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Gospel medicine is Barbara Taylor's metaphor for the healing power of God seen in the active and ongoing restoration of this broken world. In this new collection of sermons she practices the old-fashioned art of gospel home remedies like a true evangelist, summoning with piercing clarity and wit the Old and New Testament stories that have the power to mend our spirits, strengthen our weaknesses, and restore us to wholeness. Scripture comes to life in the contemporary people and places of which Taylor speaks. Georgia apple-growers become God's sharecroppers of the gospel parable; through Mary's embracing of her role as God-bearer we are dared to take risks in our own discipleship; in Jonah's angry stand-off with God we see reflections of our own struggles with a God who is more forgiving than we want him to be; with tender awe after years of waiting Sarah wipes her hands on her apron and goes to tell Abraham she is to bear a child. Through the stories of Scripture, Taylor addresses with moving simplicity the contemporary wounds of anger, abandonment, fear of judgment, and a longing for home, healing, and mercy.

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Anne says

Barbara Brown Taylor always writes in a way that brings the biblical narrative alive. She is warm, humorous, and humble. I enjoyed the short story format of this book. Food for thought and a dash of grace.

Anna says

First book every by B.B.T., and I enjoyed it. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I figure as a budding Episcopalian, I'd check out all the hype. I enjoyed her thoughts and kind and empathetic nature sprinkled throughout truthful tellings. I'll read more. The parts about "waiting in the dark" were particularly apropos for my life at the moment.

Heather says

Inspirational sermons with a refreshing outlook on faith, messengers, and living as a disciple.

Michelle says

Blown away by this fresh look at Luke. Really thought provoking and powerful. This one will go in a permanent spot in my headboard shelf. Extremely encouraging.

Lynda Cooke says

It was given to me by my Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor as a gift. I LOVED this book!!!!!!

Joshua Carney says

I'm only giving BBT a 3 on this one. I know, it hurts me a little bit too.

Then problem may be that I'm just reading too much of her stuff. This is the 7th book from her that I've read and the first time I've been a little underwhelmed.

Let me give her a backhanded compliment. This book full of sermons, was the first one in which I read a few and thought, huh, I think i might have been able to do that good. She's the best and this book is worth reading.

I especially appreciate that GM has handful of her old testament sermons.

Roberta says

This is the first book I've read by BBT and I picked this up at a book sale after Rachel Held Evans referenced her so much in Searching for Sunday. I thought BBT's insights were fresh and thought-provoking and her writing poetic. In one chapter she mentioned that if everyone is looking at a story in a particular way she was taught to look at what isn't being examined to find that nugget of truth that's being overlooked and that's what she does in this book.

The chapters are short enough to read as a devotional, so that's how I read it. And now that I've finished I'm going to start over and read it again because this is a book to be savored.

Cindy Hindman says

very interesting easy read.....

Ellen says

How is it I had never heard of Barbara Brown Taylor until "Learning to Walk in the Dark"? This book is 23 years old and just as beautiful as her more famous one.
