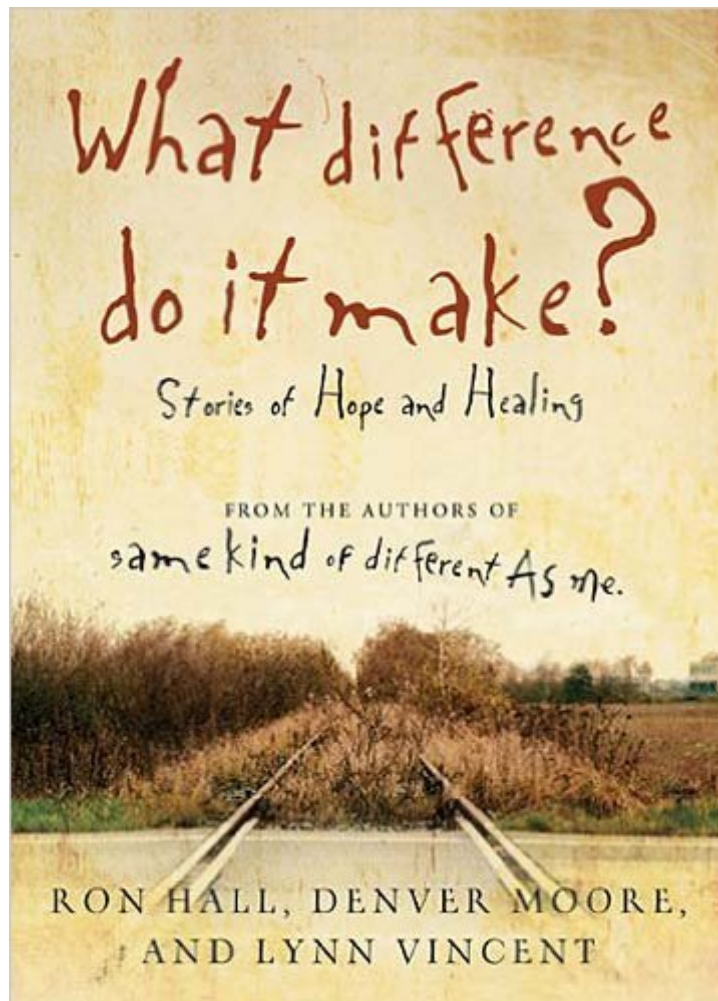


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What Difference Do It Make?: Stories Of Hope And Healing



Synopsis

Some Stories Just Can't Be Stopped . . . What Difference Do It Make? continues the hard-to-believe story of hope and reconciliation that began with the New York Times bestseller, Same Kind of Different as Me. Ron Hall and Denver Moore, unlikely friends and even unlikelier coauthors—a wealthy fine-art dealer and an illiterate homeless African American—share the hard-to-stop story of how a remarkable woman's love brought them together. Now, in What Difference Do It Make? Ron and Denver along with Lynn Vincent offer: more of the story—with untold anecdotes, especially Ron's struggle with his difficult father and Denver's dramatic stint in Angola prison; the rest of the story—how Same Kind of Different as Me came to be written and changed the lives of its author; the ongoing story—true tales of hope from people whose lives have been changed by Ron and Denver's story and how they make a difference in their worlds; your part in the story—wise, practical, and hard-lived guidance for how you can make a difference to those in need; plus intriguing extras—including full-page color samples of Denver's paintings. Deeply moving but never sappy or sentimental, What Difference Do It Make? answers its own question with a simple and emphatic answer. What difference can one person (or two) make in the world? A lot!

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Customer Reviews

I was lucky enough to receive an advance copy of Ron Hall and Denver Moore's new book. I read it in one sitting and turned the last page full of hope and promise. In these days of demonizing politics, angry mobs, shouting congressmen and rising racial tension, "What Difference Do It Make?" offers

an oasis of peace and good will. Although Hall told me this book seemed more difficult to write than "Same Kind of Different as Me," the struggle was not in vain. You needn't have read "Same Kind of Different as Me" to appreciate "What Difference Do It Make?" Hall and Moore use back stories, share updates of their lives, while retaining the format used in SKoDaM - allowing each man to speak in his own voice and style. Hall details the journey of his relationship with his alcoholic father. Moore delights readers with his keen recollections of his visit to White House, a kiss from former First Lady Barbara Bush and his meeting with President George W. Bush. Hall told me the two men have raised over \$32 million dollars for homeless projects, telling their story over 500 times in 200 cities during the past three years. They also witnessed the completion of the expansion project of the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth, where their incredible story began after Hall's late wife, Debbie, had a vision of the future - a future than included the forever friendship between the millionaire couple and the homeless man who would bring a great message of hope and healing to their city. Woven between the updates are inspirational stories of people who are making a difference in their communities.

I have to be honest. When I picked up the latest release from Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent, I was hesitant. Perhaps it was the subtitle: 'Stories of Hope and Healing'. I thought I had 'Chicken Soup for the Social Justice Soul' on my hands. Fortunately, first impressions -- in this case -- were entirely wrong. What unfolds over the course of a quick 201-page read is a tightly written, compelling and transparent look at the genuine -- and inspiring -- momentum to address homelessness launched by the pair's first book, 'Same Kind of Different as Me'. In little ways and in large, the authors detail their own stories and intersperse anecdotes from readers across the country, while continuing to challenge all of us to do more to address the often-ignored epidemic in our communities. The authors, ever true to their convictions, don't pull any punches. "It's important to draw a distinction between 'blessing' the homeless and 'helping' the homeless. I used to think I was helping by serving a meal or giving them some clothes, but I found out that for the most part I was just helping myself, making myself feel warm and fuzzy and philanthropic. To be sure, it is a blessing to the homeless when they see people who care. But to really help, you've got to get down in the pit with people and stay with them until they find the strength to get on your shoulders and climb out." (Hall, p. 58) That's what Ron and Dallas have done -- by giving money, time, and love to people who often don't reciprocate. Their challenge? That's okay. Do it anyway. It's the way God would want it.

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