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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
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"It would be good for all of us if Shauna Niequist would promise to write a book like Cold Tangerines every year or two for the rest of our lives. Her sensitivity would sensitize us. Her honesty would puncture our pretensions. Her spiritual insight would take us deep. Her beautiful literary style would fire our imaginations. And her love - for life, for family, for God - would recenter us on what matters most. Let's hope this is the first of many books from this talented new first-rate writer." -Brian McLaren, author/speaker

"This is a book you can taste. No lights or makeup, no clichés or pretense. It is raw. It is refreshing... So real that you can hear the baby in the background as Shauna reflects on the hidden sacredness of everyday life." -Shane Claiborne, author / activist / recovering sinner (thesimpleway.org)

"I could not put down this remarkable book. But after the last page, I wanted to hug my kids harder, really

taste the raspberries at dinner, and do a happy dance for the stunning gift of life. Shauna uses words to tap into the raw emotions of our humanity - joy, deep sadness, surprise, anger, jealousy, and most of all, delight. Not only do her stories open up a window into the life of this young woman, they also tap into all of our stories, reminding us of the wonder and privilege it is to walk for a time on this planet." -Nancy Beach, author/Willow Creek Association

"Shauna Niequist sets out to celebrate the often overlooked, sparkling details of life in her first book, Cold Tangerines. Through her collection of inspiring essays and stories, Niequist eloquently describes the seemingly insignificant fringes of our day-to-day lives, like the value of a favorite sweater or the sensation of being a solo traveler. The author demonstrates a keen prowess to tap into some of the deepest human emotions and describes her own with absolute sincerity. Cold Tangerines is not only a celebration of life's intricacies, but also a memoir of Niequist's life as an self-conscious teen, a wife and new mother, and a member of Willow Creek Church and the Mars Hill community. She writes: "I choose to believe that there may be a thousand big moments, embedded in this day, waiting to be discovered like tiny shards of gold. The big moments are the daily, tiny moments of courage and forgiveness and hope that we grab on to and extend to one another." Cold Tangerines offers a fresh perspective and outlook on life, bringing new hope to readers." -*Radiant Magazine*

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