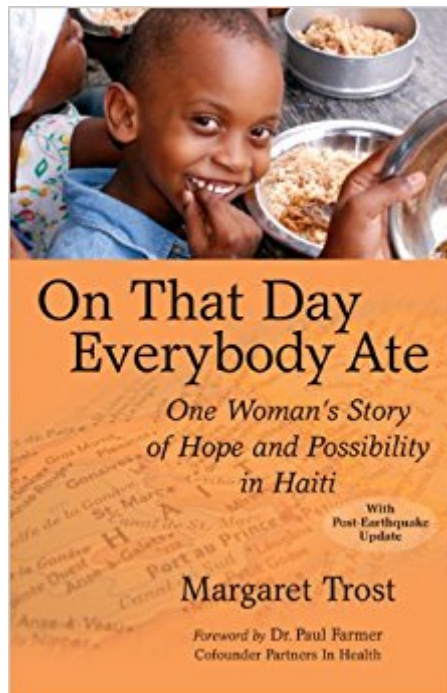




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On That Day, Everybody Ate: One Woman's Story Of Hope And Possibility In Haiti



Synopsis

Following her husband's untimely death, Margaret Trost visited Haiti to heal her broken heart through service. Struggling to make sense of the extreme poverty and touched by the warmth and resilience of those she met, she partners with a local community and together they develop a program that now serves thousands of meals a week to those in need. *On That Day, Everybody Ate* tells the story of her remarkable journey.

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This small, polished gem of a book is one compelling answer to many questions about how to inject meaning in our lives. --Dr. Paul Farmer, cofounder of Partners In Health
Margaret Trost shares an unflinching, compassionate account of her work in Haiti. The beauty and resilience of Haiti's people shine against the landscape of poverty, hunger, and political instability they face daily. Her journey demonstrates the power of hope, faith, and determination. --Rev. Cecil Williams, Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco
A book of powerful testimony. --Walter Brueggemann, author *Prayers for a Privileged People*

Margaret Trost is the founder and director of the What If? Foundation. A home-based business entrepreneur and former public television associate producer, she devotes her time to raising awareness and resources to fund food and education programs for impoverished children in Haiti. She lives in Northern California.

This is a raw, revealing look at life in Haiti. The history of Haiti is absolutely fascinating. The poverty described left me breathless & heartbroken. We have supported two charities working in Haiti. We are regular supporters of a small school with a feeding program. This book made me thankful that we have been sending money for a few years. Those of us born in the US are sincerely and richly blessed beyond measure. We should be sharing more of our resources and helping our neighbors. I HIGHLY recommend everyone read this. If you want to get involved in a small school/feeding program in Haiti, check out Grace&glory.

Having worked in Haiti for the past 5 years and met Mr. Lavarice, the dedicated director and 'father' since Fr. Jerry, for St. Clare's food program that feeds these beautiful children through the sale of this book, I continue to purchase and give away copies at least 6 per month. Margaret Trost writes from an experience she had in seeing and walking with the poorest of the poor and those who make a difference. She illumines the heart with hope and struggle as she encounters the good amid desolation. She walks with Fr. Jerry and learns the greatest suffering is the pain of being forgotten. The story is moving through the words of an excellent author; she is able to capture the moment of being a person of fulfilled needs walking amid those who do not have. The inner struggle of helplessness, the need to respond, seeing the depth of gratitude pervasive in a world of suffering and hope of the people of Haiti. She really gets it and shares it! She puts real names and faces to the encounters she has of women, children and those who do with what little they have to make a difference through their own self denial born of a heart of gratitude. As anyone who travels to Haiti knows it is from the surface unbelievable suffering, but from within a people filled with gratitude and love for God and those who help them. I have a house and am raising children myself in Port-au-Prince I can only tell you Ms. Trost enlightens and allows those who have not been there to see and experience through her passionate writing true love - willing the good of the other for the sake of the other! Just look at that little boy's face on the cover; he who is happy and has nothing by our worldly standards - how can this be? He will sing a song as one 4 year old starving, skinny street orphan sang to me a story telling: How God loves us so much that He deserves our love! And of course, he sang it, as all in Haiti do, with hands raised, palms open to heaven and the most beautiful smile on his face as he stared into the heaven. If you cannot come to Haiti then travel with Margaret Trost and feed the children. Thank you and God bless you Margaret, and those who love you, for the work you continue to do through the ' What if ' foundation.

This extraordinarily sensitive rendering of a place and a people will move the hardest hearts and the most cynical of your acquaintances. It correctly depicts Haitians as intelligent, inventive, courageous, generous and dignified people and thus gives Haitians the respect they are due. Author Margaret Trost's insights provide the reader with new ways of viewing the relationship between the wealthy world and the poor world. Trost is never condescending to the reader, is never self-promoting, is always honest. The Haitians Trost describes will raise the reader's hope for humanity. I'm going to gift it to everyone I know.

I originally bought this book as a requirement for a sociology class in college. This has become my favorite "go-to" book. I bring this book with me almost every time I fly. I love Trost's story, and am inspired by her willingness to help others. I could feel how she "found" herself through her journeys to Haiti, and I can see the beauty in the country and people she interacted with while there. I've recommended this book, and would gladly do so again. An easy read, and an easy book to get lost in.

I have a heart for Haiti and have been there 3 times now. What she describes is right in point. There is so much work to be done. And it only takes a small amount of money to make a difference. God bless her, the people of Haiti, and all of the What if? Foundation!

Margaret Troast has stepped out boldly and shared her experiences with us. It is so wonderful to see her being used to help the Haitian people. She is showing true love and I thank her for the sacrifices she has made to help others. She is part of the bigger picture. She is a great example for the rest of us to follow. Stepping out of comfort zones and everything familiar to help our neighbors in need. That is where true joy, happiness and a sense of worth comes from. Her book is a challenge for the rest of us. It doesn't have to be Haiti--it can be your own neighborhood or as far away --where ever there is a need. I recommend this fast read to not only inspire yourself for bigger things but to support Margaret Troast & the What If foundation.

VERY well written, a real page turner, great message and it takes you there. I felt like her companion, right there with her, and was particularly attracted to her independence and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit and her willingness to submit to that, be inspired to do more and commit to continue serving. This book inspired me enough to join a mission team to Haiti! I also read several similar books, but this one is the best by far! A must read for believers, the only one if

you want to read just one! Read it and be blessed!

This book was simply written, a quick read, and was one woman's story of how she visited Haiti once and was compelled to return and start a food program. What I liked about it was that although the author found the problems in Haiti overwhelming and devastating, she still pushed forward to make one contribution...from that one step, the program continued to expand. It was inspiring to me how one determined person can make a difference, a world of difference, in a sphere of influence. Also, her description of how precious food was to the hungry have made me sensitive to how I treat my own food and other resources and made me cognizant of avoiding waste.

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