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Vivid. Passionate. Witty. Poignant. No one tells a story like Tony Campolo.

Why stories? Stories have the power to sneak up on us, catch us unaware, and in the process draw us closer to our fellow human beings . . . and to God. And when Tony Campolo tells a story, we are captivated and entertained by the amazing characters and situations he describes.

You'll laugh (or wince) at how one particular missions offering was raised.  
You'll feel the tragedy of a friend Tony didn't stand up for.  
You'll thrill to the "Sunday's comin'" sermon.  
You'll be moved when you learn about the childhood event that caused Bishop Tutu to become a priest. These are stories of hope, doubt, faith, failure, and triumph. Of people standing up for justice, showing mercy, and living for God. But don't just expect to be entertained by Tony Campolo-though you will be. He just might change your heart and your life's priorities.

**Listen well. You might overhear God talking to you.**

## **Let Me Tell You a Story: Life Lessons from Unexpected Places and Unlikely People Details**

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## **From Reader Review Let Me Tell You a Story: Life Lessons from Unexpected Places and Unlikely People for online ebook**

### **Jeni says**

A book full of sermon illustrations, analogies and true stories that support various themes and topics. Started to feel pretty scripted after trying to read it straight thru, but as a reference it would be okay.

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### **Wesley says**

I've been reading Campolo books for decades, and many of his stories are repeats that I've read before. They are good, just needs some new material.

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### **Christan says**

EVERYONE should read this book atleast once.

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### **Kelly Ward says**

#### **Another Home Run**

Campolo hit another HomeRun with this book. He masterfully shows the gospel and living for and with Christ is not complicated. Love God, Love people.

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### **Elizabeth says**

Beautiful!

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### **Brittany says**

Great book with many illustrations and stories that I'll use for years to come. It made me think about my own ideas about the various topics. The book ends with one of my favorite Tony Campolo stories, one that always brings tears to my eyes and conviction to my heart.

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### **Matt says**

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This book has no plot or storyline, just a collection of anecdotes and stories that help people understand God's character. I laughed, I cried, it moved me Bob.

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### **Dara-Agnes Attah says**

#### **Phenomenal**

Great book, beautifully written! The stories just draw you in, you can see the characters come to life! Highly recommended

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### **Stephen says**

I found this book to be a bit hit-or-miss at times, largely because of theological differences between myself and the author's more "evangelical" perspectives. With that said, I wish I could have given this book a 3.5 out of 5. Most of the stories are pretty dang good, some of which make good sermon illustrations. Definitely worth giving a quick read through.

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### **Jt says**

some great illustrations for teaching/preaching

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### **Kim Johnson says**

I loved the stories in this book - Campolo makes us think of commonly held beliefs from a different angle, with a different spin.

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### **Keith says**

Great book of short stories and life illustrations from Tony's life and those he knows. Nothing communicates as well as a story.

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### **Jeremy says**

Basically a book of really cool, thought-provoking stories from Campolo's life and the lives of others, as well as a few modern parables used to illustrate truths. I definitely plan on reading more of Campolo's stuff because it is both challenging (philosophically/spiritually)and poignant.

Favorites among the 43 quotes I underlined:

"I am expressing my disapproval of a church that fails to love people that God will never stop loving."

"Somewhere and someplace God spoke to you and gave you visions and dreams."

"...there are times we must be ready to forfeit our happiness in order to do the good that is required of us."

Quoting someone else: "If you mean by 'Christian' what the Sermon on the Mount says about being Christian, then in any given time in history, there might be four or five such persons who would have the right to call themselves Christian."

"If every day two or three people get mugged on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho, there comes a point at which we must realize that being Good Samaritans is not enough."

On the world we live in: "Don't tell me that such a world does not have to be changed."

"Your value is established not because you are a great achiever, but because you have intrinsic worth."

Great read from a guy who realizes that the life we're called to is more than just waiting for the end.

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### **Karen says**

I also have this one if you want to borrow it.

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### **Erin says**

I saw Campolo speak in person, and he uses a lot of the same stories in his sermons/speeches, but they're so entertaining in person that I can tell why. A lot of good stories in here that are used as a parable for why (and how) you should be a better Christian and to pay more attention to God in your life.

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