

Seven Gifts in The Rain

"This is not a normal book with a normal story..."

It is the story of a lonely white dolphin, and a tree, curiously shaped like a guitar with too many strings. Of an outcast singer, a honeybee and other strange misfits who help a young boy bring long-awaited rain to seven precious gifts, that have lain dormant for aeons in the parched body of the Earth.

The rain awakens the gifts; and the gifts awaken the boy.
And the boy awakens the Earth.

"I've never seen anything like this before."

US Review of Books: "Perhaps the most unusual book you'll ever read, as educational and inspiring as Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*, but far more readable and enjoyable."

The BookLife Prize: "This is a wonderful current-day twist on fairy tales, faith, subjective morality, and the search for universal truths. Sweet simplicity meets marvelous depth."

Szoch: "Beautifully written tales that capture the mind, heart and spirit"

Self Publishing Review: "This little book was charming. I much preferred it to *The Shack*"

Matt McAvoy: "The book is beautifully written, in wonderful, simple yet perfect prose; every sentence is an individual work of art, The Sailor applying language in broad, consistently creative swathes - this is the fiction that, as writer, you wish you could write"

Indies Today: "The Seven Gifts within us is a beautifully conceived philosophical work of fantastical fiction. Ethereal in composition, readers of all ages will find the Sailor's writing style to be a breath of fresh air"

The Book Review Blog: " ... these quite incredible characters and events begin to strike the reader as insanity on the part of the author. However, if insanity it is, this is the type that gives birth to great achievements... For readers seeking something original and thought-provoking, this is nearly perfect"

everybookhasasoul: "This little book is a brilliant read that I recommend everyone reads"

The Nelson Mail: "Gentle humour mixes with wisdom and pathos. Madness dances with brilliance. This little book is one that stays in your head like a piece of music, playing over and over most delightfully"

Inkweaver Review: "A highly unusual book ... walks a fine line between profound and insane" -

Souvenir Press, London: "One of those unique and wonderful manuscripts that come one's way all too rarely. A most unusual and beautiful story that lingers in the mind long after one has read it"

The Book Review Blog: "This is not a normal book with a normal story; it must be approached with an open mind and no preconceived ideas of how books should be written"

Diane Donovan: "... highly recommended reading for readers of metaphysical fiction, who will find its gentle philosophical and visionary reflections to be compelling, inviting, and thought-provoking life lessons."

Vincent Dublado for Readers' Favorite: "A strong sense of fascination may well find its way into your heart upon reading the first page of *Seven Gifts in the Rain* by The Sailor. It is not often that we encounter a surreal and heartwarming tale that inspires and makes us think. At the center of this story is an angel, instructing a yet to be born child (a boy) to read seven books, each providing an invaluable life lesson that the boy sets out to find. Each tale represents metaphorical undertones in the form of unique gifts, which the boy needs to unravel to understand the joy and beauty that life can offer. A lonely dolphin, a guitar-shaped tree, an outcast singer, and a honey bee are among the fascinating string of characters the young boy will encounter in his search that will unleash a magical awakening.

Seven Gifts in the Rain is a delight and a surprise. The Sailor has earned a rightful place in fantasy fiction as a thorough spiritual guide. For starters, The Sailor seems to understand and care about the fundamental rules in writing a fairy tale that inspires and treats all readers as equals. Though it reads like a children's story, it has a way of speaking to people in different stages of their lives. It is the magical quality of the book itself that makes you understand realities. It is not filled with moralizing but, rather, it gives anyone access to universal spiritualism minus the espoused dogmas of organized religion. Another part of this book's appeal is that it breaks the boundary of reading taste, as anyone can find a gem of truth and a spark of self-awakening in reading this humble tale."

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