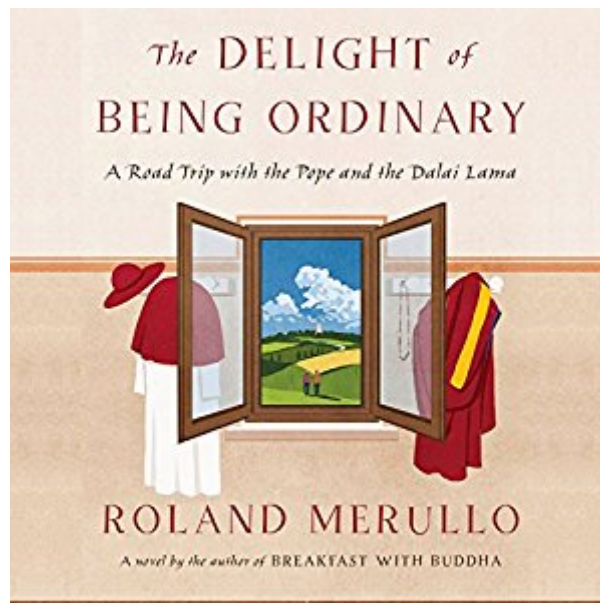




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The Delight Of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip With The Pope And The Dalai Lama



Synopsis

Roland Merullo's playful, eloquent, and life-affirming novel finds the Pope and the Dalai Lama teaming up for an unsanctioned road trip through the Italian countryside to rediscover the everyday joys of life that can seem, even for the two holiest men in the world, unattainable. What happens when the Pope and the Dalai Lama decide they need an undercover vacation? During a highly publicized official visit at the Vatican, the Pope suggests an adventure so unexpected and appealing that neither man can resist. Before dawn, two of the most beloved and famous people on the planet don disguises, slip into a waiting car, and experience the countryside as regular people. Along for the ride are the Pope's overwhelmed cousin Paolo and his estranged wife, Rosa, an eccentric hairdresser with a lust for life who cannot resist the call to adventure - or the fun. Against a landscape of good humor, exploration and spiritual delight, not to mention the sublime rolling hills of Italy, *The Delight of Being Ordinary* showcases the charming sensibilities of Roland Merullo (whose best-selling *Breakfast with Buddha* has sold over 200,000 copies) in a novel that makes us laugh as well as think about the demands of ordinary life, spiritual life, and the identities by which we all define ourselves.

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Customer Reviews

For a short time I was disappointed that Roland Merullo veered from the path of his three road trip books with Otto Ringling and Volya Rinpoche. Within several paragraphs I realized this new road trip book would be equally captivating, as indeed it was. I stayed up half the night to finish reading

it. As with the previous books, this one is spiced with frequent laser-sharp observations and adages that may keep me journaling for months. If you've read the meals with Buddha series, you must read this new book. It's a sidebar story that does look back in. If you haven't read the previous three, this volume is as good a place to start as any. Now I'm holding breath, waiting for Merullo to return to the Rinpoche stream.

Good but not great read. Mildly amusing. Mildly thought provoking. Mildly sacrilegious. But a little preachy in places. A little like a hallmark card or Kincaid painting.

I loved this ALMOST as much as Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner with Buddha.

An extremely fun and thought-provoking novel. Delightful for certain. Merullo gives his readers a lot to think about. His books are all deeply spiritual without being pedantic or dogmatic.

Delightful book, but didn't feel it was as good as his others.

Great follow-up to his previous 3 books. Very entertaining and enlightening. I would strongly recommend this.

I did not enjoy this book as much as Breakfast with Buddha and Dinner with Buddha. I loved those 2 books. I like the author's writing, but the story was not as believable as the others.

Roland Merullo adds a new cast of characters to the Breakfast with Buddha series and sweeps us along with all the imagined questions, concerns and behaviors of the beloved pope and the also beloved Dalai Lama. What a delightful road trip with the extraordinary!

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