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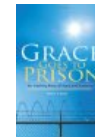
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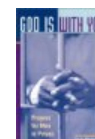
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Vengeance or Restoration?, October 28, 2009

By [Nancy Neiman-Hoffman](#) (Norwich, CT) - [See all my reviews](#)

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Grace Goes to Prison is the story of one woman's 30-year volunteer ministry in the Pennsylvania prison system. Blessed with a remarkable gift, Marie Hamilton is able both to envision and execute new ways of thinking about incarceration. The book, by Melanie G. Snyder, is a non-theoretical, engaging account of restorative versus retributive justice. Some readers will question this shift from a mindset of punishment and vengeance to one of restoration. But this extraordinary account of changed lives is its own witness. The moving story in the penultimate chapter of a mediation between an inmate who has served 12 years of a life sentence for murder and the victim's sister, consumed for 12 years with anger and bitterness, will stay long with this reader. This book has a mission and deserves a wide reading. Highly recommended.

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Inspiring/humbling, October 20, 2009

By [M. Hollinger](#) (PA, USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

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One is quickly drawn into this book and feels compelled to try to understand the population being served as well as the commitment of those serving. Coming from a peace-perspective background, it was so encouraging to see how it was acted out on many occasions and to hear the positive results of such a witness. I was horrified at some of the experiences of the subject, but rejoiced when the positive results of those times was shared. To know that lives were touched in a positive way brought me to tears as I reached the end of the book. MMH

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"Grace Goes to Prison" is a life story that stays with you,

October 14, 2009

By [Anne Kline](#) (York, PA United States) - [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 inspiring on so many levels. Bedrock in Marie Hamilton's life is her belief in the humanity of the inmates she visits in prison. No righteous do-gooder, Marie is tenacious, yet humble, in supporting that humanity while she walks a neutral path of showing no preference to the inmates or to the prison authorities. Marie's work touches the "untouchable" and encourages changes for good in the inmates that a rigid punishment system suppresses. "Grace Goes to Prison" puts a new face on incarceration, a real heart-warmer.

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A story of humanity and service!, October 12, 2009

By [Kathy A. Haldeman](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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

When I received my book I read it from cover to cover. Marie Hamilton's story is inspirational and depicts a life of dedicated service! Melanie's creative writing made me feel like I was right there experiencing the challenges, the frustrations and the accomplishments. To read the stories about some of those people in prison and the impact of Marie's programs, gave me insight into the importance that prison ministry can have on so many lives. It reminds me that we all need someone like Marie in our life and to wonder how can we be such a person to others. Thank you Melanie for sharing this amazing story with us!

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Good Writer and Speaker, October 23, 2013

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

I saw Melanie in person Monday evening talking about restorative justice. She is also a very good speaker. She helps you stay out of prison.

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The Power (and Grace) of One Woman, June 6, 2012

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

Wow. After reading GRACE GOES TO PRISON, no one can discount the power of what one person can accomplish when motivated by love. However, this book reflects not one, but two women, motivated by love: Marie Hamilton with her unconditional love for men and women in the criminal justice system and Melanie Snyder with her love and passion for sharing such an inspirational story. Marie argues it makes sense . . . and cents . . . to incorporate programming that teaches conflict resolution and communication skills and to develop activities (like the Runathon) that allow prisoners to make a valuable and selfless contribution to society while building community camaraderie. Marie demonstrates some outreach does not need to be complicated or cost millions of dollars to affect prisoner attitudes. Love, pure and simple, motivated Marie to make sure every prisoner receive one Christmas card in December. I wept at the deluge of heartfelt thank you notes the prisoners wrote in response. In short, there is no way to count the number of lives Marie Hamilton has touched in a positive and loving way. I am inspired by her grace and determination, and I thank Melanie Snyder for sharing Marie's story.

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Service in a System of Outcasts, April 22, 2012

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While this book focuses on Marie Hamilton's volunteer work within the Criminal Justice System, Snyder's anecdotal choices provide insights to anyone volunteering with people who have been culturally cast aside. The author weaves the anecdotes together using facts, figures and the faces of those who supported or challenged Hamilton's work. The balance is respectful and humble- capturing Hamilton's values and work ethic.

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Awesome book :), September 8, 2011

By [Sandra L. Houtz](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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

I cannot help but recommend this book as highly as possible through the written word. I was blessed to have Marie as one of my mediators during a requested mediation with the man that murdered my brother. It is one of the hardest and easiest things I have ever done in my life. I would not have changed a thing about those 8 1/2 hours I spent with him while he was still in prison. It allowed me to release what I needed to in order to move on with my life and it also allowed him

(the inmate) to move on as well and heal from what he had done. It's not an easy thing to do, but one worth doing.

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inspirational, April 12, 2010

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A truly inspiring story written in a way which draws the reader into the compassion felt by Marie Hamilton. This is a book for anyone with a passion for healing of the human spirit.

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A wonderful book., March 15, 2010

By [Donna Kroener](#) (Fort Mill, SC) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This is a great book. It is the perfect example of what can be accomplished when people look for the humanity in all of us. Even the worst of us can still have that spark of decency and caring and dignity, rekindled. Every warden in every prison should read this story.

What a world this could be if more people could reach this level of transcendence.

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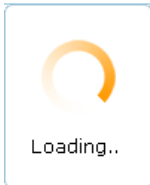
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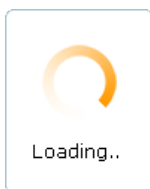
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