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Being peculiar is not about horns,” begins bestselling author Mary Ellen Edmunds. In this humorous but thought-provoking book, she explores what really makes “a peculiar people” and what sets us apart as distinct and different from the rest of the world. “Others surely do notice things about us,” she states, “so what would it be like if we could be depended upon to live what we believe every inch and minute of our lives?” Using the scriptures and personal experiences to help explain our uniqueness, Mary Ellen presents a positive and upbeat approach to making little changes that will help us strive to become better when we’re already pretty good.

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Nicole Shelby says

I enjoy Mary Ellen Edmunds. She's a very happy, enthusiastic, passionate person.

She's preachy - without being annoying.

This was my second time through...and I learned more from her. It's a keeper.

Sara says

I loved this book! Mary Ellen Edmunds is an amazing writer. She keeps her subject matter very informal and funny, but underlying all of that is an important message, that we can be who we are supposed to be, no matter what situation surrounds us. Many evenings when I was feeling discouraged, I would pick up this book, read a chapter, and feel empowered and ready to get back in the game. Her simple analogies (who knew an arrow could have so much meaning?) bring to light some very complex themes in a way that anyone can relate to. This is a book that I highly recommend reading (and rereading) to better yourself and the world around you.

Peggy says

This was such a great book and was super inspiring. It has the greatest exercise where you write letters to I think ten people who've inspired you. It was fun to do. I even got a letter from an old visiting teaching companion and it made my day!

Gina says

I'd never read one of her books, but I've heard her speak several times. Her personality shows through her writing. It was fun to imagine her saying the little jokes, etc. I tried to think about & personalize the questions she asked (although I didn't write letters:) It was very thought provoking and inspiring and at times even funny!

Charity says

This book is aimed at an LDS audience. I wasn't sure I would like it but after the first chapter I felt I would love to meet the author. The book talks about many different ways we can try to become better as an LDS people. I found it inspiring and hope to try some of the activities she outlines to help recognize where to improve.

Holly (2 Kids and Tired) says

I love Mary Ellen Edmunds and this little book is no different. It's short and easy to read. I read it with a yellow high-lighter and found so many little gems of inspiration.

Her main premise is that as Latter-day Saints, we are often regarded as peculiar, but that being peculiar isn't necessarily a bad thing.

She uses scriptures and personal experiences to explain the uniqueness of Latter-day Saints. Each chapter ends with reading recommendations, which I found incredibly useful.

Christina says

This book is funny, while remaining spiritually uplifting. It is motivating, but still practical. Mary Ellen Edmunds's personality shines through - she comes across as an honest, real person trying to help other 'good' people be even better.

Eileen says

I LOVED this book. I've read others from this author as well as heard her speak, she has a delightfully goofy sense of humor and is a kindred spirit to my optimistic outlook on life. She is LDS and truly 'gets' what is SHOULD mean to be LDS, not the 'culture' but the GOSPEL. Whether or not you are LDS, this book can help adults and children live better. I especially recommend reading chapter 3, Arrows, and chapter 6, Row, Row, Row your boat. But all the chapters are worth reading and beneficial.

Lisa says

I was watching the BYU channel one night and MEE gave a GREAT talk. Then I went to TOFW and she was there and that talk was even better. So I ended up picking up every book they had of hers (living in CT I don't really have a lot of opportunity to check out or purchase LDS books, so I have to grab them when I get the chance!). They are all fantastic. MEE is witty, charming, and she speaks the truth! I love her energetic spirit and her very original sense of humor!

Dianna says

This is the first book I've read by MEE before, but I can tell already that it isn't going to be the last! I'm only a couple chapters into it and I already feel inspired, and I've laughed a LOT! A fantastic read if you're looking for a feel-good, inspirational light read!

Gina says

Loved this book!

It focuses a lot on becoming better when you're already good. She gives great little tidbits of how to make little changes to become the best we can be. It's a very uplifting book.

Cami says

Mary Ellen Edmunds is a great author. She's an old single lady with lots of interesting experiences, as she has served multiple missions all over the world. This book helps us remember that being a member of the LDS Church is something to enjoy.

Beth says

"Please don't let anything I've shared in this book cause you to add to your list of 'things I've not done,' or 'things I'll probably never be able to do,' or 'stuff that's going to keep me out of Heaven,' or 'why God is mad at me.' Quit it!" (p. 187)

I love Mary Ellen Edmunds' sense of humor as she explores the topic of making ourselves a little better (a little more peculiar!). This book wasn't particularly life-changing for me, but it was an uplifting read for sure.

Jennifer Cook says

There was not really anything I did not already know, but she presented it in a fun way. I had a hard time keeping involved in the book and found my mind wandering and finding other books to read before this one. I own this book if anyone wants to read it.

Kaisa says

Mary Ellen Edmunds just cracks me up sometimes. She just says things in her own way about life and the gospel of Jesus Christ. I find a lot of her thoughts very enlightening and find that they encouraged me to look deeper into my path in life and who I am. I think what I mostly took away from the book is that I should always be looking for ways to improve in every aspect of life. Somehow she inspired me to want to do that without feeling overwhelmed.
