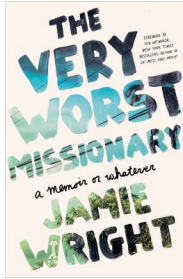


Books by the Stack



The Very Worst Missionary: A Memoir or Whatever by Jamie Wright

Shares the author's experiences as an enthusiastic convert to Christianity whose experiences as a missionary left her feeling like a cynical failure, until she started a blog that opened her eyes to like-minded Christians and the value of their perspective.

Why you'll like it: *Funny. Fast-paced. Candid.*

About the Author: Jamie Wright is a writer and speaker best known for her snarky faith and lifestyle blog, Jamie the Very Worst Missionary. As an advocate for missions reform and humanitarian aid, she has spoken at churches, nonprofits, and universities around the world. She procrastinates in Northern California, where she lives with her family, two dogs, and an evil cat.

Questions for Discussion

1. Has this book changed your opinion of missionary operations or missionaries themselves?
2. Discuss the book's structure and the author's use of language and writing style. How does the author draw the reader in and keep the reader engaged? Does the author convey her story with comedy, self-pity or something else?
3. What is Wright's most admirable quality? Is this someone you would want to know or have known?
4. What is most compelling about memoirs as a genre of nonfiction? Are true-life stories potentially more powerful than fictional ones? Why or why not?
5. Was there something especially surprising about Jamie's story? What was it and why?
6. Do you think Wright vividly recreated her life in Costa Rica? Were there any passages that you thought were too dry or unnecessarily detailed?
7. For the person who chose this book: What made you want to read it? What made you suggest it to the group for discussion? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
8. Do you find the writer's voice appealing or unappealing? Which aspects of the writer's character do you identify with most and least? How does your reaction to the writer affect your experience of the book?
9. Did you think the ending was appropriate? How would you have liked to have seen the ending go?

