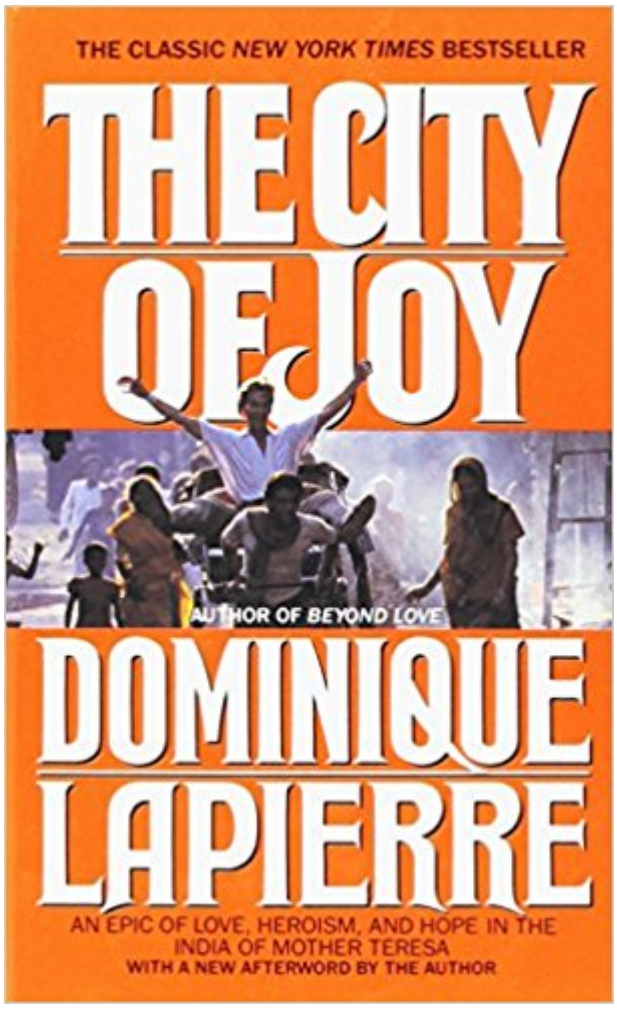
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Synopsis

Made into a movie starring Patrick Swayze, this is the inspiring story of an American doctor who experienced a spiritual rebirth in an impoverished section of Calcutta.

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What irony that one of Calcutta’s most devastating slums should be known as Anand Nagar, ``the City of Joy.’’ By interweaving impressionistic glimpses from the lives of a French priest, a rickshaw driver, and an American doctor, Lapierre creates a searing vision of the struggle for survival, the flashing violence, and the social and cultural practices of the slum. His theme that from human misery can emerge joy might seem to some readers as a bogus acceptance of a terrible evil. Yet Lapierre’s narrative slides skillfully in and out of both history and fiction to create an effective but horrible montage of disease, death, and destruction amid elements of charity, hope, and love. The City of Joy should elicit strong reactions from readers. BOMC and Quality Paperback Book Club alternates. John F. Riddick, Central Michigan Univ. Lib., Mt. PleasantCopyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"This book is a masterpiece" * Le Monde * "Its heroes show us... how majestic the human spirit can be. City of Joy redefines all our perspectives" * Sunday Telegraph *

LaPierre helped to write O Jerusalem and Is Paris Burning--both great books that are documented by facts. In the City of Joy, LaPierre tells the stories of families and priests and others (haven’t

finished it yet) and gives a truthful feel for Calcutta with its sadness, its greatness, its smells and feels. Our church has a mission there in the city. I am enjoying "seeing and feeling" the city even though I cannot physically go there. I will share it with my pastor, on the board of the mission and his daughter who is there as a missionary.

This book told the story of a city, its inhabitants and their coping strategy. The "city of joy" is at the bottom of the list of wealthy places to live. A priest goes to live among the poorest of the poor and this is the tale of how he adapted and what he learned. The book was totally mesmerizing. You really become involved in the lives of everyone. It was an emotionally exhausting journey but well worth it.

A great book. Fast read. Very entertaining.

Amazing true story,

Read this book years ago and loved it, but after a recent visit to India I wanted to read it again. It was as good the second time around as the first. The book is still relevant to events taking place today. It is not a "feel-good" book, but a realistic look at India.

Compelling book

We read this for our Book Club. It’s a reminder of how good we have it in America and of how even the poorest of the poor keep their humanity by helping and serving each other even in extreme duress. Even though improvemants have been made over time, I’m sure there are still plenty of out there still suffering. The book keeps your interest all the way through. I bought the DVD and watched Slumdog Millionaire again.

Amazing moved me beyond words - why do the wealthy spend so much on ridiculous luxuries when they could use the money to stop all child poverty !This book should be read by every person

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