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Elizabeth Tabor says

This book has been a favorite of mine for over a decade. I read it about once a year. This is one of the few books I own that have me laughing out loud consistently as I read. I have learned that I need to be careful where I read this book! He's sweet and honest and funny and kind. It's a wonderful book and following the colloquialism is half the fun.

Amanda Tero says

Do you ever wonder what an immigrant from the 1940's went through when they arrived in America? In a way, the word "charming" comes to mind from this biography of Giorgi, a man from the country Georgia, as he comes to America and struggles to make ends meet and live a life in a new country, where he doesn't understand the people, and the people don't understand him. His was not an easy life, but it is not told in a "woe is me" fashion. Instead, humor is sprinkled through the pages as he recounts his adventures and mishaps.

There is some language in this book—primarily, God's name taken in vain (quite frequently). Also, I cannot consider it a Christian book. It was morally clean with practically no romance.

Jan says

Published in the 1940s. In short vivid vignettes the author recounts his experiences as a new immigrant from Georgia, and his assimilation into U.S. society. For good reason it was a best-seller in its day. Probably hard to find now, but the library still had the old edition. Heart-warming. Fast read.

Coleman says

You wouldn't think I could find a book from my favorite super-specific niche genre (Short stories written in the mid-1940s by immigrants about the American experience in good humor and with good heart) in a tiny used bookstore in Yellow Springs, Ohio, but hey... anything can happen.

What's not to love about this? George Papashvily writes sincerely (in his unique Georgian dialect) about his travels across America, including tales of police run-ins, bad business ventures, and the simple joys of reuniting with your countrymen and finding a home. It's a bundled volume of wholesomeness. Even the backflap is something to behold, as it skips the author biography and instead implores its readers to buy war bonds in order to win the fight against fascism.

They just don't publish books like this anymore.

Karly Det ? says

walking through the corridor of the university library when i saw this old book, i took it and started reading just standing there....., two pages and..... it got me.

Carolyn Page says

This is the true story of an immigrant to America. One of my favorite stories is how he was caught holding flowers from a park when a policeman came, and he refused to plead "guilty" and take the fine, when he was innocent.

Katya says

Such a pleasurable read! It's about a Georgian immigrant and his story of adopting to life in America, funny and moving. Be aware, descriptions of Georgian food can make you crave a good shashlyk.

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Gavin says

this book is amazing. If anybody forgets why it is great to live in this country just read this book. I found it a random on my book shelf.

Natalya says

This made me giggle and smile and cry. A heart warming account of an immigrant's experience in the United States.

Jessica says

I hope this delightful little gem of a book gets reprinted soon. I got mine a library book sale.

Danielle says

I'd give it 4.5. One of those books that is fun and easy to read. I even laughed out loud a time or three. A Georgian immigrant's story told with honesty and humor.

Jan says

I reread this book this week. Heartbreakingly lovely and a reminder to stay honest and fair - no matter what others do. It's been many years since I have read this. My copy was published in 1945, I think.

Cindy Griffin says

This is the story of George Papashvily, a Georgian immigrant to the United States. His story begins at Ellis Island and continues through one experience after another. The story is told with a sense of humor as Mr. Papashvily discovers that America may not exactly be the land flowing with milk and honey. This is a fun, short read.

Robyn says

Delightful, humorous, thoughtful... thoroughly enjoyed it!
