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In this sequel to his immensely popular bestseller *Front Porch Tales*, Quaker writer Philip Gulley envelops readers once again in a rare world of plainspoken and honest values. These tender stories of his life are gathered around the enduring themes of the great spiritual virtues: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Each story reminds us how we long for such virtues in a world sorely in need of the love and hope they bring.

With his folksy style and rustic ear, Gulley treats his readers to a great variety of personalities -- from the loveable to the eccentric -- who make small town life fascinating. Readers will discover a simpler way of life, where things are less complicated and folks care for one another and are willing to do what is right -- no matter the cost.

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Trish Boese says

5* This book is a little treasure chest of charming stories. They lifted my soul and warmed my spirit. Philip Gulley writes with both grace and humor. I feel lucky to have discovered this book and am going to be looking for more books by this author.

Jocelyn Doddridge says

I read this book to the seniors at the nursing home I visit once a week. It was easy reading, and everyone enjoyed the short stories. Some of them had a little humor to them, others some sadness. It is probably not a book I would've chosen on my own to read, but I didn't have to worry about any stories in this book being inappropriate or too awkward to read to the residents. I will probably keep his books in mind if I'm struggling to find a new book to read to them.

Jenni V. says

I liked his distinction in the beginning about being a storyteller, not a historian. "The stories in this book are true, if by "true" you mean "honest to the human condition." If by "true" you mean "cold, hard fact," then this book is not always true. I can't always recall exactly what folks said, though the values they conveyed return to me crystal clear. I've changed some names, uprooted some folks and replanted them in my hometown, and once or twice made my life seem a little more interesting than it really is. Please forgive me, but that's the kind of thing we storytellers do."

I bet he's a good minister. These stories are like short little sermons that keep my attention and aren't heavy-handed with the message which is lucky for me; I normally avoid religious books but this one was slightly sneaky about it so I didn't know before starting.

Published in 1998, I laughed when he said he doesn't own a computer and has no intention of buying one because he has no interest in the "Information superhighway". I'm assuming that changed. It's also funny that the description says "travel back to a simpler time" when I would use that line now to describe the time this book came out...maybe everyone thinks of their youth as a "simpler time".

Best out-of-context line: "Sister Rosalie staggered out behind our cat, clutching her cross, her hosiery melted from her legs and hanging in shreds".

It may not be my cup of tea but it was a well-written, nice easy book and I can think of multiple people I'd pass my copy along to that would enjoy it.

A Few Quotes from the Book

"Kindness thrives. It's awareness that's on the wane."

"When some people disagree with me, I try to change their minds. When Harold disagrees with me, I rethink my position."

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Kim says

This was a little book that was quite delightful! It is written by a Quaker minister and the stories are humorous and sometimes inspiring. It is like a "real" version of the Mitford series. It is such a quick easy read and you can just read a chapter at a time in the bath, on the toilet ;-), outloud to a friend, whatever and feel it touch your heart. (the only part that wasn't quite as good was perhaps the first chapter so don't quit reading there!!!)

Lola says

A book of short stories about love, patience, faithfulness, self-control, and other virtues. It's a nice book with short chapters that you can read during those times when you don't have much time to read. Fun. Uplifting.

Rob Markley says

Nice quaint stories of being nice with a faint hint of Christian faith. Encouraging but not much more

Ton says

Nice tales without any pretention other than underlining the virtues of good christian life.

Mary Lou says

More Mayberry in book form.

Jackie says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is uplifting and encouraging and real. It is set up with very short chapters. I read one chapter a day as like a devotional for the day. I would recommend this book if you would like to be inspired as well as laugh a little. It sends you down memory lane alot. Especially a great read for any of our clergy friends and their spouses as the author is a Pastor.

Alida says

Philip Gulley, a Quaker pastor and author of the "Home to Harmony" series, measures his growth in the fruits of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) through short, charming vignettes. He writes with humour, wit and much wisdom. I learned as I laughed.

Liz says**Good humor mixed with biblical truths**

His humor about everyday things and how there is a story about something similar in the Bible made this an easy and fun read. His stories are humorous and even those who aren't religious would enjoy them.

Georgia says

Book 1 of 2013!

His books got me through many stressful times as they are filled with funny thoughtful stories. Anyone who has been in a small town, or church will recognize the characters he brings to life.

Tina says

I love all of Gulley's books like this one. I can relate to so many of his stories, as I too, grew up in Indiana.

These books make great gifts for friends and teachers.

Melissa Henderson says

I like collections like this. Love small town living.

Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says

I'm glad I read Porch Talk first; Gulley has grown less sure of himself as he has aged and I like that in essays. Still, though Gulley comes across as a little more preachy here, he isn't so preachy as to curdle your milk.

