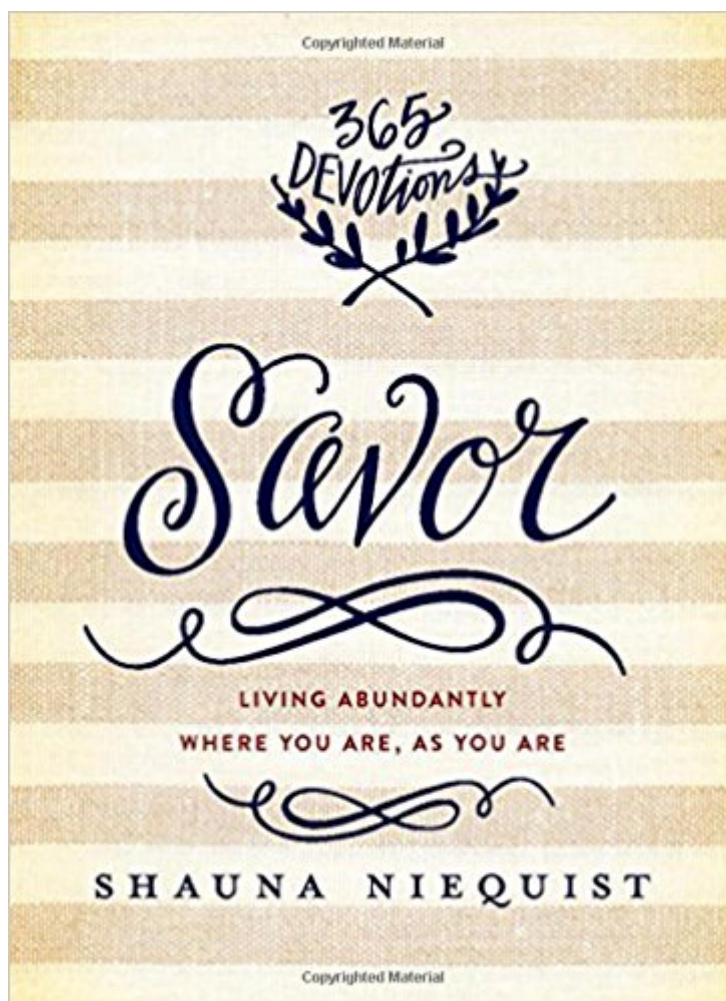


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# Savor: Living Abundantly Where You Are, As You Are



## Synopsis

Sink deep into the everyday goodness of God and savor every moment! In this daily devotional, Shauna Niequist becomes a friend across the pages, sharing her heart with yours, keeping you company, and inviting you into the abundant life God offers. And there are recipes, too, because spiritual living happens not just when we read and pray, but also when we gather with family and friends over dinners and breakfasts and late-night snacks. These recipes are Shauna's staples, and each one should be enjoyed around a table with people you love. So read and learn and pray and cook and share. Remember to savor each day, whatever it holds: work and play, coffee and kids, meals and prayers and the good stuff and the hard stuff. Life is all about relationships, and your daily relationship with God is worth savoring in every moment.

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## Customer Reviews

Shauna Niequist is the author of *Cold Tangerines*, *Bittersweet*, *Bread & Wine* and *Savor*. She is married to Aaron, and they have two wild and silly and darling boys, Henry and Mac. They live outside Chicago, where Aaron leads *The Practice* and is recording a project called *A New Liturgy*. Shauna also writes for the *Storyline Blog*, and for *IF:Table*, she is a member of the *Relevant* podcast, and a guest teacher at her church. Shauna's three great loves are her family, dinner parties, and books, and she believes that vulnerable storytelling, hard laughter, and cold pizza for breakfast can cure almost anything.

I waited a while to write my review because this is a devotional meant to be read over a year and I

don't see how anyone can give an accurate review after owning this book for 1 or 2 days. I was very much looking forward to this book, preordered it and everything. I have read Shauna's previous 3 books and loved them. I relate a lot to Shauna's style of writing and feel that she often puts words to things I've felt before that I never could. I cried and cried when I read *Cold Tangerines* because I just related so much to it and was a fan ever since. However, after a few days of reading *Savor* I started to have déjà vu and realized a large majority of this book is excerpts from things she's written (and I've read) in the past. I understand that writing something meaningful for 365 devotions is probably really hard but I am pretty disappointed at the amount of "recycling" that occurs in this book. To me, it is distracting and I can't concentrate as well because I'm just sitting here thinking "I feel like I've read this before". I will say, sometimes it is nice to re-read a great observation she has made in another book or a past blog post and so it's not all bad, I just didn't realize this book used so much of her older work. I also feel that perhaps if this book was structured differently, I would enjoy it much more. I'm not sure I would consider it a devotional and feel that maybe even the author and her editors had to stretch a bit to make it one. The great thing about Shauna's writing is her story telling and the way she can weave lessons and big ideas into them. 3 short paragraphs just isn't enough for her to do what she does best and often, what should have been one story is split into 3-4 days readings, which just doesn't do the writing justice and sometimes it feels like the days reading abruptly ends. I really do enjoy the questions she poses for further reflection on your life at the end of each reading. Some great things to think about or even journal about. I like that part. But I wouldn't say that each day's reading points me back to Jesus, which isn't bad, it just doesn't feel like a devotional. I use devotionals to deepen my understanding of God and some days, yes, certainly it does this but some days not at all. If this book was called something else and maybe structured differently, I think it would be more effective. I'll still read *Savor* and plan to finish it and try out some of the recipes, but I'm reading it with a different frame of mind now. Not as a devotional but as a thought provoking book, and I'll read multiple days at a time until I feel like the story she was trying to tell over a few days was over. There really are some great parts of this book, and I have felt challenged on multiple occasions, I just expected something different. I still have great hopes for any future book she may write. UPDATE: I never finished this book. Just couldn't get into it with how choppy it was. I really don't recommend it to anyone as a devotional.

Shauna Niequist possesses a kind and thoughtful voice, and I enjoy reading her material and subscribe to her ideas, and I have been so looking forward to receiving this new book, especially since it has been on back order. However, I find myself entirely disappointed. I'm sure that I would

be raving about the book if I had not already read a good portion of it in previously published books. This is nothing but a reproduction of already released material found in BREAD AND WINE and BITTERSWEET, and if I had read COLD TANGERINES, I feel certain it would be even more familiar.

I love everything from Shauna Niequist so it is no surprise that I enjoy this as well. I love the Bread and Wine book so this devotional fits right in with that. If you do not have Bread and Wine then I would suggest getting that because it is awesome. But you could certainly enjoy Savor on its own. Keep em coming Shauna!

I just picked up this book again, as I've recently sent it to three people to read, I thought I'd start reading it, too. It's a book by Shauna Niequist called "Savor". The book has a thought for each day of the year (some call this a devotional book). Lots of thought-provoking stories and wisdom about life and love and friendship and gathering at the table. She even includes some recipes (and her recipes are always incredible!) If you're looking for some daily encouragement that will stretch you in the best possible way, "Savor" is a great book.

Although I do not read it every day, I am always so happy and fulfilled when I do. Wonderful recipes and so many reflections to relate to. Purchased it for my best friend as a birthday gift as not only the words are awesome, but the actual book was crafted beautifully as well. This is something I will keep on my bedside for many many years.

This book is a game changer. So many places where I was able to identify myself with Shauna, like she was an old friend. Not a uber complex devotional. Straightforward and down to earth, and realistic. Even more, the devotions almost always shown a new light on my relationship with Christ! I unfortunately wasn't able to finish the devotional because I gave it to friend who I thought was in need of it more. But definitely plan on ordering a new one soon! And can't wait till present over perfect comes out!

This book is a lot of excerpts from Shauna's other books I've read but I still like it a lot and read it daily!

I discovered this book accidentally at my local library and then loved it so much that I had to buy it. It

is filled with provoking passages and questions that have instigated an honesty with myself that I have never known before. A must-have for anyone dealing with real emotional struggles in their everyday life, especially concerning the balance of faithful obedience and our less-than-perfect human nature.

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