

Sensible Shoes

In her bestselling book *Sensible Shoes*, Sharon Garlough Brown tells the moving story of four women as they embark together on a journey of spiritual formation. Now you can take notes as you read with this companion journal, perfect for personal reflection times or retreats. It features lightly-lined pages sprinkled with quotes from *Sensible Shoes*.

The novel *Sensible Shoes* is meant to bring spiritual transformation in community. This participant's kit offers everything you need for either a twelve-week small group or a one-day retreat. You'll receive prayer prompts plus a copy of the book, a beautiful journal with a ribbon and quotes from the characters, and a study guide.

Important: Do not buy this book if you are totally satisfied with your life! If what you have been doing has not given you the desired results, it is time to Stop, Reflect, and Act! Why? Rather than sticking to what doesn't work, exploring your own Inner Self will not only give you enormous insight into who you are, it will also lead you further on the path of discovering who you are meant to be. And that is what David Alan Parton did for himself, as he will show you, in his latest book *Conversation With Self: A Fool's Journey*, an inner exploration of spirit and subconscious motivation. *Conversation With Self: A*

Fool's Journey is a whimsical, yet heartfelt account of the author's self-exploration of spirit. "This book gives the reader an unique over-the-shoulder view of a spiritual awakening that triggered enormous personal growth. It stands apart from other accounts of spiritual journeys or self-improvement books" If the time has come for you to focus in on the meaning and purpose in your life, allow David Alan Parton to lead you to your next level, by showing you how he got there, revealing all the angst, joy, and puzzlement of his own journey towards finding a sense of purpose in life. This book is written with sincerity in the poignant style of self-talk, that we've all had with ourselves at one time or another. But when this inner dialogue is taken to heart, it becomes an eye-opener for people like you and me, who need that little bit of extra guidance in finding our own special meaning and true passions in life. If you have: Stumbled once or twice on your Spiritual journey, or Felt you were meant for Greater things, or Wondered if you can receive Spiritual Guidance Are still waiting for the "Abundance" to show up in your life, or You're just plain Mystified by the fickleness of the Law of Attraction... Then this is the summer reading you've been looking for! Stop doing the same thing over and over, take a breather from the Law of Attraction, and spend some quality time reading Conversation With Self: A Fool's Journey. But only if you are really willing to get a step ahead

of where you are now! A Must read! Buy this book today!

The women of Sensible Shoes encounter new adventures and roadblocks in their spiritual journeys in *Two Steps Forward*. In this eight-week study guide you'll find daily Scripture readings, reflection questions, and spiritual practices, as well as discussion questions and suggested practices for reading groups to do together.

A young Indian woman joins her new husband on a tea plantation in the jungles of Assam where she struggles to manage a staff of servants and socialize with British wives in a colonial society at the dawn of the Second World War. Original.

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Part One of the witty, urbane, and chic *Archives of the Sensible Shoe Club*. Steamy sexual tensions, dark secrets, and nice shoes make for a book bursting with humour, hilarity and good times. Julia has a husband who wants her dead. Her friend Natalie has a sad secret and Annie wants a baby. She goes to amazing, sexually charged lengths to get her wish. Lynn has the darkest secret you could imagine and writes best sellers in between bulimia and a dangerous love of chocolate!

Other characters flit into their lives, bring hope, love, fear and mistrust. Is the vicar kosher? Has the retired Engand International got a heart? Is Kathryn a slut? Why does Bruno stalk Julia? Is Venice really that beautiful? How did Gil learn to do the waltz? Just how much damage can one half brick do to an expensive sports car? All of life is crammed into these few, hedonistic pages from the annals of The Sensible Shoe Club'. This book should be read in a semi recumbent position, preferably with a tall drink at hand and your man giving you a foot massage. You'll laugh ... you'll cry ... and maybe you'll do both at once. This one is worth putting your knitting down for, girls. Don't be sensible, jump right in, and live the story. Mona French can read souls!

Sharon Garlough Brown tells the moving story of four strangers as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat center and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation.

This is a collection of graphic novellas about loneliness. And candy. One of them is about candy.

This six-week study guide for Sharon Garlough Brown's novel *Shades of Light* is an opportunity for you to reflect on how the experiences of the characters in the novel resonate with your own experience. Including daily Scripture readings, reflection questions, and simple spiritual practices like creative art and visio divina, this guide offers a healing balm for those in the midst of difficult seasons.

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The spiritual journey takes unexpected turns for the women of Sensible Shoes in this third book of the series, continuing on from the events of Two Steps Forward. Having been challenged to persevere in hope, can they now embrace the joy of complete surrender? Mara: With two boys at home and a divorce on the way, can she let go of her resentment and bitterness and find a rhythm of grace in her "new normal"? Hannah: With Nathan by her side, can she let go of expectations—and even her reputation—as she charts a new course? Charissa: As her approaching due date threatens to collide with new professional opportunities, can she let go of her need for control and embrace the unknown future with trust? Meg: With disappointment over broken relationships and unfulfilled dreams, can she let go of her fear and worry in the face of even greater challenges that lie ahead? Join the women of the Sensible Shoes Club in a poignant story that reveals

the joy that comes from laying our lives at the feet of God and standing barefoot on holy ground.

The spiritual journey continues for Hannah, Meg, Mara and Charissa, the characters we met in the bestselling book *Sensible Shoes*. Sometimes life feels like two steps forward and one step back. Find your own spiritual journey reflected in the lives of these women and discover the way forward.

Waterfalls, The Moon and Sensible Shoes—One Lesbian Life reflects on the different loves, grief, friendship, romance, and feminism that make up one Lesbian life. Strachan's application of her powers of self-reflection to the trove of letters, diaries, and journal entries passed down from her parents or written herself over the past six decades tie disparate threads of family life and American post-war life together. Simultaneously, she tracks a personal account of the radically, quickly shifting social and historical situation for Lesbian and gay individuals from the 1970s to the AIDS crisis and beyond. The individual struggle for, against, and within the currents of history finds a careful, passionate, and genuine treatment in Strachan's hands. An engrossing tale of childhood, adulthood, strength, and family love stateside and far away - Ms. Strachan shares her story of becoming through the letters and diaries of her life. Douglas Yeuell, Executive Director, Atlas Performing Arts Center, Washington, D.C. Praise for *Waterfalls, The Moon*

and Sensible Shoes-One Lesbian Life Engaging and thoughtful! There is a conscious incompleteness to the story; a reflection, perhaps, of the intuitive and sometimes selective ways we write to each other and even to ourselves as Strachan explores moments of her life through personal letters, reflections, and journal entries. And, more to the point, the incompleteness of each of our stories-the ways in which they expand or contract to fit our containers as we, too, grow and change over time. Strachan provides a glimpse into a lifetime of stories well-considered and also, ultimately, open for new ones yet to be woven. Hannah Jacobson

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Fundraising/Strategic Project Manager & Board

Consultant As an anthropologist, I seek out

storytellers whose individual lives can reflect and deepen an understanding of "others" and, in a

broader sense, an understanding of the human

condition. As one example, Strachan writes about

her complicated relationship with Pete interspersed with her own evolving sense of self, using their

letters and her journal to document. She fills some entries with the joy of their closeness, while others

lay bare an erupting dissonance between them. Paul M. Preston, Ph.D. Author of Mother Father Deaf,

Harvard University Press A very personal journey

honestly told. Part coming of age, part a view into an evolving feminist, always engaging. Imagine if we all

worked to build a world in which every voice matters. Karen McCluskey, member of the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C.

This companion guide will take you deeper into the world of the women from Sensible Shoes. Allowing you to try out the spiritual practices you've seen them engage in the book, this guide includes twelve weeks of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection questions (five days a week) that correspond to the disciplines the women practice, along with a group discussion guide at the end of each week.

Sensible Shoes
A Story about the Spiritual Journey
InterVarsity Press

In this eight-week study guide you'll join the characters of An Extra Mile, the final book in the Sensible Shoes series, as they journey through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Dive deeper into key spiritual practices from the book, using daily Scripture readings and reflection questions as well as discussion questions and suggested practices for groups to do together.

Reading this book may result in your reminiscing with friends till it gets absolutely sick making. It could make you look at yourself in the mirror and wonder where that other person has gone. It could make you remember what you did forty five years ago - for instance your first day at school - but not remember what it was you decided to cook for dinner this evening.

A memoir of the authors experiences in Malawi, Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 2003-2005 at the age of 75. Every life contains a private joke. What's yours? Friendship, fetishism, romance and resurrection are only some of the

themes explored in this intriguing collection of eight short stories from a contemporary master of the form. The title story appears in the current issue of *Antipodes: A Global Journal of Australian/New Zealand Literature* Vol. 27 No. 2 Dec. 2013. The women of *Sensible Shoes* are navigating both deep joy and devastating loss. Can Mara, Hannah, Charissa, and Becca find equilibrium in the midst of all that has changed? In this final installment of the *Sensible Shoes* series, you're invited to travel with these beloved friends as they endure trials that test their trust and their willingness to walk an extra mile. A critique of Disney's ideology
Includes abstracts of magazine articles and "Book reviews".

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unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts-it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about the Crazy Love Simplified Chinese version at www.crazylovebook.com/cn. Check out Francis Chan's video blog at francischanblog.blogspot.com.
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