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Andrew Neveils says

This book was interesting. It has a really good story and is very straightforward - which is the only thing I did not like about it. Gregory does not hide the message, but he does a great job of explaining how the process might work.

It is easy to relate to and quick to get through.

Sue says

Interesting take on life and faith - I enjoyed it but not quite as much as Dinner.. and Day...

Jerry says

A good read...but, a bit harder-edged than I like my Christian fiction.

jeannine says

I really enjoyed this book for what it was...a unique spin on religion; the trinity; why we are here and what our true purpose really is. I found myself smiling a lot as I read it. Know there are a lot of critics, but I chose not to be so critical but took it for its intended purpose.

Minah says

Definitely NOT what I expected the book to be about..

But as a Christian, I understood what the author was trying to do with his analogies. I liked the book.

Oh, and it was indeed an easy book to read.

Jackie says

I read, and liked, Gregory's earlier book "Dinner With A Perfect Stranger"--there was a certain charm to it that made the preachiness tolerable. Not so much in this book. This time, he has us looking at world religions as if they were divisions in a company, with an organizational development person wandering through trying

to find the main flaws in each of the departments. I got half way through, but drew the line at the funny but ridiculous line in what clearly was the Buddhist department: "First, employment by its very nature means suffering." Life is too short to plow through this nonsense any further.

Brian says

I enjoyed this book and read it in one day!

Dinner With A Perfect Stranger by this author is one of the **best** books I have ever read. His first book touched my heart and helped me grow in my faith and understanding of Jesus.

This latest book book was good but still did not come close to the first one (which is usually the case).

The approach in this book was fun and made the ideas very simple. The concepts were told in a very relevant style as the main character looks at areas of a business and how they operate.

If you already read Dinner With A Perfect Stranger, go for this. If you haven't, read that instead!

Kevin says

I am either generous in giving author's the benefit of the doubt or I am a glutton for punishment. After two rather inconclusive takes on David Gregory's books I decided to give it one more shot. This time with The Next Level. This is labeled "A Parable of Finding Your Place in Life." Having recently gone through considerable chaos in my professional life I thought this book might strike a chord. I have to say I was disappointed.

It isn't that The Next Level is horrible or unreadable or something, it is a quick read, but rather it just left me uninspired and with no real insights.

As I noted above, the book is a quick read and Gregory keeps things move at a good pace. There is a mystery involved as Logan proceeds through the levels and that keeps the readers interest as well. Gregory's conception of the stages of Christian faith as a corporation is an interesting one. The process of Logan evaluating each level does provide some thought provoking ideas about how you approach your faith.

But as with the other books, this one just feels thin. Not in terms of length, although that is obviously true, but in terms of depth. In reading the book nothing jumped out as me as particularly insightful or interesting. It has too much of a paint-by-numbers feel to it; a rout translation of an idea into a fictional setting.

In order for a parable or fable to work it needs to bring something in the telling that can't be communicated through a straightforward explanation; it is supposed to explore the issue from a fresh direction. I just didn't get that from The Next Level.

Barb says

This was a fast read and the book makes you want to reach the next level to see what it's about.

Carl Ford says

Enjoyable and thought provoking short read

Greg says

A poorly written, poorly conceived attempt to "allegorize" religion as business. Easily recognizable (and overly simplified" versions of various world religions as inferior levels of a business. No real point to it, no underlying lessons worth considering, basically a waste of time.

Diana Camren says

Great evangelism tool. Give this book to someone who loves business or tech stuff and let them ask you questions. Of course read it first so you know what they read, but it describes salvation by using a business model. It is a quick read and is a very relaxed way to present the gospel.

Mark says

awesome and quick read relating to real life and the faith we have. David has a real knack for putting us into the story and keeping it moving. a great salvational message, but no explanation for those seeking.

Mechelle says

Not as good as the first two books by David Gregory: Dinner with a Perfect Stranger and Day with a Perfect Stranger. Day with a Perfect Stranger is still the better book in my opinion. This book was a quick read just like the first two, and Gregory did a good job with the allegories in this book; they made for some interesting points. However, the connection or meaning was sort of dropped in the end. The book sort of just ended.

Rodriguez says

this is defently a surprise book it starts as a novel and ends as a spiritual guide gives you alot to think about.
