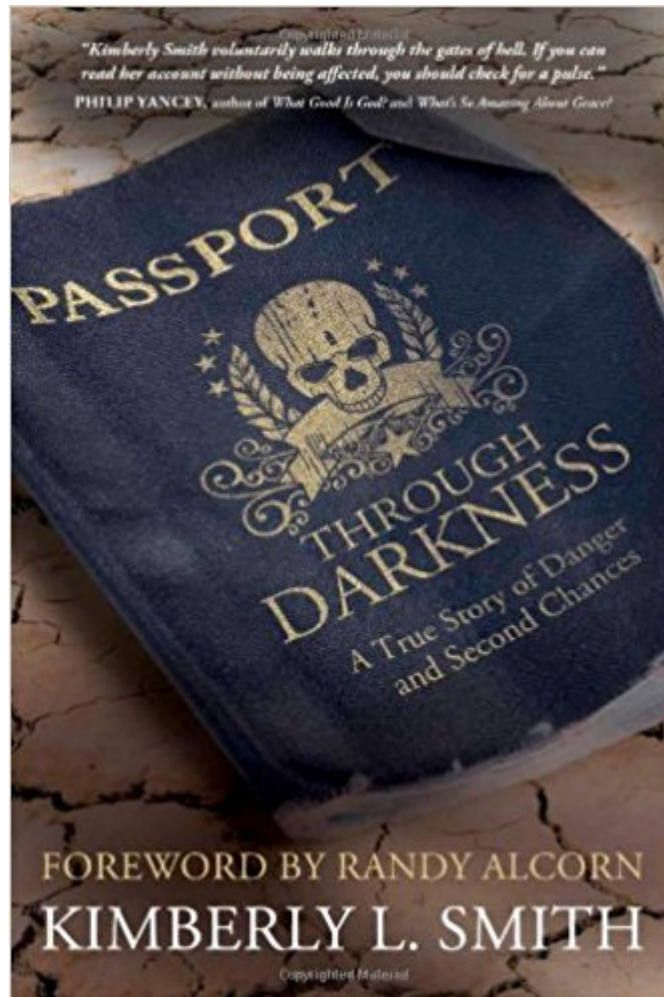


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Passport Through Darkness: A True Story Of Danger And Second Chances



Synopsis

As she shares her extraordinary stories of fighting human trafficking as an ordinary mom, Kimberly Smith offers hope for readers who wonder if God is calling them to a different life—one outside the confines of cultural norms. *Passport Through Darkness* takes readers on Smith's journey from normal family life and business, to Europe, to the deserts of Africa and ultimately, to the deserts of her own soul as she tries to live well as an imperfect American mom, crusade for justice for orphans around the world, and embrace God's extraordinary dreams for her. When Kimberly and her family risk everything to answer God's call, they see God change and restore them—even amid exhaustion, marital struggles, and physical limitations. This heart-lifting and challenging book is for anyone who longs to see God move their life from normal to one that matters. It is a call to readers to take one more step on their journey to know God's heart.

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Customer Reviews

Audra Jennings with the B&B Media Group, Inc. sent me a copy of *Passport Through Darkness: A True Story of Danger and Second Chances* by Kimberly L. Smith. Phillip Yancey says this about this book: "Kimberly Smith voluntarily walks through the gates of hell. If you can read her account without being affected, you should check for a pulse." And I would have to agree with him absolutely one hundred percent! In *Passport Through Darkness*, Ms Smith is very candid and painstakingly transparent about the journey God has orchestrated for she and her husband Milton. They are the co-founders of Make Way Partners "a mission organization committed to ending human trafficking". I would greatly encourage you to visit the website and also Kimberly's blog found here. In her book,

Kimberly tells the story of how she and Milton encountered orphans in Spain and how God used them to begin their journey ministering to women and children in bondage through human trafficking and the sex slave industry in some of the darkest corners of the Earth. Kimberly tells how God brought her from simply living life as wife, mother, corporate executive and faithful church member by transforming her life and allowing her heart to be knit with those forgotten lives in Darfur and Sudan. She tells a truly eye opening and heart wrenching story and she is so transparent about her personal struggles and mistakes along the way. She and her husband literally sacrifice everything for orphans in Eastern Europe and Africa. But, this is a beautiful story of how two ordinary people took steps of faith into broken and very dark places and allowed God to transform them by His redemptive power. There are parts of this book that are difficult to read.

Kimberly L. Smith and her husband Milton were a 'normal' American couple, but something seemed to be missing. When they discovered that God was calling them to live a life on the edge, a life most Christians would sadly call 'radical', they had to make a choice: continue in a life of comfort, where they could have as much or as little of God as they liked, or surrender it all and follow Him at all costs, even if they're next step is off the edge of a cliff. This is how the book begins. But it doesn't even begin to describe the journey two ordinary people embarked on when they stepped out in faith with God. Told by Kimberly, we follow them through the beginnings of missionary work, that leads them into eye-opening discoveries of some of the horrific evils at work in this world. At each turn, they can choose to go back to the comfort of life as they knew it, or continue walking step by step with God. They take up the fight against human trafficking, famine, disease, genocide, slavery, and so much more. Because of Milton's health, Kimberly steps out into the front lines of the battle field alone, and the war almost kills her. From a literary standpoint, this was an extremely well written book, full of beautiful language and a storyline that flows off of the lips of the author like honey. Yet, this was the hardest book to finish that I have ever read. I 'know' of the suffering of people in other countries. But Kimberly takes us on a journey that holds nothing back in describing unimaginable horrors, and like a child peeking through their fingers, I wanted to cover my eyes and stop looking as I read. I wept through the entire book, yet it was impossible to stop.

I don't write a lot of book reviews because I tend to talk to authors and share their stories on my podcast, but this book is an exception. If you've ever wondered how God calls people to do His work, and reveals to them His heart, then you will love this book. Admittedly, this book has parts that are hard to read, because Kimberly shares the hard truth, but the hard truth needs to be said and it

needs to be shouted from the rooftops. This book is written very much like a journal, and I felt like I was reading Kimberly's journal as I read of her call to the mission field, her encounters with precious women, children and men. And there are so many poignant parts in this book that I don't want to write about them all because I don't want to ruin the book for anyone else, but I will share one. In chapter 8 - A Year At Home - Kimberly shares about her experience coming back from the mission field and how she dealt with it. She talks about the distance between her husband and how walls were being built between them, until they both were invited to speak at a megachurch that supported their ministry - Make Way Partners. They were invited to speak at various Sunday school classes, until one Sunday when after they had their class and were taken out to lunch, they were told that some women in the church basically couldn't handle the negativity of it all, and so they were asked to NOT come back and share their message. Yes, you read that right. The Smith's shared their stories about the Sudan, sex trafficking, feeding the poor and widows, and some so-called Christians at this church "couldn't handle the truth" because it didn't "uplift" them.

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