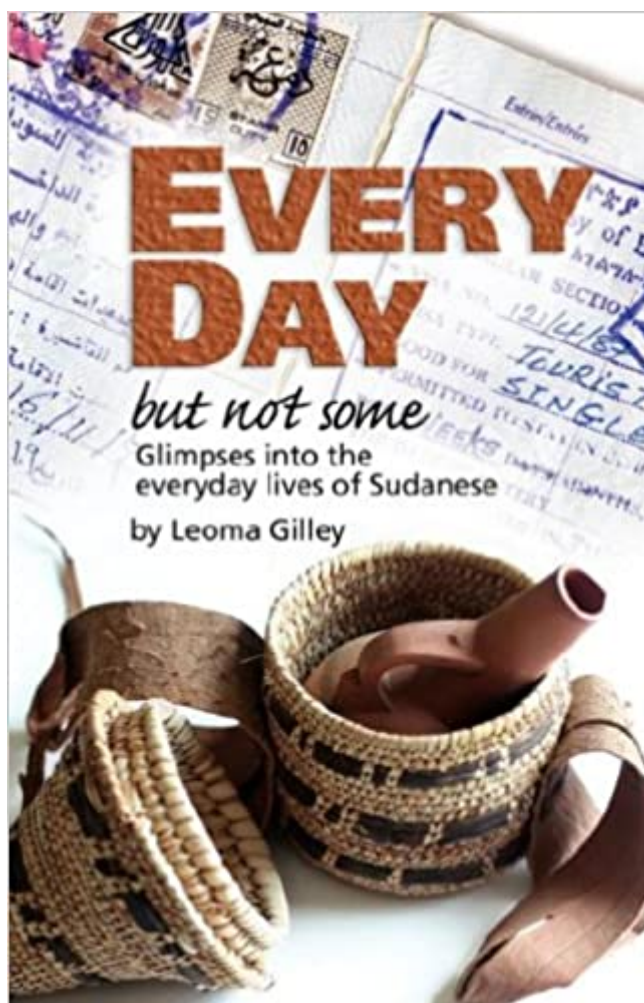


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# Every Day But Not Some, Glimpses Into The Everyday Lives Of Sudanese



## Synopsis

Reports about the Sudan are often critical and harsh, and it is easy to equate the people of the Sudan with their government's policies. By contrast, the stories in *Every Day But Not Some* offer a more positive view of what life is like for the ordinary Sudanese. The author spent 22 years in Sudan and draws from a vast range of relationships and experiences to tell the untold side of the individual people and cultures of the Sudan. This collection of stories reveals how learning another culture is rather like walking around in an unfamiliar house in the dark. You don't know where anything is until you bump into it, sometimes gently, sometimes painfully. All the while, you are desperately looking for a light switch in hopes of being able to see more clearly. Here is a candid, entertaining and informative look at life in the Sudan.

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## Customer Reviews

In reading *Every Day But Not Some*, I had expected something of a scholarly work requiring effort to read. However, I was very pleasantly surprised! Ms. Gilley has a very natural humor and a profound ability to tell a story in such a way as to make a simple story seem profound. Her narrative made me feel as if I were there too, and the people took on a reality that made me feel that I had actually met them. The ingenuity of Ms. Gilley in both accomplishing her mission in Sudan, and in dealing with the daily cultural and governmental differences, gave me a high respect for her abilities under the most difficult of circumstances. But more importantly, her assimilation, to the extent possible, with the people of Sudan gave her an insight that she has managed to convey so clearly to the reader. I wholeheartedly recommend this book as both informative and entertaining. An excellent read!

Fantastic story, riveting in everyway. Seller got the product quickly out the door.

excellent

I LOVED this book! I don't get much reading done now with four kids and a retail job. But I managed to grab many short bits of time and got through almost all of it in just a month or two. The short segments in the book worked well for that. I really enjoyed the description of people and events with humor, honesty and much respect for different cultures, even when it didn't make sense to the author. She didn't just say they were different and thus, couldn't connect. Neither did she portray everything everyone did as good and justified. It seemed a very honest and appreciative description. I loved the humor. I have lived in that part of the world, but I enjoyed both getting a better picture of places I had not been and gaining a better understanding and respect for the people living there. I think this book would be a great contribution to the preparation of people going to work in that part of the world or for anyone interested in learning about different cultures.

Having taken this book with me to a doctor's office, I was actually disappointed to have to stop reading, when my name was called for the appointment! I expected the book to be interesting, but it was much more than that. The great humor was unexpected! I laughed out loud several times, chuckled and smiled through many of the stories of Leoma's adventures during her years in the Sudan. Dr. Gilley gave a thorough understanding of the difficulties and hardships faced by an expatriate, while providing enlightening insight into Sudanese culture and customs. I highly recommend this book, both for personal reading and for gift-giving. Dixie M

After reading this book, I felt like I had lived in the Sudan. The humor and honest perspective made it interesting and easy to follow. It would be a great book for someone who is about to travel to another country or has done so recently. It would also be a good book for teenagers or for a family to read short segments together since it teaches lessons in diversity. The author sends all the profits back to the Sudan to help with literacy and language development in that country.

After so much media coverage of the political situation in Sudan and Darfur, it was especially interesting to read this very personal view of the Sudanese culture and people. With a combination of humor and insight, the author takes the reader along with her as she learns how to live and work

in a culture so very different from her own. The author obviously loves and respects the Sudanese; and by the end of the book, I had gained an appreciation for the Sudanese as well.

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