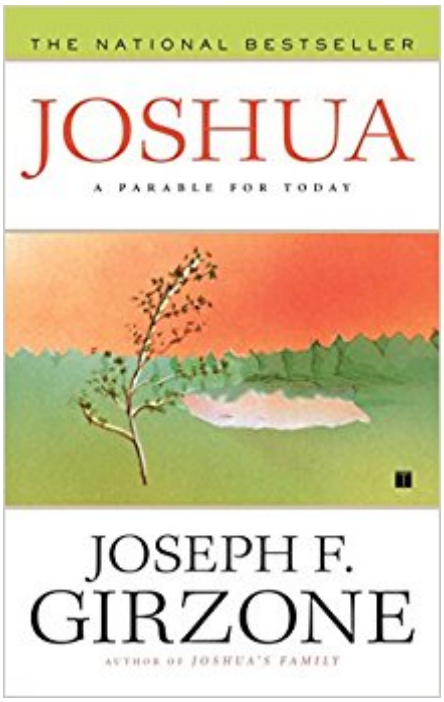
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Joshua: A Parable For Today



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Synopsis

Rooted in a scrupulously accurate reading of scripture, > is a profoundly moving, deeply inspiring book that no reader will ever forget>Sometimes it happens. After two thousand years, the human race may be given a second chance. When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation. What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after JoshuaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s visit, recovered completely. Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the communityÃ¢â ¬â„¢s doubts, Joshua is confronted by the local church leaders.

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Joseph Girzone wrote his parable in 1983 and published it himself with neither accompanying fanfare nor expectation of the extraordinary effect it would have on people around the world. With

only word-of-mouth for advertising, and by virtue of its siniple message of love, Joshua became an international force of spiritual strength. after its modest beginnings, Joshua and its sequels have millions of readers around the world and continue to bring hope and peace to all who seek nourishment. When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are at first mystified, then confused by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself solely by carpentry and woodworking, and he charges very little for his services. Yet his work is exquisite. Even more exquisite, and even more mysterious, is the extraordinary effect he has on everyone he meets. All who come in contact with him can't help but be transformed by his incredible warmth. The acceptance and love in his eyes and in each actions amazes the townspeople. Who is Joshua and just what is he up to? The answer to that question amazes them almost as much discovery of that same transforming power in each of their own hearts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have read the book Joshua: a Parable for Today at least twice. I have also seen the movie, which I also love; however being a bookworm at heart since age 9; the book has also had a very special place in my heart.I particularly enjoy the way the author portrays Joshua's sense of humor. in particular where he teaches a member of the village to cook and honestly he tells her that the food she made did not taste good. Then he proceeds to teach her the correct way to prepare the food. It's very refreshing, because sometimes we think that telling the truth cannot have a little sting, but if it is an honest description; then one cannot lie by omission.I also particularly enjoyed the subtle hints that the author gives of Joshua's true heritage and origin. For example, he goes to the temple and someone comments that he saying his prayers beautifully and in perfect Hebrew. They then comment, however that it is a dialect which is not very much used anymore.Another thing I would like to mention is that I also enjoyed the fact that although the Joshua character could be kind and nice, he could also be authoritative and strong when necessary. For example, he is strong when he helps Father Pat with all the things that trouble him. I like the duality in the character.All of this being said, I know that I will read the book many more times. Therefore, it would be wonderful to be able to add Joshua: a Parable For Today to my Kindle collection. It is my hope that it will soon be added to the other wonderful Joshua books which are currently available for Kindle.

This is one of those wonderfully rare and beautifully written stories that you simply don't want to put down once you start reading! Girzone's story is Biblical drama without being Preachy. It is about a simple man named Joshua who by his actions seems to follow in the path of Jesus to the point of

making you wonder whether or not that's who he really was. While it is so simply written, it is larger in thoughts and underlying messages that invoke thoughts and questions we all should be thinking about; especially in the kind of culture we find ourselves in today. I highly recommend this book to EVERYONE!!Sincerely,Pica

This was my second reading of Joshua, though I read it the first time a number of years ago. I enjoyed getting reacquainted with the story and in some parts of the book found that my perspective had changed. The outlook on religion has changed dramatically since the book was published.In many ways similar to that of Joshua, concerning freedom to believe as each individual wishes to. I heartily recommend it.

Joshua was a pure pleasure, from beginning to end. Owning a Christian bookstore myself, I come in contact with many, many books, and have little time to read them. But I looked forward to spending time reading Joshua in the evening before retiring. But when I finished it, it left quite a void. I missed this man! What a powerful movie Joshua would make. Any ideas for the lead? I have a few thoughts.

This book is written plainly and simply which I think lines up perfectly with the message it has to give. While reading, I felt inspired by the character of Joshua and was reminded about the simplicity of faith. This book, a cute little parable of Jesus' work, renewed my faith in God and how he works in the world. I'm happy I had the opportunity to read it!

If you read this book, it quickly becomes evident that Joshua is representing Jesus in a modern setting. Although he earns the love of many, he also raises the ire of many people because he has the courage to state his beliefs in an articulate way. One of those teachings especially caught my eye; being that I'm a former Catholic, it touched on a subject I'd thought about before and wondered about. Now I can see that I'm not the only person who's thought about this: "The Church demands that its members marry before a priest, otherwise the marriage is invalid. There is nothing wrong with marrying before a priest if that is what the couple choose. To demand it under penalty of invalid marriage and the stigma of immorality is another matter. If a couple marry without a priest, you say that marriage is invalid, and the couple lives in sin. They may be married for many years and have several children, but if one of them, at any time, walks away from that marriage and the children, and comes with another lover to a priest, they can be married with the priest's blessing because the

previous marriage was considered invalid. "Or take a man who cares nothing for religion. He marries out of whim before a justice of the peace. Since he is a member of the Church, his marriage is ruled invalid. The same man marries five other women, and has children of each, then abandons each of them and all the children. He finally decides to marry a woman in the Church. This is easily arranged because the previous ceremonies were treated as if they never existed. It makes no difference that he left a flock of children behind. His new marriage is now blessed in solemn ceremony by the priest. Do you think this kind of legalism pleases God? It is the way the Pharisees conducted religion. Their laws and rituals were made with little reference to what pleased God." Of course, this is coming from the Catholic perspective, but I can see parallels with other religions, and government, too. This book has given me a lot to think about. The bottom line to what Joshua is teaching in this book is that religion isn't about rules and limitations. Religion is meant to be liberating! However, the present-day version of "religion" has come to mean rules and limitations, and Joshua makes it very clear that the rules and limitations aren't appropriate. One more thing: if you have seen the movie already, please don't judge this book by the movie. The book is far better than the movie, by leaps and bounds.

The book was able to put me at peace with God. In addition I was so fortunate to learn that Fr. Joseph Girzone lived only four hours away from my house. I was able to meet him personally and attend his Jesus discussions. It was a life changing experience,

This is a great and timeless book. It has changed the lives of literally millions of people around the world.I personally knew the author and he was the real deal. A great man who modeled Jesus better than anyone else I know.I bought two copies to give to a local program that shares books with prisoners.

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