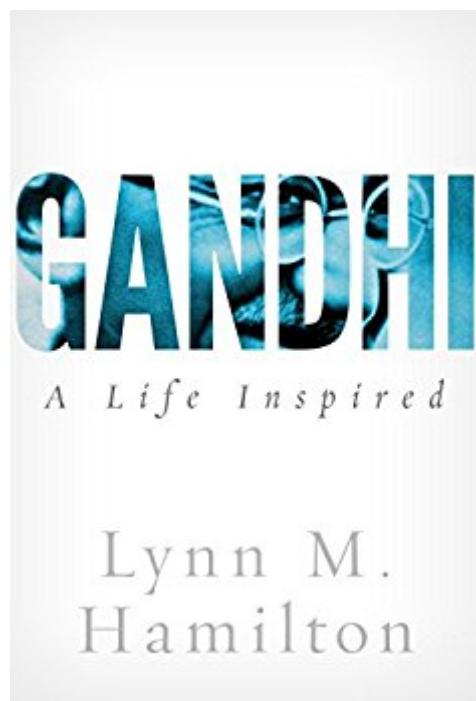


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Synopsis

It has become a cliche to say that one person can make a difference, but the life of Mahatma Gandhi confronts us with the enduring truth of that statement. It is impossible to say exactly what moved people to revere and follow him and be imprisoned and beaten on his behalf in the thousands. No doubt, his ever gentle demeanor had a hand in that. His perpetual grace and joy, even in the face of terrible hardship, surely won some hearts and minds. His genuine ability to treat all men - Hindu, Muslim, Parsee, Sikh, Harijan, Christian, and Zulu - as brothers must have won even more.

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Customer Reviews

I have heard much about Gandhi's life growing up. Taking the time to learn and grow my knowledge, I discovered how much more there was to this remarkable man's life. This book is a great introduction to the work of Gandhi. It is a short book that delivers a lot of good information. I gained a greater respect for his life's work. If you want to learn more about Gandhi this book is a great starting point.

I was inspired by this short biography of one of this world's greatest leaders. His commitment to non-violent confrontation is a lesson many of our present leaders should learn before making decisions that affect their peoples' lives. It would be a better world if we all followed Gandhi's "Christ-like" example when dealing with our fellow human beings.

Well this book has left me with mixed feelings. In 128 pages, the author briefly recounts the major watershed moments of Gandhi's life. From being an impressionable youth headed to Britain to study law in a suit and cap (IKR?) to the more mature and opinionated man who goes down to South Africa, we see his evolution. From being a vegetarian discussing philosophy, Gandhi becomes a compassionate yet passionate advocate for non-violent non-cooperation, to the very day of his assassination. The author succeeds very well in briefly presenting Gandhi though it's slightly biased as there's hardly a downside of his that we see. He does however give a brief overview of the socio-political contexts surrounding the various stages of Gandhi's life and work in agitating for various causes. I was quite surprised to learn how Pakistan came to be, due to such one instance. I may not be a fan of Gandhi as I was before reading this book, but he did make a cogent tribute to the world. This is a brief introduction to the life of Gandhi. Most recommended for those who've never read up on his life and work before.

I knew far less than I thought about Gandhi. In this book I learned that he was not only the religious figure I thought he was, but was foremost a tireless laborer for the poor, as well as a liberator of the Indian people, an impressive peacemaker and politician. He lived what he preached in every sense of the word, and his faith and principles were uncompromised. A nicely set out biography of Gandhi's life.

This book is everything I ever wanted to know about Gandhi. It traces the life of this remarkable man right up to his terrible assassination, which in my opinion, made him a martyr. There is nothing better than reading about real life heroes and role models, and Gandhi was both. It is definitely worth the read, and you won't be disappointed. Well done Wyatt North!

As one reads more and more biographies, it becomes most obvious that it is a common, non-descript person who accepts the challenge of facing insurmountable odds to affect change. Such is the case with Gandhi: A Life Inspired. It could also be subtitled An Inspiring Life. From humble beginnings, author Lynn Hamilton has crafted an insightful look at Gandhi who might be

called the father of passive non-violent protest or resistance. Her closing description of a cartoon with Gandhi and Martin Luther King speaking with each other was most appropriate,,, but I will leave that for you to appreciate upon your completion of reading this fine work. As an aside, I received this book as a gift from Wyatt North Publishing with the proviso of writing a review regardless of my impression.

I knew of Gandhi, but in no way did I know the extent of how his life impacted so many people in India and Africa. As I read this book, I learned so much about British rule in these areas of the country. Gandhi, A Life Inspired is a must read and a great eye opener. I recall reading books about people that were instrumental in making life better for others, but this one bowled me away. He was such a quiet man, but definitely made a loud noise when he felt strongly about something. He is a true martyr and advocate for equal treatment of others.

Perhaps if God, in his infinite wisdom, would have sent us more of His "Angels on Earth," around the same time that Gandhi walked the Earth, then "World Peace" for all could've been possible in our lifetime. The world could use more advocates for peace, love, and caring for all people. I once heard from somewhere, that even a small pebble thrown in a pond can make large ripples--strive for really big positive ripples! Everyone can make a positive contribution if they try and they believe!

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