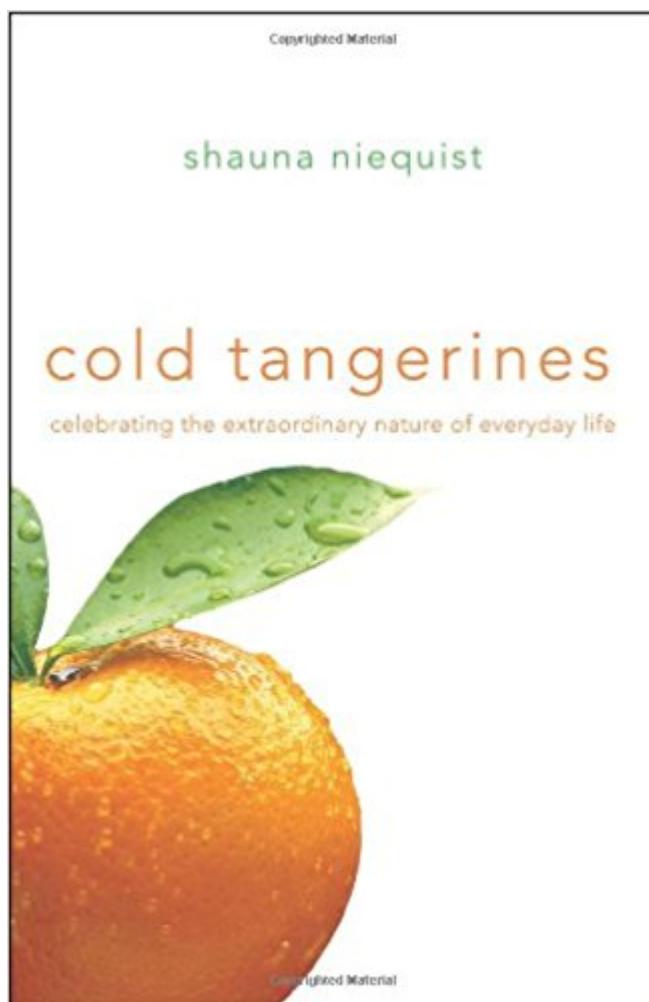


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Cold Tangerines: Celebrating The Extraordinary Nature Of Everyday Life



Synopsis

Cold Tangerines is now available in softcover is a collection of stories that celebrate the extraordinary moments hidden in your everyday life. It is about God, and about life, and about the thousands of daily ways in which an awareness of God changes and infuses everything. It is about spiritual life, and about all the things that are called nonspiritual life that might be spiritual after all. It is the snapshots of a young woman making peace with herself and trying to craft a life that captures the energy and exuberance we all long for in the midst of the fear and regret and envy we all carry with us. It is both a voice of challenge and song of comfort, calling you upward to the best possible life, and giving you room to breathe, to rest, to break down, and break through. Cold Tangerines offers bright and varied glimpses of hope and redemption, in and among the heartbreak and boredom and broken glass.

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I love Shauna Niequist. I really do. But this isn't my favorite thing of hers. She has really come into her own over the past few years, and this book from 10 years ago feels a bit underdeveloped and more like a collection of blog posts. I still love her, but will recommend choosing something else to read by her if you're just getting on the Niequist train.

After reading *Bittersweet* by Shauna Niequist I knew I needed to get a copy of this book too, and it has not disappointed. Shauna tells stories in ways that captivate the reader, and this book is especially lovely in how she truly does find those beautiful moments in every day life. While reading this book I've noticed more of the moments in my own life, too. If you aren't familiar with her writing, it might be nice to know that she writes small chapters so even if you only have five minutes before bed you can read a chapter and set it down until the next night (if you can set it down!) without

feeling like you lost what was happening in the book.

I absolutely love Shauna. Her writing makes it seem like she is talking to you through the pages. It is all raw emotion and conversation with the reader. I honestly would recommend this book for a mentoring relationship or for a book club. I read this book with my mentor and we absolutely loved going through it together. We would read it throughout the week and then sit down for coffee and discuss what we liked, what we felt, and how we dealt with some of the situations she'd gone through that we had gone through as well. 10/10 would recommend.

This is good, but obviously Shauna's first book. It's a bit scattered, but still so good for the soul. I like "Bittersweet" better as she grew into her writing style, but I don't like the newer stuff. I'm not into cooking and Present Over Perfect is a bit redundant. But "Bittersweet" is her best book by far!!!! It is so so good.

This is one of the most beautiful and uplifting books I've read. Shauna writes stories from her own life, filling them with beautiful detail and wonderful insight. I found myself laughing with her and crying with her. She presents truths about God while allowing us to feel comfortable.

I didn't know what to expect when I chose this book, but what I got was a wonderful surprise full of personal truths that I felt privileged to be privy to; prose so simple yet so poetic; metaphors that effortlessly took me right to where Shauna Niequist wanted me - in her soul and her senses that were somehow intertwined with my own. It gave me glimpses into my own heart and relationship with God and prayer, and comfort in what I saw. And it reminded me that the choices I made along my path to focus on the joy in the everyday pleasures God provides and to be able to help others do the same were exactly the ones I was meant to make. Reading this felt like sharing a cup of coffee with a good friend, each of us curled up on opposite ends of the sofa, our feet covered by the same blanket, sharing our life stories and thanking God for them. Thank you Shauna for sharing your life stories and a cup of coffee with me.

I normally don't re-read books. But I just re-read this book after reading it years ago in a mom's group. I really liked it then but I loved it now. Shauna Niequist is a truly talented author. Her writing is poetic and images vibrant. She feels like a good friend cheering for you to live your best life. Her honesty and encouragement are refreshing and needed in a culture that sometimes feels very harsh

and critical. I highly recommend this book. Five stars for sure!

Selected to read randomly. Have given out 4 copies. A real surprise. I will probably read more Niequist.

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