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# Simplicity: The Freedom Of Letting Go





#### Synopsis

One of Fr. Rohrââ  $\neg$ â,,¢s bestselling books, this revised and updated edition explores St. Francisââ  $\neg$ â,,¢s ancient call to the simple life, where joy, not dry theology, helps us build relationships and find peace in ourselves.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

In this gem of a book, Richard Rohr introduces us to the vision of the Franciscan way of living, where joy, not dry theology, helps us build relationships and find peace in ourselves.

Richard Rohr lives in Albuquerque, NM, USA, where he is co-founder of the Center for Contemplation and Action. His other bestsellers include Everything Belongs and The Enneagram (the latter with sales of over 250,000 worldwide).

My own thoughts have been along these lines lately. Richard Rohr has given me needed insight to continue my journey. He is humble in his thoughts.....how refreshing. I may not agree with all but I appreciate the possibilities leading me to a greater understanding of God.

This is a very thought provoking book and it challenges some of my long held beliefs. I recommend it for anyone who wants to explore a different perspective on spirituality. Richard Rohr presents ideas that are worthy of consideration. I look forward to taking this journey. I have been reading about Simplicity for a little over a year and have found that practicing Simplicity truly enriches your life. This book has to be one of the best books I have read on Simplicity! Richard Rohr is right on target when he speaks about simplicity and the condition of America...and when he addresses the church in America! I found this book to be very thought provoking, eye-opening, and this is quite a powerful book. This book also got me interested in the life and practice of Saint Francis, which lead me into other wonderful books. Richard Rohr is awesome and I was truly blessed by this book. I think people who are truly on the spiritual path tend to be lead into Simplicity and this book will truly be beneficial to all seekers of truth!

Rohr's writing is a gift. He manages to bring together all the big ideas of spirituality and translate them into a profound message for the individual mapping the way to deep meaning and personal freedom.

Fantastic book. Father Rohr has some much needed insights into our modern culture. This is definitely on my re-read list.

There's not a book authored by Richard Rohr I've read that I haven't absolutely loved. He is so insightful, honest and yes, in some cases a bit on the edge. It's the edge part that I like the best. Many of the things he says are things I've thought for years, but never gave them a voice. He is an inspiration and I am so thankful for every book he's authored. May he continue for many, many years.

Father Rohr spends quite a bit of time showing how complicated and hectic and busy our world can be, and shows us the path to a much simpler, much more spiritual, and therefore much better, place.

This book looks at simplicity and discusses it through many systems; American Society, Woman's roles, Catholicicsm, the American Church and your image of God. It is based upon talks Fr. Rohr has given and seems a bit disjointed. It is not until the last chapter that Fr. Rohr gets to approching simplicity from the individual perspective. He states "Our path, like Jesus' leads us to the wilderness where we have to look the exactly the same three demons in the eye: the need to be successful, the need to be righteous or religious, and the need to have power and everything under control." We

also need to embrace the poor one "inside" so that we have room for compassion "outside". The Gospel calls us to identify with the poor and crucified Christ and in our weakness we are strong. We are called to service for our less fortunate brothers and sisters, "But faith means giving away what we thought we didn't even have." It was a good journey through this book, just not exactly what I was anticipating.

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