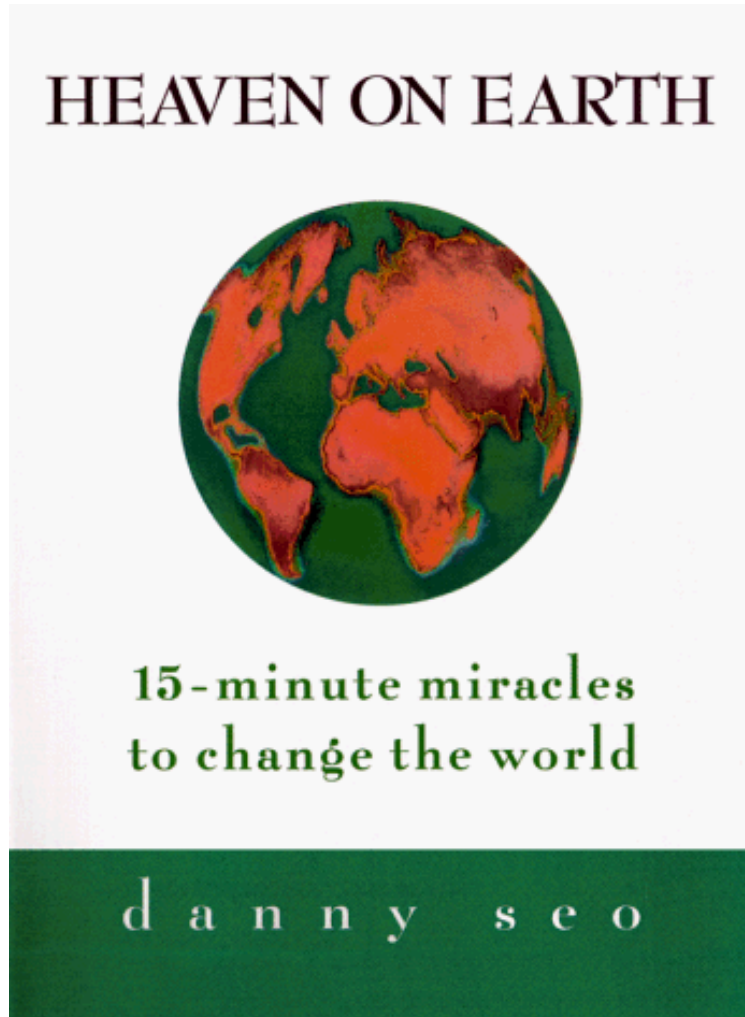


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A surprising, extremely helpful bookBy A CustomerI picked up Heaven on Earth in the bookstore intrigued by the "15-minute miracles" the author touted in his subtitle. I thought, "Really...can we make a difference in the world in just a few minutes?"At the end of each chapter, the author gives 10 concrete ways (I mean, the 800 numbers and website are included) we can help others. The day I got the book, I donated my frequent flier miles to help the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, took some CD's to the neighborhood music store to sell for a local animal rights group, and even got some friends together to plan for an upcoming "anti-graffiti" day.I'm not easily swayed by things...especially a book. But Heaven on Earth is fantastic. I think all of us want to help people and make our world a better place....but really, how? Danny Seo shows us how.

Everyone should read this book.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. You can change the world. Danny Seo is an inspiration!By A CustomerI picked up this book because I am one of those incredibly busy people with a hectic schedule that would still like to make the world a better place. At first I was a little skeptical, can anyone really change the world in only 15 minutes a day? The answer is a resounding yes, and Danny Seo gives us concrete, can do examples at the end of every chapter to get us started. He also profiles those ordinary people who began making a small contribution and have ended up being true heroes. The result is inspiring.However, the true gift of this book is Seo's intuitive honesty. How many times have you read about someone doing something great for humanity and put the book or article down feeling guilty and depressed. "I could never do that..." you think to yourself, or "maybe if I didn't have kids and a full time job...". Seo takes the time to address the fears and concerns that keep us all from starting to give. From "I don't have enough time..." to "I feel like I have nothing to offer..." Seo looks us straight in the eye and gently suggests ways to shatter what he refers to as our "personal glass ceiling". The book is full of ideas and resources that don't overwhelm, but gently nudge us in the right direction.Seo's insightful ideas on how to maximize the benefit to others by being smart and savvy about how we give, is the final jewel of this book. Finally, the super efficient Gen Xer's have taken on how to maximize your giving potential rather than your business potential.In the brave new world of trite self-help and pseudo-spiritual guidance books, "Heaven on Earth" stands apart as a kind reminder of what we all know already; we can make a difference in the world, and the world needs us to. Bravo Seo!9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. An exciting book---great read!By A CustomerWalking through the bookstores last weekend, I came across this book in the "self improvement" section. I thought it was odd, sitting between books on "satisfying your lover" and "finding your color code," since it was book on creating miracles.Danny's book is incredibly practical and innovative at the same time. He understands that we're all busy and do not have time to "devote endless hours" to changing the world. I like his chutzpah.I've got a few minutes each day (for god's sake, if I have time to praise Heaven on Earth, then I have time to be selfless). His 100 ideas are my fav.--- he gives all the info you need to make a difference in just minutes a day.I'm glad I stumbled across this book and have bought copies for my parents and my best friend. It's a great, great, great, great book.

The recipient of Oprah's Angel Network Award for his philanthropic accomplishments, a twenty-one-year-old entrepreneur of altruism explains how anyone can achieve personal fulfillment by committing themselves to help others.

From Library JournalSeo, who has become something of a celebrity because of his creative and innovative ways to perform philanthropy, here presents a number of practical ideas for those of like mind. His creativity and earnestness about his work are remarkable and most apparent in his reading. However, his zeal is not enough, and this recording sounds like a seminar report. As an audio, this one just doesn't quite make it. Public libraries would be better served by acquiring the print edition.-Michael T. Fein, Central Virginia Community Coll., Lynchburg Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. Martin Sheen Heaven On Earth is written with such clarity, convincing exercises, and powerful stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things that few people who read this book will ever again view helping others as a chore, but rather a responsibility and a privilege. -- Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Angel Power Rule #1 CREATE MIRACLES: CLIFFS NOTES-STYLE Don't wait for your "ship to come in," and feel angry and cheated when it doesn't. Get going with something small. -- Irene Kassorla, Go For It Create a mini-miracle. Read that phrase again and write it down. It is the foundation of kindness, my motive for writing this book, and my reason for living. It is the easiest and most effective way to make a significant, lasting difference in the world. When we say the word "miracle," our minds concoct intimidating scenarios: rescuing a classroom of children from a burning building, raising millions of dollars to find a cure for cancer, planting thousands of fruit-bearing trees in the desert to feed a starving tribe. And if you're like most people, you think being a miracle worker takes lots of time, lots of hard work, and possibly an act of God to be a one-person army, a life-saving, cure-finding, mentor-for-life saint. The fact is, to create miracles and make a difference, all you have to do is devote fifteen minutes a day. In the same amount of time it takes to walk to the corner grocery store, you can change the world. Change the World in Just Fifteen Minutes a Day? If you're like me, you are always trying to find ways to save time by doing two errands at once or by taking advantage of services that perform time-consuming chores like laundry and grocery shopping. Just look at your appointment book or calendar. I bet your day is crammed with meetings, errands, and an indefinite number of tasks. Do you bring a laptop computer with you on the airplane so you can get some work done? Do you wonder how you've lived without a cellular phone? Or maybe you don't have time to wonder. Here's the point: There just don't seem to be enough hours in the day to accomplish everything you want to do. Time, if you really think about it, is your most precious commodity. No matter how hectic our lives become, however, I believe that to be human is to want to contribute something positive to the world. Our capacity to be compassionate and help others is inborn. We want to help a sick child, clean up a littered park, raise money for a charitable cause we believe in. But with all of the chores and responsibilities we have, where can we possibly find time to do something positive for humanity and still maintain our busy lives? Maybe at some moment in your life you "made the time." You fulfilled your need to give back to the

world and volunteered, raised money for charity, or even got your hands and clothing dirty by planting trees in an inner-city garden. It felt great. Anyway, it was cheaper than paying \$100 an hour to a therapist to tell you what you discovered for free: Being selfless made you a better person. Then reality enters: family obligations, paperwork from the office, unpaid bills, perhaps a leaky roof. All of a sudden, your goal of recruiting one hundred people to participate in an AIDS walkathon fell off your list of priorities into a dark abyss, never to be seen or heard from again. "At least my intentions were good," you tell yourself. Good intentions never get anything done. If I intended to wash the dishes one morning, and didn't, I'd still have a sinkful of dirty dishes. Taking responsibility and following through get the job done, not meaning well. The good news is that with technology making our lives quicker, easier, and more efficient, we can take a cue from the twenty-first century and make our philanthropic work quicker, easier, and more efficient as well. In this book, you'll read the phrase "get the maximum amount done in the minimum amount of time." This is my work ethic. I do not believe in wasting time. And I certainly do not believe in achieving very little for a lot of hard work. That's what drove me to create fifteen-minute mini-miracles. Fifteen-minute miracles, or miracles Cliffs Notes-style, allow you to go beyond just being nice. They allow you to accomplish something concrete by helping someone in need or making your community a healthier place to live -- without sacrificing a lot of your own time. You can change the world by embracing the Ten Rules of Angel Power to get the maximum amount done in the minimum amount of time and by committing fifteen minutes every single day to contribute something worthy to humanity. I admit that this sounds like one of those unfounded claims from an infomercial touting an "amazing, ingenious product." And, as with those commercial spots, the only way to find out if my claim is true is to try it out yourself. In this case, however, you don't have to send four payments of \$19.95. It goes beyond writing a check to a charity. A fifteen-minute mini-miracle super-charges the idea: For example, instead of just writing a check, you can write a check to charity and double the amount in fifteen minutes without actually having to give more from your own checking account. You can even raise \$1,000 for your favorite charity in fifteen minutes flat. Over the last nine years, I've tested, perfected, and practiced more than one hundred of these mini-miracles. I think they're amazing -- they've done so much to help others and improve my community, and they've made me a happier, better person, too. Who or What Benefits? By practicing fifteen-minute mini-miracles, you can help an elderly patient heal; help a child learn to read; donate \$1,000 to charity without having to give a dime from your personal savings; save the life of a dying child; educate someone thousands of miles away during your lunch break; inspire a young woman to believe in herself. Fifteen-minute mini-miracles are revolutionary. They're savvy and modern. They take full advantage of technology and the wealth of free information and resources available to us twenty-four hours a day, and turn our weaknesses into strengths -- or, as I like to say, lemons into lemonade. Change Your Life And, as they say in those infomercials, that's not all, folks. Not only can you make a difference in just minutes a day, you'll get an added bonus if you act right now: No, you won't get washboard abs, but your life will change. When you give a few minutes of your life each day to changing the world, your heart and soul open up. You find personal fulfillment. You gain self-worth. You learn valuable lessons that will help you succeed in the workplace, with your family, and in your personal life. You become a compassionate person not because you aspire to be one, but because your natural capacity to be kind shines through. And you inspire those around you to make a difference, too. You'll also discover that the more that you selflessly give, the better you'll feel about yourself and the world around you. The better you feel, the more you'll desire to change the world. The more you desire to change the world, the more tempting it will be to spend more than your daily fifteen minutes doing it. Pretty soon, devoting an entire weekend with your friends and family to building a Habitat for Humanity home won't sound time-consuming to you; it will be fun. After all, meaningful activities are what some of the best memories are made of. A Mini-miracles will make the world a better place, help those in need, and change your own life. This may sound like some new-agey idea to you, but I think there's nothing unusual about mixing the human need to make a difference with the time constraints and technology of the twenty-first century. Why shouldn't miracles evolve with the times? At the end of each chapter in this book, you'll find ten proven fifteen-minute mini-miracles you can perform at the office, during your lunch hour, at home, on weekends, or right before you go to sleep. Take note of the mini-miracle idea