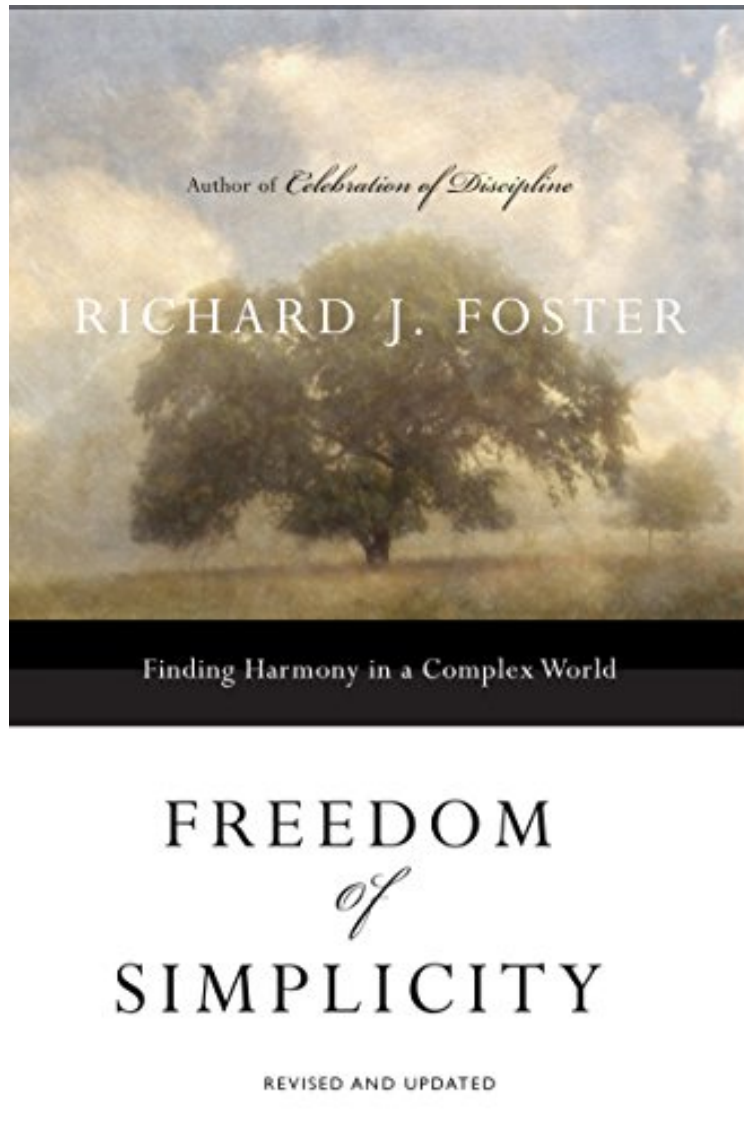


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mixed BlessingVon Rulon FosterI bought this book based on the glowing recommendations posted here and, although I

definitely got some good out of it, I'd have to say it was a mixed blessing. I have no doubt of Mr. Foster's sincerity and am sure he is the kind who practices what he preaches. The earlier sections which explore the Old and New Testament basis for simplicity provide much food for thought. Unfortunately, the later sections on practicing the simple life often range from the somewhat silly to the surprisingly naive. For example, his suggestion to get rid of a beloved possession if we suspect we may be valuing it more than God seems misguided. His logic is that if we are convinced we are idolizing the possession then we should get rid of it. But if we are convinced that we aren't idolizing it, then there's no harm in getting rid of it, anyway. It saddened me a little that some earnest young Christian might actually be convinced by this counsel to give up something of great sentimental value. Also, Mr. Foster could benefit from a solid course in basic economics. He seems to be of the well-meaning but rather dingy liberal school that believes taking a smaller slice of the economic pie means more slices for everyone else. This, of course, is simply not the way it works. The best thing that is happening to many third- and second-world countries is the development of market economies whereby the desire to achieve a better lifestyle leads to an expanding economy, more jobs, and much better lives for many more people. I do not mean to downplay the importance of giving generously out of what God has given us, and I suspect that most Christians who have picked up this book already feel this way. I am only concerned that some will be misled by Mr. Foster's rather limited view of how to improve the lives of those in need.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Breaking free and finding peace Von Jackie St. Hilaire It's not an easy task to let go of the known and go into the unknown. To let go of possessions, relationships and to live simply one day at a time. To let go of controlling people you live with, work with, play with, to be and to trust. It is one of the greatest gifts you can give to yourself and others, it brings peace and fulfillment not to rush and accomplish but to do one thing at a time, whether it's eating, vacuuming, telephone calling, working at the office or being with the kids or grandkids. One thing at a time done with simple awareness is worth doing many, many things without awareness. Richard Foster shows us how to live this lifestyle in his books Freedom of Simplicity and Celebration of Discipline. Once you let go, you don't have to prove anything to anyone, you lose that competition drive, status quo, you don't have to live on the edge, you become more compassionate, more centered, more intuitive, more alive to yourself and others. You worry less and love more, you fear less and trust more, you live for the moment, because that's all you have. You make less mistakes and better decisions. You need less and enjoy more. Live simply so that others may simply live.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The only book you need on simplicity Von Ein Kunde Why did it take me so long to find this book? Kudos to Harper for reissuing it after years of being out of print. I have read a number of recent, popular books on "voluntary simplicity" and "downshifting," but none approach the beauty of Foster's clear and compelling treatise on the "complexity of simplicity." After outlining the spiritual foundation of the notion of simplicity, he offers practical means of working to achieve it. If you're interested in "living the simple life" BUY this book and check all those other titles out of the library! A great book for "downshifters" regardless of their spiritual background.

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