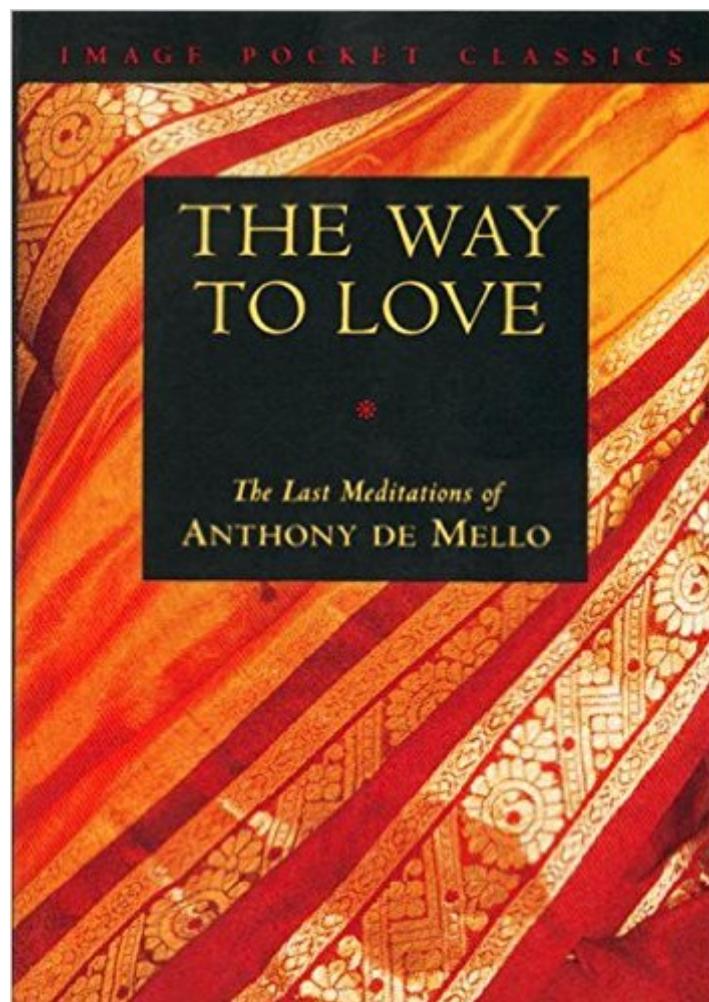


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Anthony De Mello was the director of the Sadhana Institute of Pastoral Counseling in Poona, India, and authored several books. The Way To Love is his last.

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Customer Reviews

Not being a Christian myself, I'm not inclined to get terribly bent out of shape about whether Anthony de Mello (z'tz'l; of blessed memory) takes some of Jesus's remarks out of context. But Christians may well be concerned about that, and the previous reviewer is quite right to warn about it. (So why all those "not helpful" votes? Are there any Christians who don't find such warnings helpful?) On the other hand, I'm not persuaded that de Mello is taking anything out of context. There is a looooooooooong tradition in Christianity, is there not, of recognizing that even Jesus's most casual words are charged with hidden spiritual significance and trying to discern their "inner" meaning through meditation? Be that as it may, the reader should be aware that this is not a book

"about" Christianity or Christian theology or biblical hermeneutics or anything else of the sort. De Mello has exactly one purpose in writing, and he isn't messing around: as he remarks in _Awareness_, imitating Christ doesn't make you Christlike any more than playing a saxophone makes a monkey a musician. "You've got," de Mello says, "to _be_ Christ." And the entire purpose of the short meditations in this little volume is precisely to make you "_be_ Christ." Heresy? Well, as a non-Christian I'm not an authority on whom you should rely here -- but as I recall, the New Testament does say that Christians are supposed to "have the mind of Christ" and "be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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