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## **Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World a book by Bob Goff**

It's not. It is an invitation to enter into the greatest adventure you have ever known? Hang on!?! Bob's ability to love people brings contagious hope and inspiration wherever he goes. The power of love showcased in this book will surely touch the hearts and souls of many people. Read Love

Does and find a friend in one the world's best hidden secrets, a person who shows how love can create connection and make a difference? There are some nasty rumors out there about treasure. Mostly that's it's buried and needs discovering. Or has to be mined. Or can only be located with a map and a big X. Not so, says the life of Bob Goff. Living from the center of your heart doesn't have to be complicated or elusive. Love just wakes up in the morning and gets busy loving. The treasure is sitting right there next to the pancakes. About 5 pages in, I knew my life and I were gonna have words.? Bob Goff is the founder of Love Does, a nonprofit organization that operates schools and pursues justice for children in conflict areas such as Uganda, Somalia, and Iraq.

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And this is one life you don't want to miss. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too. Sign in Sign Up Contact Us. Add to cart. Bulk Pricing Details. Show More. Show Less. A book should be the starting point in getting us to apply lessons to our own lives. However, I had difficulty extracting meaning from several of Goff's experiences into application for my own life. One of the main reasons for this is many of his amazing experiences are the result of money and privilege. Goff is a lawyer and has worked hard for what he has.

I don't begrudge him that. However, we are not all so fortunate. I cannot take last minute plane rides to meet with important dignitaries, nor will my office ever reside in an amusement park. I will likely never be able to afford a sailboat and while it would be wonderful to be personally involved in an organization in Africa, I'm doubtful that's in the cards. So what does Love Does look like in my life? Goff doesn't hand his readers the answers but he does offer his phone number should anyone want to talk it out with him. I just might do that some day. For now, I'm considering how to more actively love the people around me. I'm thinking about what a Bible Doing my favorite chapter might look like.

I'm going to keep working on being the person God created me to be. One day at a time. View all 15 comments. Oct 30, Andrew rated it it was ok. I'd give it a one star review but it's not terribly written. The problem is the content and Mr. Goff should take a chapter out of his own book and keep some things secret. The book has some redemptive chapters however most of it comes across as bragging material about how great Mr. Goff's life is. The sub-title is "Discover a secretly incredible life in an ordinary world."

I do not know anyone including myself who has the mon I'd give it a one star review but it's not terribly written. Buy last minute round trip tickets for two to Europe and run around London for three days. Take a last minute trip to Yosemite and spend three days there. Spend 16 days in a sail boat race from California to Hawaii. Buy a painting that apparently is worth so much it comes with a faux version for hanging so the original is stored for safekeeping and then foolishly hang the original instead and then laugh when my kids ruin it during a rubber band fight. I could add to this list but the reality is Mr. Goff lives in a fantasy world. Perhaps he means well and quite possibly I missed the boat on what this book was intended for but the only thing I came away with was money does indeed buy happiness.

Goff did a disservice to Christianity by publishing this book. View all 3 comments. Apr 16, Jacqueline rated it really liked it. I enjoyed Love Does -- the stories were entertaining, it's a quick read, and I do think it communicates an important and necessary message. I liked it enough to give it four stars despite the following negatives: 1. I understand that the conversational style is an attempt at being frank and relatable, and to some degree it is, but I enjoyed Love Does -- the stories were entertaining, it's a quick read, and I do think it communicates an important and necessary message. I understand that the conversational style is an attempt at being frank and relatable, and to some degree it is, but the writing also comes across as dumbed-down and condescending at times. Bob Goff is obviously a smart man, and to me it feels like he is just trying to write how his readers might talk.

It reminds me of when an adult author attempts to create realistic dialogue for their child characters and completely misses the mark. My bigger problem with this book is the implication that love is not just the most important thing which I believe it is , but that it is pretty much the ONLY thing. He knocks church, deep theological discussion, and particularly Bible studies. He even goes so far as to compare studying the Bible to stalking Jesus, and says we're probably creeping God out. He insists that rather than studying the Bible, we should be loving and imitating Jesus -- as if the two are mutually exclusive.

It's like if my husband left me a to-do list and love notes all around the house, and I say, "I'm not going to bother reading those, I'll just LOVE him. Those things being said, I've already recommended this book to several people and I do think it's worth reading. I was inspired albeit in kind of a vague, "I should be a better person"-type way by the examples of real, acted-out love in the book. Bob Goff has done some amazing things in his life and probably gives great hugs. I just wish he'd been a little more balanced in the writing of this book. View 2 comments. Aug 25, Amy George

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I complained all the way through it and was thoroughly annoyed. Overall, I agree with the premise - Christians need to stop talking about loving people and tangibly be there for them. However, the entire book comes across as a "look what I did" with stretching comparisons to a vague concept of Jesus' life. There are no Scripture references and I often complained out loud - "How is anyone supposed to know I would never have finished this book if a friend hadn't specifically given it to me to read. There are no Scripture references and I often complained out loud - "How is anyone supposed to know what Jesus is truly like without reading the Bible or knowing where to find Jesus? I'm so glad this book is over. I've heard that Bob Goff is a great and inspirational speaker, and I can certainly believe that, but this book is a compilation of everything I hate about American Christian Culture.

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The book is formulaic, with almost every chapter starting with some story from Goff's life, which he then uses as an extended metaphor for some theory about God. Possibly the most frustrating part of the book was that, for all the talk upfront about living out God's love rather than just talking about it, the majority of the stories have little to do with living out love and many of them are quite cringeworthy. In particular, if I never ever hear another "I swore she would be my wife the first second I laid eyes on her and then stalked her until she agreed to marry me" story I will be very happy.

Anyone watching me read it would have seen me making a "What the hell? Many of the things he "does" are not so much evidence of his love as evidence of his lawyerly wealth, like flying his kids to 30 different countries on a moment's notice, and he seems oblivious to how much of what he "gets away with" is evidence of his privilege, not just a cute metaphor for being a Jesus freak. There are a number of good, pithy quotes about God from throughout the book, and I think it's well-intentioned.

I just hated so much of it that I couldn't possibly want to recommend it to anyone. If you really want to see what it looks like when "Love Does," read Shane Claiborne. View all 4 comments. May 06, Chris rated it liked it. Let me start by saying how much I appreciate Bob Goff and the work he does for the glory of Christ. In fact I think he is even more dynamic and powerful in person than in print. He recognizes too many Christians sit and talk about God without doing anything about it. Bob has quite a collection of stories which range from risky to just plain unbelievable. Each story is like a little prov Let me start by saying how much I appreciate Bob Goff and the work he does for the glory of Christ.

Each story is like a little proverb Bob uses to connect his life story to the story of Christ. Bob uses his own life to try to point believers to action in their independent pursuit of Christ. Here is my main concern with the book. Bob often comes across antagonistic of the intellectual engagement with Jesus and the Bible. The problem is Bob is not a theologian; I doubt he would ever want to be. But as a result of this, he makes statements about the nature of God which have no ultimate tethering to the special revelation we have received from God, namely his word. Instead these proverbs from Bob come interpreted almost solely through the lens of his own experience. While this is one way to understand and engage God, it is not the sole, nor best way to understand who God is. Love Does is definitely a good and inspiring read, but I would suggest approaching it with a balanced commitment to serious study about God as well. Jun 17, Matt rated it liked it. I feel generous giving this book 3 stars, but hey, I'm a generous guy.

There are several inspirational moments and I highlighted a few passages, but there are so many distractions from his message that I couldn't enjoy it as much as I had hoped. Bob never acknowledges the fact that most of his adventures are possible solely because he has the time and money to do so. Maybe I'm a little jealous, but reading about him taking hi I feel generous giving this book 3 stars, but hey, I'm a generous guy.

Maybe I'm a little jealous, but reading about him taking his kids all across the world on the spur of the moment in the pursuit of "whimsy" is a little obnoxious. It's not because he does stuff like this, it's because he seems to expect the reader to go out and do the same types of grandiose things--because that's what love does. In my world, that's not a prank--that's thievery. I find it hard to relate with a guy who can laugh about something like this. The same thing happens when he buys an expensive painting like, really expensive and laughs when his kids mar it with a rubber band. He does great things, but he also has so much money he can throw it around it seems. Another major criticism I have with Bob and Donald Miller is his "que sera sera" attitude toward Christianity. I truly think they love Jesus, but some of their anecdotes dismiss the pursuit of knowledge about Christianity.

Bob compares Bible studies to stalking Jesus and says God wouldn't want us to stalk Jesus huh!? Even though he's not interested in some of the more academic aspects of the Bible, he implies that those who are interested are wasting their time. I would've liked to have read more about his mission work in Uganda. There are parts about it in the end, but I never got a real sense of how it all started. Those parts are glossed over if not completely omitted, and how to start a mission this big would help people more than explaining the end result.

Mar 06, Krissy rated it did not like it Shelves: books-inweeks. Some people add whimsy to their lives by making up songs when they're happy. Others put birds on things. If you're the author of Love Does, you need a lot of money, plenty of free time and even more privilege in order to live a lovely, whimsical life. I wanted to like Love Does, really I did. I read about the concept and got really excited to hear about injecting whimsy and more love into my life. All of the reviews glowed and gushed with admiration for Bob Goff and his "whimsical" way of going t Some people add whimsy to their lives by making up songs when they're happy.

All of the reviews glowed and gushed with admiration for Bob Goff and his "whimsical" way of going through life. Unfortunately I am not on Team Bob and I am left feeling frustrated and annoyed at this book because it was nothing like I thought it would be. While I'd probably enjoy sharing a

cup of coffee with the author in person, his book reads like a wooden collection of stories where he shows off his privilege and tried to make connections to religion in ways that are confusing and unnecessary.

For example, one tale tells of a time when he and his wife who he calls "Sweet Maria", which gets annoying as fuck after like two times snuck into his friend's fancy hotel suite on a big anniversary no less! It's funny because it's a lot of money and he wanted to pull a joke on a friend because he cared about him so much! The lesson the author wanted us to take is that it's perfectly acceptable to make your friends pay and that God looooooves pranksters. Or something. I had no idea going into the book that it was so religious but make no mistake: this is a religious text and the author is trying to inspire people to live better through his tales.

It's an admirable mission, but the book reads like bad Sunday School lessons and the author struggles to make meaningful connections half the time. The book would have been about ten times better and twenty times more readable if there weren't such obvious religious overtones. The author isn't a strong enough writer to make the inspirational connections between his life of privilege and the lessons that Jesus tried to instill in Christians.

The stories are also off-putting and borderline offensive because Bob Goff comes across as a privileged, entitled Christian who can do whatever the hell he wants. The most glaring example of this is when he was thinking about law school. He said he felt like Jesus put it in his heart to attend law school so he read a small book on the LSAT then took the test.

Because he didn't actually do any, uh, studying or preparing for this massive test, he failed and therefore didn't get into any law schools. Instead of using this to motivate him to invest in an LSAT prep course and study his ass off, the author went in another direction: stalking. He felt that he was chosen to go to law school and even though he did NONE of the hard work it takes to earn a spot he felt he should still get in. So he sat outside of the dean of the law school's office for a few weeks in the hopes of getting in. This actually worked and thus our hero learned that instead of working to earn something, stalking and a belief in Jesus is all you need to get what you want out of life.

As an educator and someone who works her ass off to empower her students, this story pissed me off and offended me. Would the story have ended the same way if the author was a woman or a black man? There's no way to tell but I have a feeling it would not have. I finished the book feeling frustrated instead of uplifted. I'm annoyed by the author's privilege and his lack of talent to take the incredible stories of his life and turn it into something engaging and truly inspirational. There are glimmers in the book of what it could have been--the general store story and the chapter about his son's boat come to mind. Instead it reads at best as a cheesy religious text that only vaguely succeeds at being inspirational or good food for thought. At worst it's a blatant display of white, Christian male privilege that is infuriating and un-relatable. Love Does had a lot of promise, but in the end it was a let-down. View all 5 comments. Mar 20, Christy rated it it was amazing.

Great book by an equally great man. I was a little less than half way through this book when I met Bob Goff. He seemed to be chatting it up with some old friends in the lobby of a conference my husband and I attended. We nervously lingered and I clutched my book, hoping for a signature. His character in person totally matches the one present in the book, chapter by chapter, story by story. He says what I've been wondering if God had been trying to tell me for years, that Jesus doesn't want us to just stalk him, memorizing weird little details about him, Bible study after Bible study Love doesn't just feel, or talk or learn. Love does.

Bob's been on an exciting "caper" or a life. He got into law school without passing the bar long, great story, he practices law from his "office" at a bench on Tom Sawyer Island, he became the consul to Uganda after thinking the request was a practical joke, he teaches at Point Loma and Pepperdine and uses his position to free wrongly imprisoned boys in Uganda as well as fighting for justice for children there. You have got to read this book. Nov 21, Morgan rated it it was ok. Welp, I was given an inscribed copy of this book by the author. So I read it. I think Bob is a good guy. Which in and of itself is nice - love is about Welp, I was given an inscribed copy of this book by the author. Which in and of itself is nice - love is about doing something, not just talking about it or believing it. Oh, but in "doing" love, it helps if you have a lot of money. He didn't state that outright, but man he made it clear. The most sincere and helpful part of the book was the Epilogue.

Oh, and I've got to give him credit - he did give out his number in the back of the book in case anyone wants to discuss it with him. Jul 30, Tung rated it did not like it Shelves: christian-seminary. This book absolutely infuriated me. In the initial chapter, for example, Goff related a story about him deciding to leave high school as a junior and moving to Yosemite. When he informed his Young Life leader Randy that this was his plan, Randy dropped everything to accompany him. When you read chapters like this, you can see why so many people are fans of this book and fans of Goff. He simplifies faith down to easy-to-digest spiritual nuggets: love extravagantly, live an atypical life, failure is part of life and faith, etc. I enjoyed a good number of the chapters in the book. But two things absolutely infuriated me. First, some of his points about faith are absolutely ludicrous: at worst, unbiblical; at best, stupid. One of the essentials of faith is whimsy?

Real Christianity cannot be separated from Scripture, and to intentionally imply things from Scripture without citing Scripture or using Scripture to back up your points is intentionally asinine. Goff has much truth to speak about how Christians can and should live deeper and fuller lives of faith. Jan 22, Anna Kristina rated it it was amazing Shelves: non-fiction, library. I almost expected to feel like I should do wild and crazy things after reading this book. Instead, I finished with a strong motivation to do more within the life I am currently living: to love people better through action, to do the things God created me to do which are completely different than what Bob was created to do and let go of the rest, to not worry about "the rules" and instead love people the way God does. Also, Bob wasn't kidding about being available. Ian and I called him, just to I almost expected to feel like I should do wild and crazy things after reading this book.

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I would like to congratulate and celebrate the new number one slot on my list, Mr. Really, I just want you all to know how strongly I feel about the book I just read the last words in. When I say that, I mean it. I have trouble making a bucket list because there have been remarkable opportunities that have already happened. From the opening chapters, I was laughing so hard I literally cried. There are far more underlined words in my copy of this book than there are not. I will refer to it over and over again. Let me leave you with three things. Second is what might be one of my favorite quotes from the book: I used to want to fix people, but now I just want to be with them I love that quote on so, so many levels.

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But he doesn't ever -say- that. And given the assumptions of white, evangelical middle- to upper-middle-class Christians his primary audience, the people reading his book won't ever question that his approach to extraordinary living is for everybody with little modification needed. For those for whom his approach works, this might not be a problem. But for those who can't take up his optimism, it could prove a deep discouragement. And it's also tiring when churches, pastors, and mentors keep telling us -this- is the way to live out faith when -this- is simply not the whole story. I absolutely agree that there is. But extraordinary can mean many different things. The problem is when we constantly lift up ONE kind of extraordinary, without ever telling the stories of lesser-known, whole-hearted living.

I think of my friend Tanya, who is housebound with a chronic illness. Or the fierce single mothers I know. Or the house cleaners in my Bible study with limited English and sometimes not the correct immigration papers. All of these people live deeply extraordinary lives. But Tanya is unlikely to take her son to another country on little notice for a three-day whirlwind tour. The single mothers would not be able to sit outside a law school dean's office for more than a week with their kids on their knees. And the women in my Bible study would not be able to walk onto a movie set without a pass; no one would assume they belonged. What bothers me about Bob Goff's book is that it's best read by somewhat wealthy white men who can face the world with fewer restrictions than many of us I myself, a wealthy white woman, also face few hinderances. He offers a simple, uplifting tale that is not exactly wrong, but is incomplete.

If Goff's book were shelved alongside thousands of other stories chronicling other types of extraordinary ways to follow Jesus, I would have no problem with it. Simplicity is fine as long as it's not the only story. That they should cultivate a bit more easy-breezy confidence and walk through the barriers that feel like prisons.

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I think of my friend Tanya, who is housebound with a chronic illness. Or the fierce single mothers I know. Or the house cleaners in my Bible study with limited English and sometimes not the correct immigration papers. All of these people live deeply extraordinary lives. But Tanya is unlikely to take her son to another country on little notice for a three-day whirlwind tour. The single mothers would not be able to sit outside a law school dean's office for more than a week with their kids on their knees.

And the women in my Bible study would not be able to walk onto a movie set without a pass; no one would assume they belonged. What bothers me about Bob Goff's book is that it's best read by somewhat wealthy white men who can face the world with fewer restrictions than many of us I myself, a wealthy white woman, also face few hinderances. He offers a simple, uplifting tale that is not exactly wrong, but is incomplete. If Goff's book were shelved alongside thousands of other stories chronicling other types of extraordinary ways to follow Jesus, I would have no problem with it. Simplicity is fine as long as it's not the only story. That they should cultivate a bit more easy-breezy confidence and walk through the barriers that feel like prisons. I think it's telling that of all the protagonists in Goff's stories, none of them save his daughter and his ex-girlfriend, and the latter is not really the protagonist are women.

That's not to say that Goff doesn't like, admire or learn from women, but the kind of stories he tells seem to me beside the point for many women I know. The kind of optimistic confidence Goff exudes in his book feels like a foreign language to me, as privileged as I am. The whole metoo movement has only underlined the very real barriers women face when they waltz into unfamiliar places with only a smile and some confidence. I

can almost hear howls from people at this review. You want to stay small and keep others small with you. It's just that the confidence and wholeness I've found that which did not come from my privilege came through suffering, and tears, and coming to terms with barriers and limitations like anxiety, past trauma, and grief.

Before I found freedom, before I learned to live into my purpose, I would have read Goff's book and felt terrible that I could not summon a crumb of his boundless enthusiasm and verve. I would have assumed there was something deeply wrong with me. Not because Goff is wrong, or wrong-headed, but because of the stories he doesn't tell. I wish he would have said so in his book. It would make all the difference.

Because in the end, I am rooting for Goff, and would be honored to meet him. This is what happened to me with this book. The moment I closed it, I went straight to Amazon to send a copy to my parents. And I'm not saying I already know at least one Christmas present for this year, but I totally do. This book made me want to do extra-ordinary stuff, made me want to do as Jesus said and just leave everything behind and follow Him - to just dare, dare to be christian, dare to be myself, dare to, as Bob Goff said "leak Jesus".

This whimsical man comes straight from Disneyland, embodying every value you associate with a good christian and a good human being : love, humility, awesomeness, generosity, charity, selflessness, gratitude. He is the living embodiment that if you decided to leave everything and follow Him, you will have to say YES to so many awesome things that your life will become a-m-a-z-i-n-g. It made me think of a sentence I once heard from a pastor, which was something like this: "many people believe that being Christian means that you are not allowed to do some things - like listening to some kinds of music or having sex before marriage. But in reality being a christian isn't about the things you can't do, but about the things you can do. This message came into my life right in the perfect moment, when I decided to be more public with my faith, while in the past I was always reluctant to share my love for Jesus with the world, for fear of being judged or misinterpreted or made fun of.

Now I truly believe that, while I would never force my beliefs on anyone, I won't hide them either; not because I rationally think it's the best thing I can do, but because I can't stop! I am leaking Jesus!!! Dec 28, Eric Moote rated it it was amazing Shelves: christian. If you know me at all, then you know that I don't read books straight through very often.

That speaks volumes in itself. The book is great! I highly recommend it to anyone looking for good stories and a great example of how to show Christ in your life through loving others. My Father-in-Law can confirm that they sat up the whole night chatting about many of the stories contained in the book as well as others. Bob is the genuine article and his examples of how love does are truly inspiring. I would recommend this book for anyone. Especially those people who travel, love God, love others or love yourself yes, that should be everyone. Love Does is a quick, entertaining read. Read it. Sidenote: Bob includes his phone number in the back of the book. I texted him Merry Christmas. No reply as of yet. May 11, Bob Henry rated it really liked it. I admit it. I have found over time, academia and religion have a way of taking the fun and reality out of reading.

Books become resources, articles hold keys to g I admit it. Books become resources, articles hold keys to greater truths, even blogs, the internet, Wikipedia become sources for expanded knowledge oh the irony in blogging about this. Reading as a masochistic practice—and my head was swollen and hurting. So much to read...so little time. Bestselling author, Donald Miller writes one of the most admirable forewords to a book I have ever read.

The odd thing is that the foreword is not really about the book at all. Instead, Don introduces us to his friend, Bob. I began reading not searching for a perspective to agree with or not. Instead, I read to build a relationship with a person, to experience life with a new friend, and to enjoy the journey of reading again. By chapter five, I had tears of laughter pouring out of my eye sockets.

What makes this book different? Bob said it well in Love Does. Who does that? Who would be that vulnerable? Jan 06, Jason McIntire rated it did not like it Shelves: did-not-finish. I probably would have read through to the end of this book if I'd had time before it had to go back to the library. Since I did not finish it, I will not address the worldview and philosophy of "Love Does," which, insofar as I read, seemed partly right but somewhat out of perspective. I will say that this is a very engaging book, written with sparkling humor and wit. Also, it is undeniable that the author has had, to say the least, an extraordinary life. Why, then, the one-star rating? In my opin I probably would have read through to the end of this book if I'd had time before it had to go back to the library.

In my opinion, some of the things Goff advocates, or tolerates in his narrative, are extremely dangerous - as in potentially life-threatening if readers were to follow his example and that of his family. And I'm not talking about risk-taking for the sake of Christ which is also an element of the story, and laudable but risk-taking for the sake of recreation and pranks. The author's personal life choices are of course up to him. However, I cannot recommend a book that could potentially lead by example to such unnecessarily dangerous experiments as those recounted in "Love Does. Jul 04, Roseanna White rated it it was amazing. It's written in a funny, engaging style That we're to live a life, live a faith, that's fully engaged. And his examples--wow. This was one of those rare books that got me immediately thinking about what small things I can change in my life to make a big difference.

Jul 17, Julie rated it did not like it. His writing is simplistic and I often got the sense that he is neither emotionally nor intellectually mature. The point of each biblical example is basically that God wants us to have fun, whimsy-filled lives because you know, love. Planning, responsibility, financial obligations and potential consequences are of no concern to Bob Goff when he finds something he wants to do. No problem, just stalk the dean of admissions and bug him until he finally lets you in you are a white Christian male, after all. God wanted you to be a lawyer, so obviously hard work was unnecessary. Just ignore them and start the school anyway! Rules are for suckers. The undertones send the message that if you want to throw caution to the wind and do something crazy or irresponsible, God will reward you anyway.

And also love. And whimsy. He had been the center of quite a few of them, so He would know. Aug 08, Daniel Threlfall rated it liked it Shelves: Love Does is a fun book. I found myself Love Does is a fun book. He had tons of fun. And there was that funny story about how got fired for passing gas. This review first appeared on the blog www. Jun 13, Clay Morgan rated it it was amazing. Every once in a while you read a book that



enthalls so much you wish everyone in the world would read it. I figured I would like Love Does but didn't expect it to instantly be one of my favorite works of nonfiction ever. Bob Goff is a special guy. I doubt you'll be able to read this book without wondering where someone like him comes from or how anybody could see the world in such a unique way. I literally want to drive across the country and meet him. The crazy thing is, if I called and said I Every once in a while you read a book that enthalls so much you wish everyone in the world would read it.

The crazy thing is, if I called and said I was a stranger in town I'm pretty sure he'd tell me to stop over! Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World shows the most important paradigm shifts in his life, filtered through his faith, and wrapped in some of the most wonderful stories I've heard anyone tell. Highly recommend the audio version just so you can hear Bob tell them to you himself. Readers also enjoyed. Self Help. About Bob Goff. Bob Goff. Bob Goff is the founder of Restore International, a non-profit fighting injustices committed against children in Uganda and India. Bob lives in San Diego Bob Goff is the founder of Restore International, a non-profit fighting injustices committed against children in Uganda and India.

Bob lives in San Diego with Sweet Maria and ratdog. Books by Bob Goff. Audiobooks are an incredible way to experience stories—a great narrator can use their voice bring the narrative to life in a way that the It might look like taking your kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. It might look like taking a road trip with a stressed-out college student—even though you just got married a few days before. When love does, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude in this collection of stories just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too.

For more, check out BobGoff. He doesn't just talk about change, he really is change, as Love Does chronicles in such a vivid way. Yet, Love Does doesn't leave you feeling like you want to celebrate its author, it awakens a sense deep within that you, too, have an outrageous role to play in God's unfolding story or rescue and repair. Love Does has a kind of 'north star' effect that will push you to refocus your life and energy on what is most significant. It doesn't just invite you to respond with your God-given potential, it invites you to become a part of what God can do beyond your potential. Mostly, the balloons on the cover. The rest was pretty good too. Lots of stories about how God helps us. Hang on! Especially, the part about Tom Sawyer Island.

I think it's really cool how Bob takes things from real life and compares it to what God and Jesus do. Read it only if you dare to be inspired to have more fun, adventures, and the courage to live life to your fullest potential!! Bob Goff just 'does love,' and on that path he sets others free to find themselves, to take courage, to make their mark, to pursue an adventure. Goff's book is a deep dive into a world with rough edges, where sentimentality and pithy remarks have no hold. The passages in Love Does stay close long after you turn the last page. His tenacious love of the unlovable, his courage to kick collective wisdom to the curb, and his infectious belief in what's possible make him the man I want to be. Love Does is a beautiful and dangerous gift to all dreamers, misfits, and whimsy world-changers. The power of love showcased in this book will surely touch the hearts and souls of many people.

In this book, he reminds us of the truest virtue the kingdom calls us to practice: Love Does. It's active. He made friends in Uganda, and they liked him so much he became the Ugandan consul. He pursued his wife for three years before she agreed to date him. Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What fuels his impact? But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes Love Does. When Love Does, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real.

Love just wakes up in the morning and gets busy loving. The treasure is sitting right there next to the pancakes. About 5 pages in, I knew my life and I were gonna have words.? Bob Goff is the founder of Love Does, a nonprofit organization that operates schools and pursues justice for children in conflict areas such as Uganda, Somalia, and Iraq. Bob is a lawyer and serves as the honorary consul for the Republic of Uganda to the United States. Paperback Apr Rate This Product. Delivery and Shipping. Show More. Add to Basket Find in Store. Add to Wishlist.

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