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What difference does it make to have the light of the gospel in your life? To a twelve-year-old girl in post-World War II Germany, it made all the difference.

In this charming book, Sister Harriet R. Uchtdorf reflects on the power of heavenly light in her own life and recalls the joy it brought to her family during a dark and difficult time. "It was like a miracle," she explains as she describes how hope came back into their lives.

Discover how the light we share can make a life-changing difference to those whose lives we touch-as family members, leaders, missionaries, teachers, friends, and brothers and sisters in the gospel.

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From Reader Review The Light We Share for online ebook

Cynthia Egbert says

I am so grateful to my friend Mary Lou who gave me this gem as a birthday gift and her timing was perfect. I love the imagery of light that she uses to outline her story and her relationship with the heavens. This is a simple reminder of what really matters and how we need to keep it simple and we will not get lost.

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

This is a beautiful book on the power of faith and belief in Christ.

Sister Harriet Uchtdorf shares her experience of how life plans change. She talks about her husband becoming an Apostle for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They were planning on returning to Germany when he was finished with a church assignment. They looked forward to returning home and spending time with their grandchildren. In 2009 their plans changed as they devoted their time and talents to his apostleship.

She shares her conversion story. She has dealt with many heartaches, but has strong faith in the Lord. I enjoyed reading her testimony and learning more about her life. Her husband has become one of my favorite speakers because of his testimony and the way he eloquently speaks. This book showed me how well they compliment each other. She has a beautiful testimony.

This book is short and sweet. It is a book to read when you have a moment to contemplate and a desire to learn of other's experiences and testimony.

Maria says

Short and motivational! Sharing our light with others uplifts and gives hope to those that need it.

Michelle says

This was a quick, sweet read. The light of the Gospel will go forth until light fills the whole world. Although this was not written for the Church's "Light the World" campaigns, it fits beautifully.

Heidi says

This beautiful gift book provides a sweet reminder of the need to look for the light in our lives rather than the darkness. Sister Uchtdorf talks about how she and her husband came to Salt Lake City to serve in the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temporarily. When her husband was called to be an apostle, it changed everything. She goes on to discuss why she and her husband were willing to make the changes the Lord asked of them, by sharing the circumstances around her families' conversion to the gospel and the light it brought into their lives. The message here revolves around the importance of sharing the light we have been blessed with and how that can help us adapt to the challenges and changes that God asks us to face. A beautifully decorated and written book that reminded me that despite the darkness in the world, there is still much light available to those willing to look for and share it.

Michelle says

This very short, picture-heavy book is more a spiritual thought than an actual book. However, it is wonderful! I loved the real insights into her life of following Christ. I loved the couple of stories she shared about growing up and, now, living in Utah. She quotes a German hymn, now in the English hymn books, that is one of her favorites. I have loved that hymn since I served in Germany and can still sing the first verse in German (and do in church, albeit quietly). My favorite quote is, "Your influence will be unending as you focus on the strengths of others rather than their weaknesses and mistakes" (39). Such a true quote! If you want a quick uplift, this book is it! It is easily finished in five minutes and leaves a great feeling in its wake!

Heather says

This is a beautiful reminder from the wife on an apostle that the Lord's plans for our lives may be very different from our own plans for our life. Sister Harriet R. Uchtdorf came to the United States in 1999 with her husband Dieter on an assignments she thought would be temporary. She was looking forward to returning to her homeland and family in Germany, but things chance and we have be willing to be flexible. Filled with the hopeful, positive story of how Harriet learned to listen to her heart and follow the path set for her family, this is a little book with a big message.

I loved the illustrations and the format. The Light We Share shows scenes from Germany as well as a lantern...a symbol of lighting the way for others. Sister Uchtdorf shares her personal story of conversion and how the missionaries changed her mother's life. I truly enjoyed the short but sweet reminder that the Lord knows just how our life will turn out...for the better.

"Your influence will be unending as you focus on the strengths of others rather than their weaknesses and mistakes. Our hearts and eyes should concentrate on the positive things in life and in our fellowmen. We are all well advised not to wear our nose high in the sky or criticize or judge others." p. 39

Etta Mcquade says

I was so touched by the family's conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after the death of Harriet's beloved father in post World War II Frankfurt, Germany. Harriet was 12 when her father died which left the family in depression and darkness. Eight months after his death, the LDS missionaries knocked on their door, they were baptized and the light of the gospel changed everything.

Heather says

This is a sweet, simple, happy, and encouraging little book by Sister Uchtdorf filled with hope. She shares part of the story of the missionaries finding her family and her conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ. She talks about the light that came into her life and that we can then share with others.

A part of the book goes through the lyrics of the song "Hark, All Ye Nations" (which I love)!! She talks about how meaningful that song was in her conversion and how it applies to each of us and the opportunities to share that Light with the world!

Shauna says

Beautifully written!

Beautifully illustrated!

We LOVE President Uchtdorf and rejoice in his words.

Now we are privileged to read from Sister Uchtdorf as she shares her thoughts about her life and her testimony of her conversion.

Throughout her life things have not always gone as she or her family has planned...

One such event was the calling of President Uchtdorf to be a General Authority. After his announcement she writes:

"Alone, at home I reflected on my life, our plans, the Lord's plan, and His timetable. My thoughts went back to when I was twelve year old."

Then she shares her conversion story and how the missionaries brought light back into her home after the passing of her father...another unplanned event.

How grateful she is for those missionaries!

She states:

"My dear brothers and sisters, you are the parents and families who will prepare these young men and women to serve missions. You help the them to bring the gospel light to every land today. You serve missions as couples or as mature members and bless the people of the world."

May we truly share our light, like Sister Uchtdorf, to all within our reach~ it could be life-changing.

A PERFECT GIFT FOR YOURSELF OR FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE :)

alisonwonderland says

A beautiful little book, perfect for an uplift on a Sunday afternoon.

Melanie says

This is a book that doesn't take long at all to read. Sis. Uchtdorf shares that she always believed their "overseas assignment" here in the United States was temporary and that one day they would return to Germany. In 2004, when her husband received the call to be an Apostle, they knew their lives were changed forever.

She reflects on the difficult times her family went through when she was 12 years old and the message two missionaries brought her family. She also expresses her love for the hymn "Hark, All Ye Nations!" and how they consider it their "German hymn." The words do a great job of explaining how they felt during this time of their lives and has expressed her feelings on many other occasions since then. The light we share will, indeed, bless our lives and the lives of others as we serve, teach and are an example of good for those around us.

While this book is short, the message is powerful and the photographs are beautiful! It's a wonderful book to display and can easily be read again and again.

Mel's Shelves

Verona says

The simplest books can be the most profound. This is how I view this beautiful little book by Sister Uchtdorf. her words speak the language of light and love, so gentle and yet touch your heart with profound meaning. I literally could feel like light that blessed her life and it brought light into my heart today. It's the kind of light that will stay in my heart forever and illuminate my path. I love Sister Uchtdorf for sharing her light with me, and my friend Geri for sharing this book with me. The illustrations are exquisite, lovely, and simple, and give a charm to this special little book. I am thankful to have a copy of this book so I can feel the light again and again when I need it.

Mary Lou says

I love light! I love the pictures Harriet chose to illustrate her precious story of the gospel light in her life. I love the simplicity in the telling of the story, and the use of a special hymn to tell the story. I love the scriptures of truth that she uses to teach what light is, from God. And I love her encouraging all of us to receive light, and then to share our light, and we will be come brighter and brighter.

Carolyn says

Nice quick read telling the story of how LDS missionaries brought light and hope to Sister Uchtdorf's family.
Beautiful pictures.
