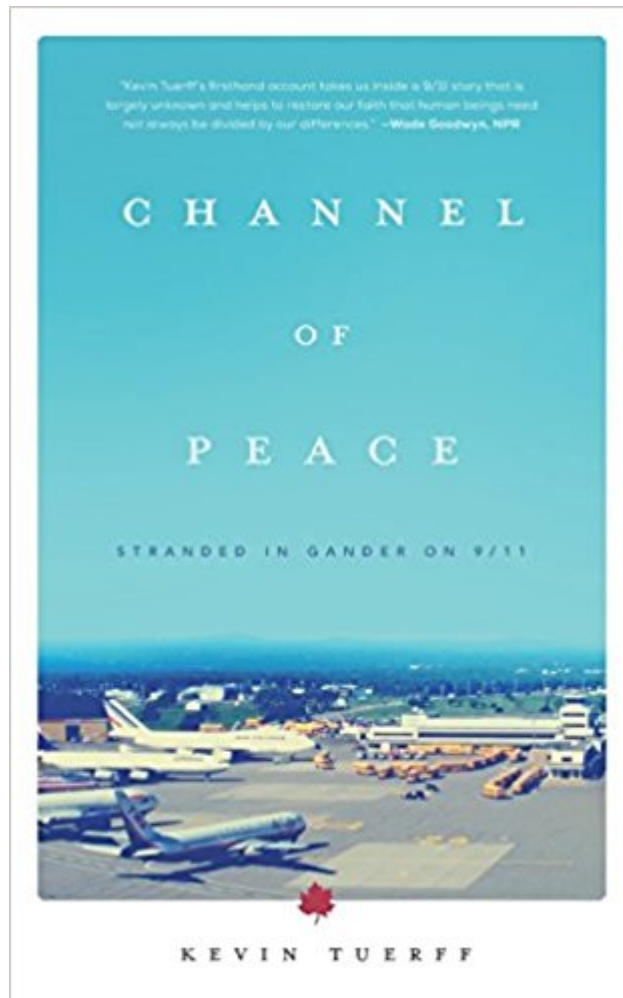




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Channel Of Peace: Stranded In Gander On 9/11



Synopsis

“Kevin Tuerff’s firsthand account takes us inside a 9/11 story that is largely unknown and helps to restore our faith that human beings need not always be divided by our differences.” —Wade Goodwyn, NPR “Kevin Tuerff tells a delightful and heartwarming story that takes us from one of the darkest days seen by America and the world, to a bright, safe, love-filled place that truly exists right here on earth. It is a story filled with hope for a better tomorrow.” —Jeanette Gutierrez, 9/11 Survivor When Kevin Tuerff and his partner flew from France to New York City on September 11th in 2001, they had no idea that the world—and their lives—would change forever. When US airspace closed after the terrorist attacks, Kevin, who was experiencing doubts about organized religion, found himself in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland in Canada with thousands of other refugees or “come from aways.” Yet, when all seemed dark, the people of Gander rallied and the “plane people” experienced boundless acts of generosity. Channel of Peace tells the story of how Gander’s compassion, then and now, has ignited a spirit of kindness that renewed Kevin’s spirituality and has inspired an annual and growing “giving back” day. His story, along with others, has reached thousands of people when it was incorporated into the Broadway musical *Come From Away*. In *Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander on 9/11* you will find an unforgettable, inspiring tale of hospitality, the strength of the human spirit, and hope.

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Customer Reviews

Kevin Tuerff is social entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in marketing communications. He has founded a college radio station, a national recycling awareness day, an international kindness initiative, and a certified B Corporation environmental marketing company. He is passionate about finding solutions for global climate change and refugees. Kevin has lived in Austin, Texas for more than 30 years. You can follow him on Twitter at @channelofpeacebook.

I was prompted to buy this book after seeing *Come From Away* on Broadway (which by the way is a moving, eloquent, and uplifting experience that shouldn't be missed by anyone with access to the play). Kevin's book gives a first person account of the events following 9/11 when his plane (along with many others) was diverted to the small Newfoundland town of Gander during the closure of American air space. His warmth, gratitude, and optimism regarding the response of the town's people is at the core of this book. But a second, and equally enduring, is HIS response leading to the "Pay It Forward" activities on the 9/11 anniversary each year. He demonstrates through faith and compassion how we can serve each other without fear or ulterior motives. I recommend this book to anyone needing to inject some meaning, kindness, and faith into his/her life.

This is a short little feel good book that is a clear antidote to all the ugliness going on in the world around us right now. This is the true story of 9/11 and the after effects on one man. The author was on a flight from Paris to NYC on the morning of 9/11 when his flight was diverted to Gander due to the closure of US airspace. When the people on his plane were finally able to leave the plane 12 hours after they landed, there were 39 international jumbo jets on the tarmac. Over 6500 people arrived in the town of 10,000 and were greeted with open arms by the citizens. The citizens of Gander provided food, bedding and most important of all friendship to the 'plane people' during their stay in this small town. At the end of their stay, many passengers donated money to set up a scholarship fund for the students in the town. Several years after Kevin returned home, he decided to start an annual giving back day every 9/11. This is a wonderful story of kindness and love shared with people from all over the world and the effect that it had on so many people. I felt so much better about the state of our world after I read it.

This is a very personal account by a couple that were grounded in Gander after the horror of 9/11. This little known part of the tragedy, gives evidence to the humanity of small town in Newfoundland. Having been to "The Rock", I can personally affirm that the citizens on this Canadian province are

the most giving and caring people I've ever meet...9/11 or not. This book brings the acts of love by the people of Gander down to a very intimate level through the authors thoughts and feelings as well as those of the people that touched him. The book is an uplifting read that shows love exists in places you would least expect. I hope to continue the authors campaign to spread the word about the pay it forward campaign under the banner of "Look Up and Gander" by encouraging the acts of kindness to strangers.

Channel of Peace is an inspirational account of the way in which a barbarous act of terror, met with a collective act of compassion created a ripple effect of kindness which is still touching individual lives today. In the tradition of Saint Francis, the author allowed himself to be a true channel of peace. A conduit through which illimitable goodness flowed. From the unfathomable suffering wrought from the attacks on 9/11, came an almost equally massive response in the outpouring of love and kindness from strangers in Newfoundland. The story poignantly illustrates that kindness, carried forward in simple acts, has no bounds, and yet the power to reshape the world, one person at a time. This book reminds the reader that every day presents an opportunity to give and receive love and service.

Wonderful story about the kindness of strangers told here on a personal level by Kevin Tuerff. His first hand account is an enjoyable read and provides great context to the Broadway play "Come From Away".

An easy read, I read it after dinner one evening. Very interesting story. I had never thought about the effects of closing the airspace for several days, just what ripple effects that caused many people.

This is a story about 9/11 that I didn't even know existed. Out of all the ugliness of that day came a beautiful story of how a small town came together and helped people in need. This story will inspire you to be a better person. After a friend of mine shared her copy with me I bought 2 copies to give to my local schools. I think more people need to hear about this story.

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