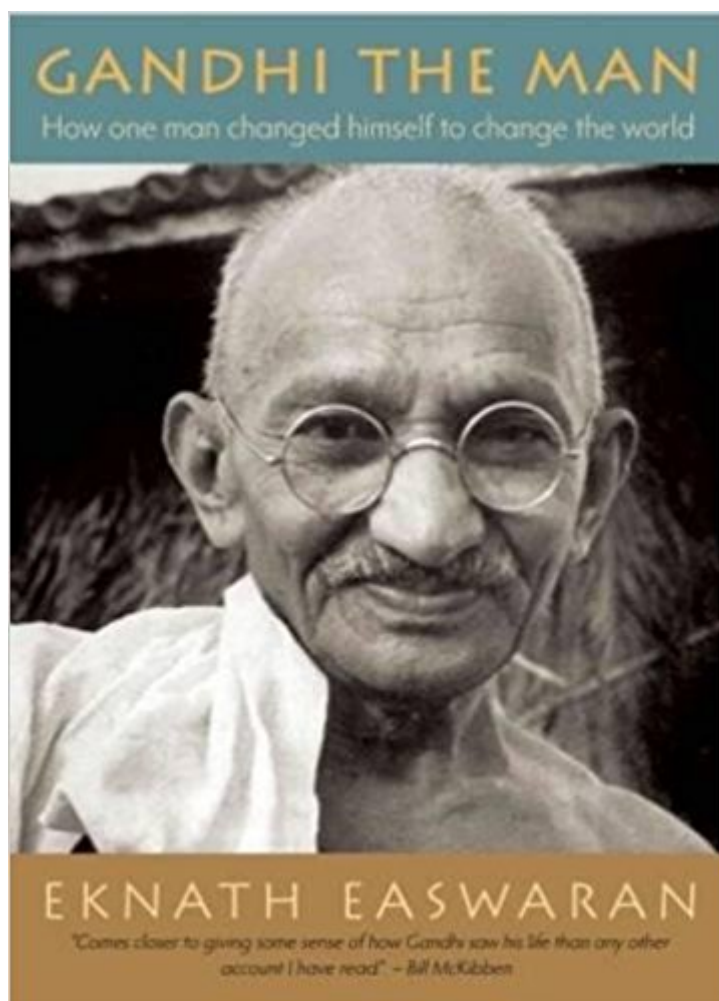


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Synopsis

Easwaran's moving account of the turning points and choices in Gandhi's life that made him a great political leader and a timeless icon of nonviolence. Gandhi inspired people of all races, backgrounds, and religions to turn anger into compassion and hatred into love. How had Gandhi done this? How had he transformed himself from an ineffective young lawyer into the Mahatma, the "great soul" who led 400 million Indians in their struggle for independence from the British Empire? To find out, Easwaran went to Gandhi's ashram and watched the Mahatma absorbed in meditation on the Bhagavad Gita, the wellspring of his spiritual strength. In this book Easwaran, author of the best-selling translations of The Bhagavad Gita, The Upanishads, and The Dhammapada, explores "Gandhi: Then & Now"; Gandhi's early years in India, London and South Africa; nonviolence in South Africa and India; the Bhagavad Gita as the source of Gandhi's spiritual strength; and nonviolence in the affairs of life. Quotations highlight Gandhi's teachings in his own words, and 70 digitally restored photographs from the GandhiServe archive, sidebar notes and a chronology provide historical context. This book conveys the spirit and soul of Gandhi; the only way he can be truly understood.

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Though this book feels like it has been cobbled together from different sources it provides a sense of Gandhi's spiritual growth and the sources for it. His ideas and principles are clearly and often repeatedly stated offering the student the benefit of repetition in varied words. I'll be reading it again and again to extract a summary of those. Recommended for beginning Gandhi explorers.

This is a thought provoking book. One can use this to examine their own beliefs and actions in relating to other persons and themselves.

I have never known much about the man. Nice to learn more.

I knew that Mohandas Gandhi was a truly dedicated man who spent many years in efforts to free The People of India from the domination of the British Empire. Eknath Easwaran has created a masterful view of his life. He clearly studied and researched the life of Gandhi and describes his achievements in ways that draw the reader into his achievements. I admire this author and man of God, Gandhi.

I've read the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi and have learnt a lot about him growing up in India. In spite of all my knowledge on him, I find this book an interesting read for it provides an insight into his personal advancement from a struggling lawyer to the Father of a Nation. It was inspiring to learn how he overcame each shortcoming and tried to live his life with honesty, integrity and transparency until his death. My only complaint with the book is that it is a bit short. It was a quick read. But, the content was good.

Of the several books I read in preparation for guiding an exhibition on Gandhi and Non-violence, I liked this one the best. Not particularly long, but very rich in texts and analysis, in photos and quotations, by an author who grew up in Gandhi's India and has always remained

close through his academic and meditational work. Gandhi really comes alive in this book

This is a beautiful book that tells Gandhi's story through wonderful photographs and a simple and elucidating text. Gandhi appears as a struggling human being who changes himself through hard work. It really is a story of transformation, and it's very well told here. I liked it so well, I used it as part of our study on world revolutions when I was teaching ninth grade last year, and the students also liked it very much.

This book helps underscore the notion that in order to be an effective "physician" of the spiritual awareness of the world, the physician must first heal himself. Gandhi is one of my heroes. I have committed to memory many of his lines. More importantly, I have observed his self-disciplinary way of becoming a leader--following the eternal principle of practicing what you preach.

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