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Front Porch Tales: Warm Hearted Stories Of Family, Faith, Laughter And Love



Synopsis

Wisdom and Humor from the Front Porch Master storyteller Philip Gulley shares tender and hilarious real-life moments that capture the important truths of everyday life. When Philip Gulley began writing newsletter essays for the twelve members of his Quaker meeting in Indiana, he had no idea one of them would find its way to radio commentator Paul Harvey Jr. and be read on the air to 24 million people. Fourteen books later, with more than a million books in print, Gulley still entertains as well as inspires from his small-town front porch.

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Customer Reviews

Philip Gulley is a Quaker minister, writer, husband, and father. He is the bestselling author of Front Porch Tales, the acclaimed Harmony series, and is coauthor of If Grace Is True and If God Is Love. Gulley lives with his wife and two sons in Indiana, and is a frequent speaker at churches, colleges, and retreat centers across the country.

If you find the whole genre of 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' type books to be annoyingly sappy and over-the-top then this book is your antidote. It features real stories from real life whereby the author (a Quaker pastor) draws real substantive wisdom. Where Chicken Soup and the like were "cute" or "charming", Gulley is challenging. There's plenty laugh out loud comedy here too, and enough sweetness to aggravate a toothache, but those elements are the icing instead of the cake. Gulley talks about raising children to be tough, the capacity people have for mid-life change, prayer, loss,

flexibility, the home, the dignity of work, the debilitating effect of television, why we need more listening and less psychology, love between a husband & wife, and many other subjects. Nearly all of these short essays are punctuated with surprisingly relevant scriptural anecdotes from the Good Book. On the first page, Gulley wrote, "I thank God I was born before Nintendo video games and all the other things that keep kids from getting out and exploring their environs. My parents turned off the television set and sent me outdoors, where I met all kinds of interesting people, like Mrs. Harvey and Doctor Gibbs and Mr. Welty." And he isn't kidding. This is a superb read that--through the window of the author's life--manages to search out so much of what's wrong with the world, offers beautiful alternatives, and does it all with the charity, humor, modesty, and self-depreciation proper to a Christian. Highly recommended!

Great little short stories for someone to read or have read to them, who has a short attention span from illness

I gave this to my MOM on her 97th birthday. She loved it so much she finished it in two days.

I got this for my mom and she raved and raved about it. It was a great gift to say the least.

Arrived promptly. Enjoy Philip Gulley's writing. A great read. Will read again.

What can I say about this book? Well, I can say that after reading Front Porch Tales I felt so warm and happy. Philip Gulley comes across as not only a caring human being, but one filled with humour and goodness. It's so easy to read that you wonder if it's too easy ... No, it's not. Because in this cold and computerised world we live in, Philip Gulley is able to gently take us back, in very understandable language, to a different world, a different set of standards - a better world. Just sitting on his front porch with him and sharing his stories brought the odd lump to my throat and a great desire to relive my days in the times he wrote about, the times that gave me a taste of true contentment, happiness and innocence. He brought those times back to me. Although he's a Quaker, he doesn't rub it in, (do they ever)? But, he made me wish that I was good enough, sincere enough and pure enough in my faith to become a Quaker like him. Just get this book, take it to bed with you, read a few chapters and I guarantee you'll go to sleep with the biggest smile on your face you've had in a long time. This book is just beautiful

Front Porch Tales always invites me to sit a spell and absorb Philip Gulley's nostalgic, memorable stories that are more than stories. They remind me of what is essential, positive, and productive in our chaotic, techy world. Every story gives me pause to examine my life and prioritize/ appreciate what's of value.

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