

The Merry Tongue

A story of Love, Loss, Faith & Surrender

Synopsis

Can the painful loss of your beloved leave you with an inexplicable joy? Can the ache and choking emptiness be replaced with peace and a love that heals you to the very core of your being? Is it even possible to feel so light-hearted, you begin to laugh again and are astonished at your own rejoicing spirit?

The Merry Tongue is an uplifting, soul-satisfying reflection on the wondrous union of joy and sorrow – each so interdependent that they are never truly experienced without the other.

It is a celebration of His mysterious ways – a life journey that will rekindle the light in a dwindling spirit and un-break a reclusive heart. It will fill you with a sense of awe again and remind you that there are simply no coincidences.

Does a grounded caterpillar, in the safety of a cocoon, ever imagine the magic of flight? Come celebrate the miracle of metamorphosis with 'The Merry Tongue' in this heart-warming story of Love, Loss, Faith and Surrender.

Bishop Bosco Penha, Em. Aux. Bishop, Archdiocese of Bombay has written The Foreword for the book. He writes in his opening lines, *"Reading 'The Merry Tongue' has had a great impact on me. It is, in my humble opinion, a masterpiece of spirituality, containing many nuggets of gold that one needs to discover for oneself."*

Included in the first pages of the book, is a review by Dr. Armida Fernandes. She is doing wonderful, hands-on work in India to uplift underprivileged women. She herself went through a traumatic loss of her own, losing her only daughter to cancer, two years ago. She writes, *"I read 'The Merry Tongue' in just a few hours. I feel this book has such a powerful message to share, I couldn't put it down! It is simply BEAUTIFUL! As Milly's life unfolds, transformation takes place and the power that flows through it begins with SURRENDER and FAITH that eventually uplifts her and her entire family. It is a lesson for everyone of us and will surely be an inspiration for all women. I feel enriched."* - **Dr. Armida Fernandez, Founder Trustee SNEHA & the Romila Palliative Care Centre; Medical Director Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai, India.**

The reason for writing this book?

Shared experiences act like a virtual support group for people with similar life experiences. It lends perspective and heals. We hope it will bring solace to others who have gone through loss and bereavement in their lives and the reflections will be a gentle reminder that God can lift even the most sunken of us out of a deep pit and wants only the best for His faithful.

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Preface:

These are reflections from the life of a Christian woman, brought up in post independent India – The intriguing land of paradoxes! Despite humble beginnings in an over-protected home, she meets her soul mate and goes on to nomadic and exciting times, travelling the world, thus experiencing her very own “Happily ever After”!

The sudden loss of her Prince Charming - the love of her life and the crutch she completely depends on, turns her world upside down but she reaches out and truly finds her ONE AND ONLY TRUE KING - Jesus Christ!

She see’s first-hand how God's promise to look after the widow and her fatherless young children is true every step of the way! His unmistakable signs fill her with renewed hope. She gradually changes from a shy, introverted, tongue-tied caterpillar, living in the shadows of two significant others in her life, to a colourful butterfly - with wings to fly!

Freed from her cocoon she transforms into ‘*The Merry Tongue*’ – allowing the Holy Spirit to work His wonders in and through her and the prophecy which was revealed to her, many years ago, comes true!

We are each like a beautiful and perfect instrument just waiting to be tuned. God waits to play his melodious masterpiece through us if we just allow ourselves to tune in.

The Merry Tongue will reinforce that to touch bliss even for a moment is to internalize that despite our weaknesses, we are loved, treasured and accepted by God just as we are.

The story shares nuggets that recount both happy and sorrowful times, will lend perspectives on family life, relationships, women’s issues and discerning experiential thoughts on parenting from an era gone by with emotions and life lessons learned to imbibe or earnestly contemplate on.

It is our wish that anyone who reads this book will believe again that He works miracles even today, His love can uplift even the most downtrodden of us and put a new song in our mouths, one that will sing praises to His name.

We remain in awe of His Unfailing Love