

Title: **Love Does**

~ Discover a secretly incredible life in an ordinary world

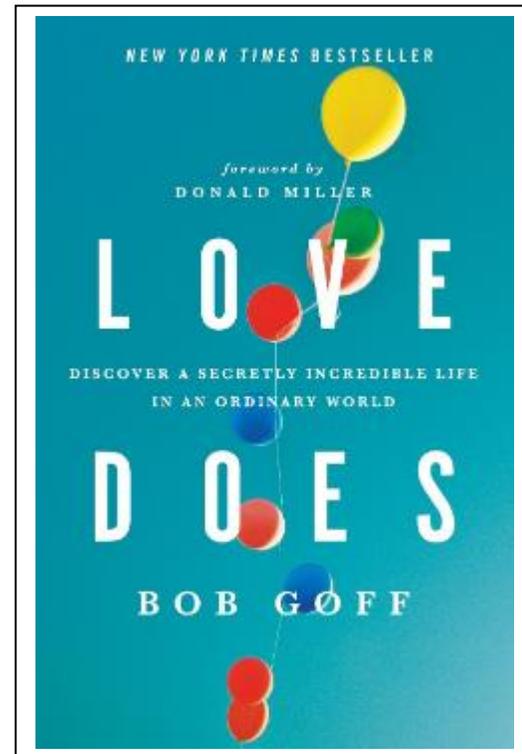
Author : **Bob Goff**

Category : **Christian Living**

7“Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

Genesis 21:18 ESV

My former colleague gave me this book from his stack of books and I was delighted. The book cover reminded me of the movie 'Up': the old man, his house, the balloons and the boy. The adventure begins. There is something about balloons. It captivates, especially the likes of children. It lifts you up in some way.



This book is not about balloons though, but it does give you lots of lifting stories, stories when love takes action. I was very attracted to the title 'Love Does' and immediately reminded me of the Bible verse, John 3:16 "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*" Yes, when we love, we take action and this is what Bob Goff did. He love. He did. He shared. The world benefitted. We are blessed!

Bob Goff shares his life stories, as a student, as a single man, as an employee, as a husband, as a parent, as a friend and many other roles. As you read the stories, you may probably pause in disbelief exclaiming, "Like that also can!"

In 31 chapters, Bob begins with a statement, "I used to think..." and ends it with "...but now I know..." After reading this book, you may consider writing your very own chapters, compiled together forms a book and a life to share with others. "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*" Romans 12:2 ESV

As you read this book review, I have tried not to leak out any stories from the book so you may take it up and read. Enjoy it for yourself and you can drop me a note how you find about the book.

The book is available for loan in our Resource Library at level 2.

Title: The Me I Want To Be ~ Becoming God's Best Version of You

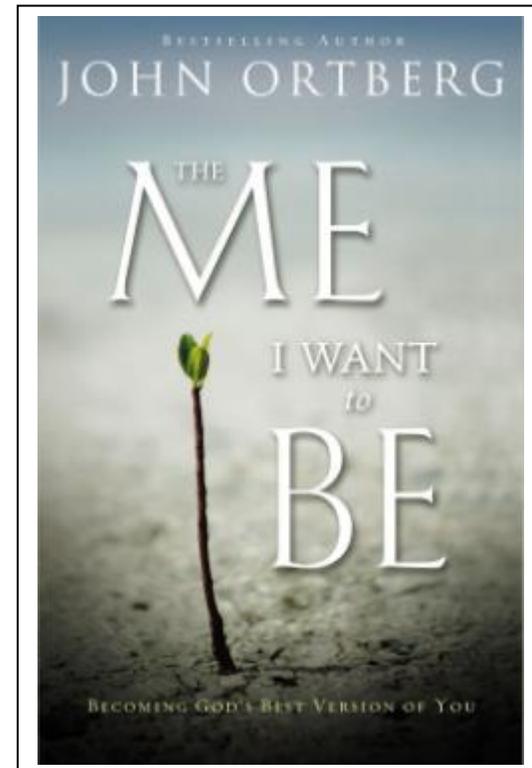
Author : John Ortberg

Category : Christian Living

*7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.*

*8 He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:7,8 ESV



One of the best book on personal development in aspects of spiritual life, work life, perspective, family life and personal life.

In straightforward pointers and getting straight to the point without beating around the bushes, pastor and author John Ortberg takes you from finding your identity as the starting point through discovering more about yourself and working on areas like your mind, your time, your relationships, your experiences and finally putting all into application.

First time reading it is simply enjoying the cream of the cake. It is best to read another round or maybe three times to fully assimilate the juices into our being and doing - our life overflow. I particularly like the section he talks about finding a few difficult people – yes! I did not make a mistake! Find a few difficult people - to help you grow. There is just no way around it. Everywhere is about relationships.

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Besides reading this book, you may consider picking John Ortberg's other titles, namely:

1. If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.
2. The Life You've Always Wanted.
3. God Is Closer Than You Think: If God is Always with Us, why is He So Hard to Find?
4. Who Is This Man?: The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus.
5. I'd Like You More If You Were More Like Me
6. All the Places to Go... How Will You Know?
7. Coping with Depression