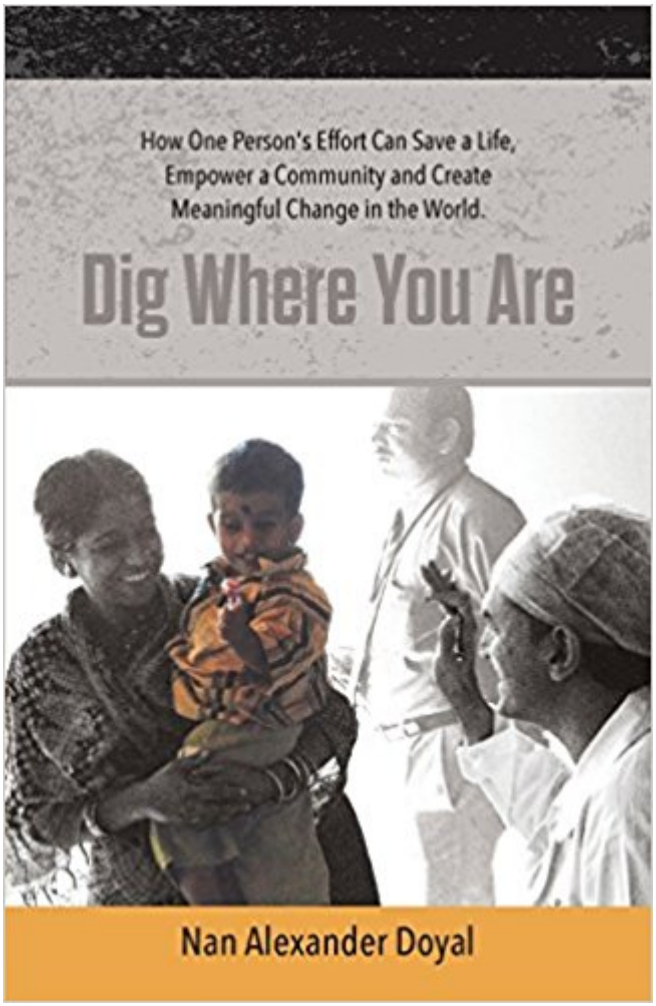
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Dig Where You Are:How One Person's Effort Can Save A Life, Empower A Community And Create Meaningful Change In The World



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Synopsis

For anyone who has ever wondered if what they do matters or how they can make a difference - Nan Alexander Doyal’s voice is what you ve been waiting for. In her book Dig Where You Are she introduces us to seven men and women who have solved some of the biggest challenges facing our societies today. Their stories are entertaining, heart-breaking, inspiring and at their core, empowering. From the slums of Mumbai, the villages of Tibet and northeast Thailand, the inner cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco, and a ghetto outside Stockholm, Dig Where You Are tells of an artist, a surgeon, a teacher, a criminologist, an economist, a community organizer and a general physician each of whom saw a way beyond suffering and injustice, took responsibility for the wellbeing of others and ended up transforming lives and communities across the world. There is a human perspective to these stories that strips away the heroic veneer of its characters and shows recognizable, even average people making a big impact on the world around them. Before becoming a writer, Nan Doyal traveled and worked extensively in North America, Europe and Asia as President of The International Forum. As such she is more than the narrator; she is a guide in the deepest sense. She leads us with knowledge and empathy, sharing stories that are both inspiring and empowering. Like all great guides, she gives us much more than we asked for.

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Customer Reviews

Nan Doyal s book reminds us that we are not passive spectators of our own lives, our neighborhoods and communities. Today, there is no corner of the world that is not confronted by a

dizzying array of challenges, large and small. Millions of thoughtful people wake up every morning caring about this, but finding themselves either frozen or overwhelmed. Dig Where You Are is a clarion call to action to not waste a moment, to begin today. While there can be no assured outcomes, there is most definitely the assurance of a richer life, filled with empowerment and purpose. --SWATI and RAMESH RAMANATHAN, Co-Founders, JANA Group-committed to fixing India s citiesThe heroes of social innovation in Nan Doyal s book have much in common with successful entrepreneurs and business leaders. Each has a high tolerance for self-disruption, discipline in execution, attention to detail, and a relentless focus on the end-user. But even more important than these is their clear sense of purpose and their ability to involve others in defining it. Dig Where You Are casts an important framework for modern leadership and driving sustainable change -- in any kind of organization. It’s an inspirational reminder of the power of purpose, conviction and customer focus. --- RICH WILLIAMS, Chief Executive Officer, Groupon"Nan Doyal shows us the quiet power of community-based efforts to make things better, while persuading us that we can accomplish more than we think. What is most profound is that each of the protagonists in this book has succeeded because their motivation is first and foremost to fix a problem, and not advance their own interests. It is their courage to step forward and take personal responsibility for helping others that is so inspiring and makes the message of this book an important one for us to understand and embrace, especially now. --DANIELLE BRIAN, Executive Director, Project on Government Oversight (POGO)

Nan Alexander Doyal has lived and worked in North America, Europe and Asia for more than three decades, most recently as President of The International Forum an organization designing active learning experiences for the leaders of global corporations. For years she sought out people from all walks of life who were digging where they are doing what they know how to do in order to make meaningful and sustainable change for the good. To learn more about others who are digging where they are visit the book’s web site.

In her preface, Nan Doyal talks about encountering "pockets of hope" across the globe -- places where dogged individuals were improving the lives of others, often at significant personal cost. Offering a hand to those stricken by disease, malnutrition, and addiction; prejudice, or poverty. Usually with little fanfare, well out of any spotlight. Doyal’s portraits are of those who toil in far-flung places, yet they underscore the thrust of her title: there’s work to be done everywhere. There are people in need right now -- right around the corner. Well-written and and dispassionate at the same

time.

A must-must read for anyone who wonders if they can make a difference but are unsure how to start. At first the people in this book seemed larger than life to me. But as I got to know them through their stories I realized they could be any of us. What struck me was the idea that our path in life finds us if we are open to it. We don’t have to force it to happen. But sometimes it’s not what we think it should be. This book helps us to think about the role we can play in your community, society and the world. It’s both inspiring and uplifting.

This is an amazingly interesting read. I salute you for writing a much needed, timely book about humane and very human people; truly good people. They deserve a tip of the hat, and I expect that is humbling to them.

This fine book is needed now more than ever, as it provides inspiration and instruction on how we can make our communities and the world a better place.

Wonderful book, it’s hard to put down, or you can relish each chapter. It’s the story of seven ordinary, but remarkable people that have changed the lives of so many in each of their communities. The author shares her connection to each person, and then inspires us to make a difference where we live.

There are times in each of our lives when we wonder if or how we can make a difference in the world. Often, we think of grand ideas, but never take the first step to trying. This book is the story of 7 people who just started to do, instead of coming up with reasons why not to. I read it because I wanted to see how other people had started something that made a difference and I realize I can stop being so hard on myself that I donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t have the big idea right now ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ because the idea comes to you when you start and when you listen to the others around you.

Dig Where You Are is that rare, thought-provoking book that stays with you long after you turn the last page. The people, places, problems and solutions are engrossing on their own. But perhaps more importantly, Dig Where You Are reminds us that there are heroes everywhere, chipping away against seemingly insurmountable odds, and that each of us has something to contribute to a

greater good. Kudos, Nan Alexander Doyal!

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