

Reviews

Sitting down to read this book is like sitting down to have a heart-to-heart with an old friend. I found myself leaning into the pages and nodding in agreement to John's wise words and chuckling at his self-deprecating sense of humor. It's a REAL story about living with authentically, courage and faith.

-Anna Dyer

It's Christmas! Here I go sending books, again! I can't think of a more timely story. At Christmas, we celebrate goodwill toward our fellow man, among other things. "Turn Right at the Dancing Cow," abounds with goodwill, and is a reminder of the enduring strength of the human spirit.

This story is about ordinary people doing the extraordinary. The storyteller introduces us to a most unlikely heroine. It is, among other things, a story of faith, hope and love, and in the end, ordinary people doing extraordinary things to help make this a better world. The storyteller is a man who came from very humble means, but at an early age, recognized a purpose within himself that would motivate, inspire, and move him and others to change lives...for the better...halfway around the world.

My intent in sharing this book with you is to give you a glimpse into the writer, the heroine, and all those deeply affected by their chance meeting in a hallway. A story worthy of telling and retelling.

-Ellen Flanagan

This journey begins in a hallway in Seattle and ends in a remote village in Uganda, where dozens of lives are changed forever by the attention of one extraordinary couple, whose efforts to comfort, support and empower others knocks over the first dominos that will cascade into a new beginning for African children half a world away.

At the center of this story is a remarkable woman, who, despite the most difficult childhood imaginable, breaks free and sets herself on a course that will change her fate, and the fate of so many others. If this story doesn't renew your faith, help you see deeper into another person's eyes, and raise your hope about the strength of a single spirit, then nothing can. When empowerment meets fortitude and determination, miracles occur. You will come away with the realization that any one of us can be the wind that fills the sails of our brother's boat.

-Karen McDonell

Congratulations to John Shimer, author of "Turn Right at the Dancing Cow". I read this book with great enjoyment over the holidays. It was fascinating, in part because I'll be in Uganda in 4 weeks and it provided great insights into the country and its culture. The lessons learned and lessons provided were very familiar to me. I also appreciated the way these lessons were portrayed by the stories surrounding them. The entire book was very creative and engaging...easy to read.

-Ed Petersen
CEO, Housing Hope