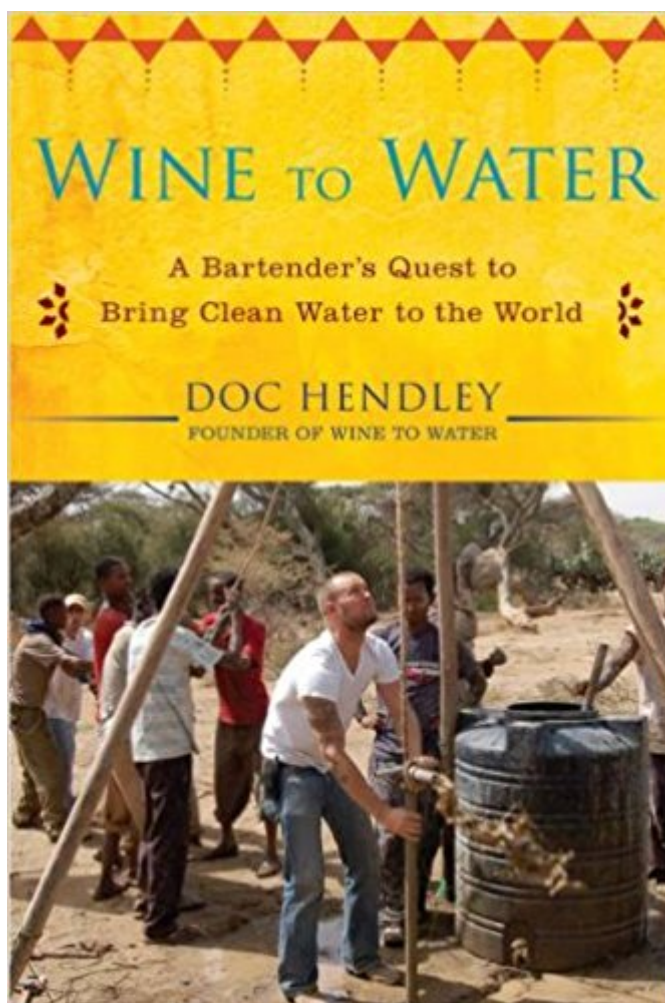


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Wine To Water: A Bartender's Quest To Bring Clean Water To The World



Synopsis

The captivating story of an ordinary bartender who's changing the world through clean water. Doc Hendley never set out to be a hero. In 2004, Hendley—a small-town bartender—launched a series of wine-tasting events to raise funds for clean-water projects and to bring awareness to the world's freshwater crisis. He planned to donate the proceeds through traditional channels, but instead found himself traveling to one of the world's most dangerous hot spots: Darfur, Sudan. There, Doc witnessed a government-sponsored genocide where the number-one weapon wasn't bullets—it was water. The Janjaweed terrorists had figured out that shooting up a bladder containing 10,000 liters of water, or dumping rotting corpses into a primary water source is remarkably efficient for the purposes of mass extermination. With limited funds, Doc realized that he couldn't build new wells costing \$10,000 a pop, but he could hire local workers to restore a damaged well for a mere \$50 each. He'd found his mission. Today, Doc and Wine to Water continue to help stricken peoples repair and maintain water-containment systems in places like Darfur, Cambodia, Uganda, and Haiti. Doc is a regular, rough-and-tumble guy who loves booze, music, and his Harley—but he also wanted to help. Wine to Water is a gripping story about braving tribal warfare and natural disasters and encountering fascinating characters in far-flung regions of the world. It is also an authoritative account of a global crisis and an inspirational tale that proves how ordinary people can improve the world.

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Customer Reviews

Doc Hendley is the founder and president of Wine to Water, a nonprofit organization focused on providing clean water to people in need around the world. When he isn't traveling to underdeveloped nations or raising awareness for the world's water crisis, Hendley spends his time in Boone, North Carolina, with his wife and two children.

Putting your life in danger and surviving in the harsh desert to aid the African people, some of whom would just assume kill you, with clean water is an example of a true hero. The boy soldier he met is also depicted in a good book called "A long way gone". This is a must read about the rebels using boys as young as 8 and giving them a gun and turning them into ruthless killers. These boys have already seen their villages burned down, their families murdered and they have no place to go.

Doc's story is one of inspiration. He went from an aimless, carousing lifestyle to one of purpose, dedicating himself to getting clean water to the people of the Sudan. During the process, he "found" himself. I gave the book 4 stars because parts of it were too drawn out and tedious. However, I recommend it

Doc Hendley is truly inspirational. If you're buying this book for poetry - don't; he is not trying to be Shakespeare. This book is written to tell his story. As an avid reader, and someone who can read multiple books in a week, I flew through this book. This tale is one of adventure, heroics, and a man who finds himself in one of the most unlikely places. Wine to Water will leave you wanting to get engaged to help the people in the world who are most in need. Amazing story. Amazing man. Amazing organization.

This story is so captivating in that it is one man's journey across the world. It is not an overview of a situation, or a conglomeration of facts, but one man's gritty and real experiences. The ability to take a look at Doc's life outside of his relief efforts shows us that he is a genuine person -- just like us -- with the same difficulties, insecurities, and obstacles in life. At any moment in our lives, we hold the choice to drop everything and follow our passions.

I wasn't looking forward to reading this book. I had to read it as an incoming freshman summer reading book. To my surprise I actually enjoyed the novel. Normally I read girly novels but this book was so entertaining that I read it in only three different sittings, I just couldn't put it down! The message is good too! When you read all you want to do is go out and help people. You stop feeling

bad about yourself and realize that you have it easy in life. I would highly recommend this book to anyone (it is an easy read that a 13 year old could probably read it)

I went to hear Doc speak when he stopped in Portland for the book tour. I'd never heard of him, didn't know how long the book had been out, or the extent of Wine To Water's work-but that day the right side of my facebook screen said something like "hey, go hear this guy tonight." Since I always do what facebook tells me to, I went and got a friend to join me. Such an educational evening to say the least! Bought the book, read it quick, and loved the honesty and vulnerability with which he wrote. I know how overwhelming it can be to compile your thoughts in order to describe to people what you've experienced after returning home from aid work. I commend him for taking the time to let us in on a bit of what his year in Darfur was like. Can't imagine anyone not wanting to hear this story. Worthy of your time, worthy of your resources, don't pass up this book.

I really enjoyed reading this sometimes heart wrenching but uplifting account of how the human spirit can prevail over huge odds.,We don't often hear news about what aid organizations accomplish, against great odds, in war torn regions of the world. Hendley offers us an extremely readable account of how his organization started and how it tries to operate. His honesty was refreshing , and he gives us the true situation of what it is like in the field.I wish him well and would give this book a very high recommendation.

I highly recommend that you read "Wine to Water: A Bartender's Quest To Bring Clean Water To The World." The horrific experiences that Doc witnessed, particularly in countries like Darfur, can often result in deadly consequences for innocent children, adults and even aid workers.This book keeps you on the edge of your seat, but will also make you take an assessment of where you are in your life. You will find that you ask yourself what are you doing to change the lives of people who genuinely and desperately need it. Doc Hendley puts humanitarianism into perspective and that comes straight from his heart. You won't regret buying this book!Kym Gordon MooreAuthor of Diversites of Gifts: Same Spirit

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