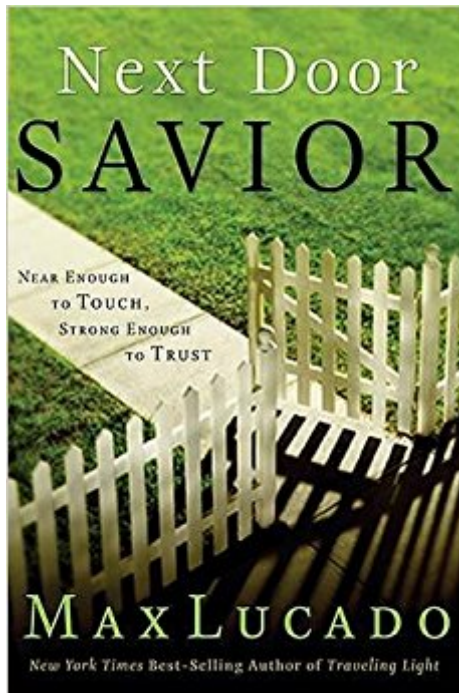


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We applaud men for doing good things. We enshrine God for doing great things. But what about a man who does God things? One thing is certain. We can't ignore him. If these moments are factual, if the claim of Christ is actual, then he was, at once, man and God. The single most significant person who ever lived. Forget MVP. He is the entire league. The head of the parade? Hardly. No one else shares the street. Who comes close? Humanity's best and brightest fade like dime-store rubies next to him. Dismiss him? We can't. Resist him? Equally difficult. Why would we want to? Don't we need a God-man Savior? A just-God Jesus could make us, but not understand us. A just-man Jesus could love us, but never save us. But a God-man Jesus? Near enough to touch. Strong enough to trust. A next door Savior.

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Customer Reviews

Ok, I repent. I have never read a Max Lucado book before. Just about everyone I know has, but I found excuse after excuse to avoid reading them. I do not know why. Maybe I figured that I had more important, or more entertaining reading to do. But the truth be told, I have never been a big fan of devotional books. But then I received this book as a birthday present from two dear friends in my church and what a blessing it has been. Lucado is a master of the English language. You will not find more beautiful prose written anywhere. It is simply beautiful. Lucado takes a look at the life of Christ as if Christ is your neighbor next door. Thus, the book has a contemporary feeling. We are not reading about something that happened in ancient times, but we are learning how the living Christ is

working in the world around us. Not only is this a well-written book, it is an insightful book as well. The author has a way of looking at well known verses in a fresh new way. And yes, he even gave me insight to Scripture that I had overlooked. Written in short chapters, it lends itself to being read devotionally- one chapter per day. You cannot rush Lacado. It is not a quick read. It is too insightful, too beautiful to speed-read. This is one good book.

Max Lucado has a wonderful way of writing that makes you feel as if he were in the room talking to you. Through all his books, he's been able to show God's love for us in everyday English and modern situations. He is also not shy about using his own shortcomings as illustrations, which helps the reader see that he is very much a normal person, struggling with the same problems we all do. That's probably another reason why readers can connect with him. His self-deprecating sense of humour is absolutely charming as well. Often in his books I don't know whether to laugh or cry. In reading his books, you get a sense that God isn't this all-distant being somewhere up in the sky. That, yes, God is almighty and just, far above our ability to comprehend, but at the same time, as near as your next door neighbour from whom you can borrow a cup of sugar. In that sense, this book is aptly named. I loved the story in here about meeting President Bush. Wouldn't you know it, they're practically neighbours... :-) As far as the discussion guides are concerned, if you've seen his last few books, they all have them, so it shouldn't be that big of a surprise. I imagine if small groups get together to read this book, it provides a starting point for their conversation. Hey, some books have study guides that are separate, and you have to pay extra for them! So this is a two-for-one. Good deal, huh. The mailbox on the cover? Well, I confess I'm not quite sure how the British get their post - mail slots at the house, perhaps - haven't been there in a long while. But many American neighbourhoods have mailboxes in front of the driveway, so I imagine it's to invoke the image of the neighbourhood. Anyway, this is a book well worth reading. It's quick reading too, and like most of his books, you walk away feeling comforted somehow.

I have been reading this book for a while, but I cannot finish it because I keep starting over from the beginning. Every chapter makes me feel great about God's love for us. It is my first Max Lucado book, but not my last. I recommend for everyone especially new Christians it brings Jesus to our neighborhood.

This book is aimed at a person who may not consider him/herself especially religious, reminding us that Jesus deliberately befriended such people, even those whose lives had made them totally

rejected by the society of "normal" people of that day. People today who are not of the church-going type, for whatever reason, may not picture God as being particularly concerned or caring about their needs and issues. They know they have failed to be the "saints" whom they picture as deserving God's attention. Lucado shows that if Jesus came to town today, he would probably seek them out first, and listen to their problems. And suddenly, a person who has been resisting the whole idea of Jesus and religion may find her/himself completely won over by his love. But there is a great message here for the followers of Jesus as well, encouraging us to turn the struggles of our lives over to him.

This is my first Max Lucado book and I loved it! It took me a while to read it because I don't read that often but something made me keep coming back to try and finish it. He made everything so simple and easy to understand. The real life examples were great! I would recommend it to anyone!

This book has brought the Gospels to life for me. Max Lucado puts a "down home" spin on familiar stories from the life of Jesus that reveal his closeness to humanity. Yes, he is our Savior. Yes, he never sinned. However, that does not mean that he is distant. That does not mean that he fails to understand our struggles, fears and pain. Next Door Savior is a collection of 21 powerful essays that remind us that there is no person that Jesus won't touch (Part 1), and there is no place that Jesus won't go (Part 2) as our Savior. Lucado's stories will leave you laughing, crying and marvelling at the wonderful sacrifice Jesus has made for us. Next Door Savior will help you grow from knowing *of* Jesus, to really knowing Him on a personal level, and being certain of His presence in your life. Larry Hehn, author of Get the Prize: Nine Keys for a Life of Victory

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