the book....

Timothy Nichols says

Really important take-aways: (1) If our healing ministry is ineffective, we are allowed to notice, and we are allowed to wonder if perhaps there is something we could be doing differently. (2) "Let us not wash our hands, Pilate-like, and say 'Thy will be done.' Let us discern the will of God, and do it." Indeed. This book is well worth a careful, discerning read.

Tami says

This was a great book about prayer and healing. I have learned a lot about prayer in my life and have used some of the processes of prayer in this book but it taught me sooooo much more!!! I am excited to repent and more fully let Christ into my heart and body so that I can be healed by God and learn to help others heal!

Adam Gellert says

If I could give this book six stars I would! I can't believe I only recently heard about this classic from Agnes Sanford, the "grandmother" of the Charismatic Movement, and it was just incredible!

The book is so well written and practical, and has a great mix of inspirational healing stories and instruction for readers on how to see the same result (while respecting that God is still God, and controls the outcome of all healing). I walked away from the book inspired to step up my prayer life and follow Agnes' example, and I plan to share this with my fellow healing team members at my church. A must-read!

Courtney says

I read this book in bits and pieces before bed, and I thought it was thought-provoking and very contemporary, considering it was written in 1940. I think there are two main ideas I'll take with me: one, you have to see yourself--or the person you are praying for--as well, not as sick or injured in any way. You must have the faith to see them completely restored, and rest in that peace and belief in order for God's love and healing to flow through you. Second, God's love and healing work like electricity more than a genie or capricious benefactor. We are only conductors or cables for God's current of healing. Sometimes, if we're not experiencing breakthrough in prayer, we need to not blame God, but understand that something might be blocking His power. If the lights all of a sudden went out in your house, you wouldn't automatically assume that the electricity stopped existing or working in and of itself; instead, you'd look to the wiring, the fusebox, or a tree down in the neighborhood. In the same way, we in our sin are sometimes limited in our capacity to conduct the power of God's healing--it doesn't mean He's not there or that He's not working.

Gene Lewis says

The most insightful book on divine healing I have ever read. It is a simply worded how to book of connecting to God's gift of wholeness for us. I have read it over more than four times and continue to do so, gaining new awareness and insights into the goodness of God has for us.

Lisa says

Still in middle of it but I think I get the gist. I love mystics. I love that Agnes Sanford is a contemporary and she puts forth a good argument and pretty convincing path. The language and whisperings of dogma are a bit outdated, for me at least, but she is the generation of my grandmother, so that's to be expected. Also reading her autobiography.

Meshach Kanyion says

Wonderful Book

I give this book 5 stars because of its immense practicality. Agnes Sanford writes as one who wants others to

experience what she knows. The balance between teaching and story telling is almost sermonic. I have read it, and will re-read it.
