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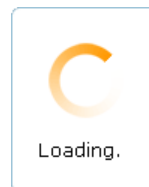
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This review is from: **Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity (Paperback)**

Top 10 reasons you should read this book:

10. Melanie Snyder is an excellent writer.
9. You'll become acquainted with Marie Hamilton, a humble housewife who decided to live what she believes.
8. Hearing Marie's courageous story will make you question the moral rightness of how our society disposes of our troubled and unwanted citizens.
7. Reading about prison life draws your attention to a population that has lost all rights. You'll consider how empty and hopeless that may feel.
6. You'll be astounded to read that one out of every 100 American adults are now in prison or jail. You'll remember your own relative, neighbor, or acquaintance who has been incarcerated and what that experience may be like for them and those who love them.
5. Marie's compassion toward the outcast at times seems stupidly naïve and yet amazingly powerful. You'll ask yourself, "What would I do in that situation?"
4. You'll wonder at the patience and perseverance it takes to buck against the system in an effort to allow other people to feel purposeful.
3. You'll feel frustrated with the complexity of our current criminal justice system. So much more money goes into building and maintaining prisons than supporting positive rehabilitation programs. What can be done to change that?
2. You'll gain a better understanding and appreciation of the delicate, yet healing process of restorative justice.
1. This book promotes discussion and encourages action. You'll learn about Marie's organization called CenterPeace, Inc. and want to support its programs. You'll believe that the power of love really is stronger than cold, hard prison walls.

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By **J. Wiggins** (Virginia) - [See all my reviews](#)

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Anyone who has ever had a loved one in our criminal justice system should be the first to read Grace Goes To Prison. Ditto for anyone who believes we can do a better in responding to those who break the law. A system that ONLY punishes offenders eventually hurts us all and does little that is meaningful for victims of crime. "Justice" demands so much more. This book inspires us, as individuals and as a culture, to create a system that is stronger, wiser and ultimately much more effective.

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Idealism is powerful and doable

By **Patricia S. Hunt** - [See all my reviews](#)

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Marie Hamilton's life puts flesh on aphorisms we love to trot out (Love your enemies. There is that of God in every person. Be the change you want to see.) but

have a hard time envisioning in the messiness and ambiguities of real life. Maybe peacemaking is not an idealistic notion that can't be sustained when confronted with evil. Perhaps nonviolence is more powerful than we know. Certainly it is when Marie Hamilton is wielding it! This book would be an interesting choice for book clubs, religious groups, and young people whose ideas about the world and what part they want to play in it are still being formed. Pat Hunt, Chaplain, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton VA.

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Buy it, read it, and reflect, December 2, 2009

By [John A. Snyder](#) (Pueblo, Colorado) - [See all my reviews](#)

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

Melanie Snyder has given us much good food for thought touching some of the most important issues of our day - crime and punishment, law and order, justice and mercy...but most of all, grace and love. If you have anything to do with administration of justice or the department of corrections or with crime and criminals, buy this book, read it and reflect on it.

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Put this on your must-read list!, December 1, 2009

By [Lori Myers "writer/author"](#) (Harrisburg, PA USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

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

Television, movies, and news sound bites have us believing that those locked up in our prisons aren't worth saving. Melanie Snyder's exquisite true story of Marie Hamilton and her work with Pennsylvania's inmates will quickly remove those stereotypes. Through Marie we see and feel the humanity of the incarcerated, and through her we discover much about ourselves. Few books can claim that power.

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A worthy read, November 30, 2009

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A thoughtful and poignant look at the "correctional" system from an insider's vantage point. Snyder does an artful job of taking Marie Hamilton's years of hope, disappointment, and courage working in the prison system and making them come alive. The book inspires and humanizes us all.

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A Story of Courage and Justice, November 29, 2009

By [D. Kraybill "Bookworm"](#) (Pennsylvania) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This is a powerful story of a courageous woman who has the courage to challenge the criminal justice system and our taken-for-granted assumptions about offenders and retribution. The author shows the promise of restorative justice over retribution and punishment. In addition to learning about Grace's courageous story and the value of restorative justice, the book provides an inside view of the conditions inside prisons today. An easy to read, well written text!

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Grace Goes to Prison, November 29, 2009

By [Karen M. Wenger](#) (Elizabethtown, PA) - [See all my reviews](#)

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

When I started this book, I had only a mild interest in the prison system and prison reform. I try to stay informed on issues of the day, but I must confess that my

interest in prisons and prisoners ranked somewhere between what my neighbor had for lunch a week ago and shopping for a flea collar. And as a taxpayer, I hate to see my hard earned contributions go towards building another doom gray industrial building with concertina wire adornments when libraries, for examples, are cutting their hours and national parks campgrounds are falling into disarray. I'd love our legal system to come up with ways to deal with law breakers besides expensive incarceration. Grace Goes to Prison shows the reader that there are ways of working with lawbreakers besides locking them up and throwing away the key as well as the law breaker's hope and desire for a new life. The author, Melanie Snyder tackles the question of how should our society deal with law breakers in a just way that enables criminals to pay their debt to society and then re-enter the same society to become productive citizens. Grace (who goes by the name "Marie") is the epitome of a person who started out simply wanting to do some meaningful volunteer work a few hours a week and ended up having a major impact on the prisons in central Pennsylvania. With her group of volunteer visitors, Marie made it apparent to the authorities, staff, and others that a person is and can be more than the crime he or she has committed. In a readable, fast-paced prose style, Snyder has brought the inconsistencies of a legal system where politicians wanting to appear tough on crime go overboard on laws such as the infamous "three strikes and your out" sentencing guidelines to the fore. At the same time she wrote a page-turning biography about a housewife from the sticks with only a high school education who managed to speak on behalf of one of the most forgotten of society's subgroups: men and women doing time. My hat is off to Ms. Snyder who brought to light the life and work of a woman who exemplifies the power of one individual to make a difference.

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Moving & eye opening, November 29, 2009

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An amazing, eye opening and very moving story. You will hear from a segment of our society that is mostly hidden and forgotten. You may be surprised what you hear. You will likely be challenged to rethink the effectiveness of fear, violence & revenge as tools for real change.

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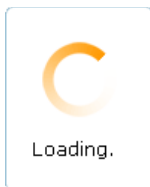
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