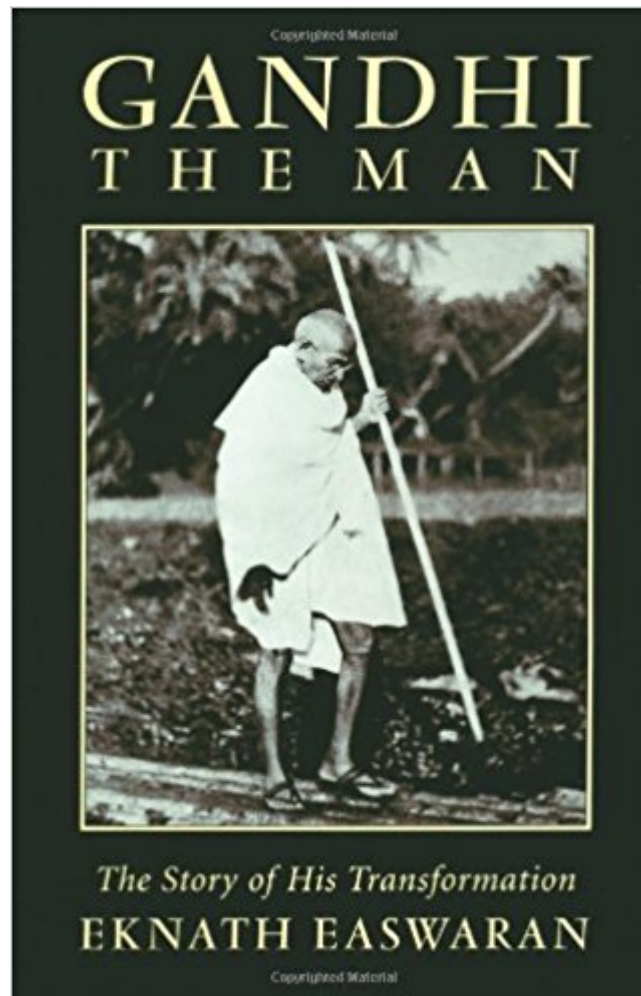




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"Gandhi the Man is a compelling and relevant account of the man many consider to be the most important figure of our age. It is perhaps the most accessible work on Gandhi that has yet been published." -- Argus-Courier "It comes closer to giving some sense of how Gandhi saw his life than any other account I have read. . . . Gandhi mastered his own life took charge of his mind and his body. As a result he knew no fear, only great and undifferentiated love for the rest of creation. And so he was able to powerfully affect that creation." -- Bill McKibben, New York Post "The illustrations are stunning, the biography vivid. Easwaran places Gandhi within a spiritual as well as historic context." -- Brain/Mind Bulletin

In 1893, Mohandas Gandhi left India for South Africa at the age of 23 a man whose past was full of failure. Ten years later, called a saint even by those who opposed him, he grew to become the acknowledged leader of 400 million Indians in their struggle for independence. How did it happen? As a young man, Eknath Easwaran visited Gandhi not to observe his political style, he states, but, "because I wanted to know the secret of his power." It is this secret that Easwaran reveals to his readers. 192 pages

This book is light reading, and succeeds in capturing some of the essential quotes of Gandhi, including his beliefs in non-violence, and his dedication to satyagraha. It is beautifully presented and rich with photos and quotes from Gandhi. Readers who are looking for a wealth of biographical details should look elsewhere - to Louis Fischer's *Gandhi: His Life and Message for the World*, for example. Advanced readers will also find this to be a light (but fairly accurate) summary of his book. For the new initiate, or the first-time reader, however, this book would serve as a good, short, stepping-stone to more detailed works about Gandhi.

I was absolutely riveted by this book, and I usually hate biographies! The amazing thing about Easwaran is the way he simplifies complex thoughts and situations, and touches on the simple, human side of theory and mystics, like Gandhi. He tells the story of Gandhi in straight-forward, engaging terms. There is nothing lofty, preachy or affected about this book. He tells the story of Gandhi as a human -- and shares Gandhi's message to us as individuals, right now. A truly wonderful book. I bought it for my mother and have reread it twice. The ending always blows me away - brings tears to my eyes every time.

Outside of my scriptures, If I could have only 5 books . . . , this would be one of them! I really love how it tells about the process of change of a man - Gandhi - who went from being a frightened young person, to a barrister who could not effectively argue a case, to a powerful, peaceful leader who changed a significant part of the world through his understanding of the principle of love.

I found this book one of the most thought provoking I have ever read. The life of non-violence Gandhi led was so extraordinary it almost defies description. In a world bent on violence in it many many forms, the reader will be moved to a deeper level of empathy and perhaps action than ever expected. Gandhi was a simple man with a belief that consumed all those about him; were he alive today our world would be a different place. This book is a must read for any and all who seek a different path in their life...

Written beautifully with understanding and insight from Easwaran who transformed himself as well. From this book you get a clear perspective of Gandhi and his time. Oh that we could have more of the qualities in politicians who would emulate the deeds of Gandhi instead of the empty talk of politicians of our time.

Overall, it's a great book. If you are looking to learn about Ghandi's spiritual practice, this book ain't it. However, it gives a good over view of his biography, views and personality. I was somewhat disappointed because the book is mostly very flattering. Having said that, it's a great insight into the life of a great man. It also does a great job of illustrating Ghandi's philosophy of non-violence.

Plenty of pictures and easily read, succinct philosophy

This is a fantastic read, very thorough and interesting. I read this book with a yoga class I was in, and our discussions of it were always great. If you are interested in peace, yoga, and the life of Gandhi, this book is for you.

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