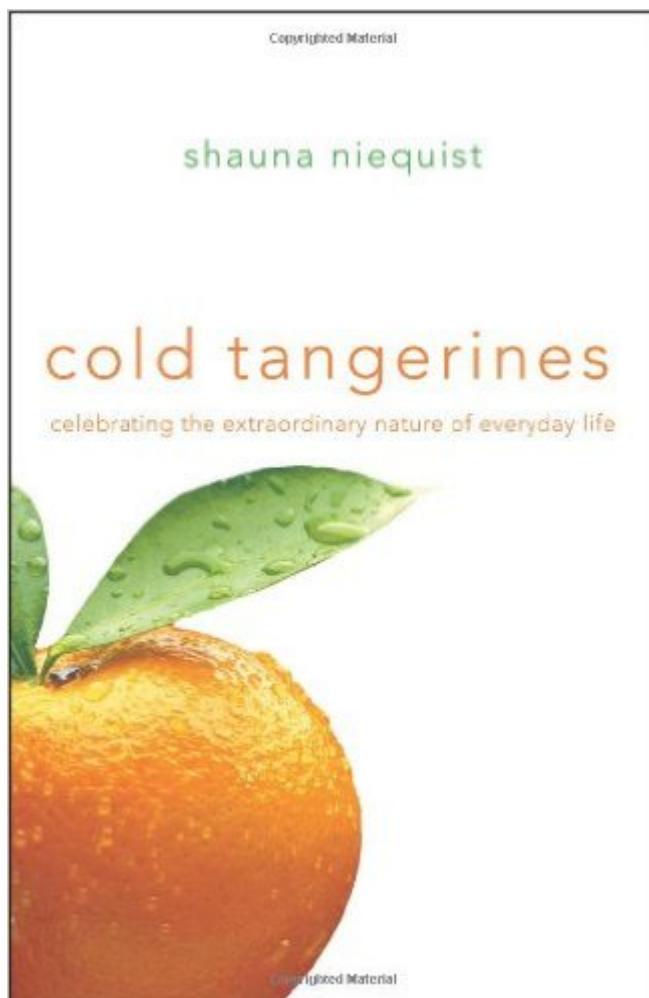


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Cold Tangerines: Celebrating The Extraordinary Nature Of Everyday Life



Synopsis

Cold Tangerines •now available in softcover• is a collection of stories that celebrate the extraordinary moments hidden in your everyday life. It is about God, and about life, and about the thousands of daily ways in which an awareness of God changes and infuses everything. It is about spiritual life, and about all the things that are called nonspiritual life that might be spiritual after all. It is the snapshots of a young woman making peace with herself and trying to craft a life that captures the energy and exuberance we all long for in the midst of the fear and regret and envy we all carry with us. It is both a voice of challenge and song of comfort, calling you upward to the best possible life, and giving you room to breathe, to rest, to break down, and break through. Cold Tangerines offers bright and varied glimpses of hope and redemption, in and among the heartbreak and boredom and broken glass.

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Customer Reviews

It isn't very often that I find a book that I would recommend to all my friends. In her book Cold Tangerines Shauna Niequist revisits chapters of her life, some humorous, some silly, some reflective, while others somber. Each moment is delicately interwoven with a touch of God. Seeing God in the every day and being able to learn from and/or laugh at what is set before us is truly a gift. Shauna is able to open up and allow the readers to peek at so many aspects of her life. The chapters read almost like letters from a dear friend, as her struggles become teachable moments, and her humor has you laughing out loud. By the end you feel like you've known her from childhood. One section of the book that brought goosebumps was on pg. 50 "True friendship is a

sacred, important thing, and when it happens when we drop down into that deeper level of who we are, when we cross over into the broken, fragile parts of ourself. We have to give something up in order to get friendships like that. We have to give up our need to be perceived as perfect. We have to give up our ability to control what people think of us. We have to overcome the fear that when they see the depths of who we are, they'll leave. But what we give up is nothing in comparison to what this kind of friendship gives to us. Friendship is about risk. Love is about risk. If we can control it and manage it and manufacture it, then it's something else, but it's really love, really friendship, it's a little scary around the edges."To have someone in your life to love you and care for you even though they know who you are is such a blessing. Reading that portion of the book caused me to pause and to think about people that have been blessings to me, who have loved me through difficult times.

I struggled with what to rate this book, for 1 star seems harsh for a book that is ultimately well written. But, in the end, I had to rate this book low simply because I could not finish it. (I tried, really, I did.)Like a few others, I'm in the minority in my certain dislike of this book. While the writing was well done and, at times, poignant, there were very few sentences that caught my interest. In fact, I rarely could read more than one short story at a time, the tone and subject of the stories being so overly sentimental to me. After reading a few pages, I needed a break. And, after about a third of the way through the book, I decided it wasn't worth my time.Yes, this book speaks to the daily life a woman (or perhaps even man) might face, but it fell far short to me in terms of giving me anything I could relate to. I found myself wondering why I forced myself to read on, as I could not connect with the author at all. Of the 35% of the book I made it through (and only that much because I was reading it for a book club), there were few stories that even piqued my interest at all. While these stories clearly had a distinct impact upon the author's life, I could not draw them into my life. Those stories that I could connect with in the slightest way arrived in a "well, of course," thought for me. Unfortunately, although I wished to enjoy this book, there was nothing that I walked away with from my encounter with this book except a very blasÃ© outlook upon it and a desire to pick up a book I know I will enjoy.Personal tastes aside, the writing is eloquent, if a bit overdone and overemotional at times.

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