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A Book of Courage and Humanity, October 10, 2009

By [G. Horner "G. J. Horner"](#) (Milesburg PA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)

I borrowed this book from the church where I work. I brought it home on Friday, the day it arrived in the mail.

I read Saturday and Sunday and when I closed the book, I thought to myself, there should be more Marie Hamilton's in the world.

In the prison society, many need punished, but after reading this book, I realize many need forgiveness and love, also. Not everyone will agree with this, but Marie's story will make you sit back and think about those behind the walls of a prison.

Well written...heart-breaking and heart-warming...all at the same time.

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Couldn't put it down, October 8, 2009

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This came in the mail on Saturday morning, and I couldn't put it down. Melanie captures some intensely personal stories that happened throughout an amazing life of a woman dedicated to service. Not only does Melanie share Marie's accomplishments and personal victories, but was able to weave in a personal level of her life that made it connect with me on a much deeper level. I felt like I was there volunteering with Marie. I have rethought a lot of my views on the prison system, and my views on humanity as well.

A story of how humility, persistence, and dedication can make a difference. Thank you Melanie for sharing Marie with me.

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Very inspirational!, October 7, 2009

By [Donna M. Becker](#) (Pequea PA) - [See all my reviews](#)

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What a wonderfully written and inspirational book! Melanie Snyder captured Marie's spirit and her loving heart beautifully. This book has made me re-think my views on prisons, incarceration and the way we treat prisoners. All prisons should have the type of programs described in this book, to rehabilitate these men and women so when they came back into society, they can be productive, contributing members of society. Marie is an inspiration to anyone who has ever thought of volunteering - she followed her heart and made a tremendous difference in many lives.

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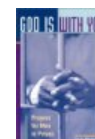


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Real life story, no specialist jargon, useful for prison workers,

December 5, 2009

By [Richard Paul Moyer](#) (Ephrata, PA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)

Grace Goes to Prison uses real-life situations which all employees of prisons can relate to. It is not written in technical or religious jargon but gives practical examples of how encounters with a prisoner can be done positively instead of negatively. Recommended for anyone who works in a prison, as well as prisoners.

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Grace, rehabilitation and redemption, December 3, 2009

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This review is from: Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)

Melanie Snyder has drawn a portrait of a remarkable woman who found her life's calling in working with imprisoned men and women. She has also given us a detailed picture of how grace, redemption and rehabilitation can occur within the prison system--if, and only if, the system is open to its own change and rehabilitation. Marie Hamilton, and her retinue of volunteers, left a legacy of work in humanizing a dehumanizing system. Society owes her a huge debt of gratitude for showing us a grace-filled way to treat our brothers and sisters. I would hope her lessons do not go unheeded and that we all can find ways to pick up a portion of her mantle and work to transform a flawed justice system.

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Before Dead Man Walking ... there was Grace, December 1, 2009

By

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This review is from: Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)

As the title promises, there is much grace in this gem of a story (and book). I read the book in preparation for meeting the author, Melanie - for a signing at our college library. I have recently read my fair share of criminal justice books - and left often feeling dismal/despondent about the "system." Ms. Snyder's book is different than these - poignant and direct: telling the tale of a Pennsylvania Avon lady/wife/mother of Brethren background who seeks a mission or direction and finds it (through grace) in prison. Ms. Snyder is expert in her direct delivery of what is at the heart of this book - the stories of Marie Hamilton, the volunteers, prison heads and inmates whose lives are reflected in these pages. The stories are of courage and vision - knowing that this was the first time that any such programs were allowed inside the prison system - with the aim of allowing inmates some contact with society and life outside prison walls. This book aptly portrays prisons as they were, but it is equally powerful making us consider how prisons (and the men and women they house) exist today. Could such a grace-based mission happen in today's prison system? Probably not, and how do we feel about that? This is must have for any public and undergraduate library.

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Restorative Justice makes sense, December 1, 2009

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This book is inspiring for those who work in the field of restorative justice. Marie Hamilton uses her story and the stories of prison inmates to show how powerful our actions can be in a person's life when we treat them with respect, love, and hope. Marie is able to open doors that seem impossible so that volunteers can enter the prisons to meet with inmates and help them to grow and learn and give something back to the community. Thank you, Melanie Snyder, for writing her story.

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An amazing book, November 29, 2009

By [Judy Wolfman](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)

Grace Goes to Prison is an amazing story, of an amazing woman, under unusual and amazing situations! To read about what one woman can (and did) do is remarkable and inspirational, while at the same time providing inside information of prison life. This is a must read for everyone!

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Courage and Caring, November 29, 2009

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This compelling story of how one woman's courage and caring made a difference in the lives of so many is inspiring. It is also a wake-up call for us as a society to look at the long term harm caused by our current policies of incarceration without emphasis on rehabilitation. Melanie Snyder draws us into the world of prison inmates and staff with riveting stories of humanity, heartbreak, and love. "Grace Goes to Prison" opened my eyes to the power of restorative justice and made me a believer.

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It occupied every spare minute!, October 29, 2009

By [Jon Singer](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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I highly recommend this book to anyone involved in prison work or prison ministry. It captivates so well that inmates are human beings after all, most just making stupid/impulsive decisions. With many more Maries and programs like CentrePeace working with inmates, recidivism can be reduced and thus, the need for more prisons/jails. Jon Singer, Executive Director, Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program.

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