

**Thoughts on David LaMotte's new book, *You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It Or Not*.**

“The need for the wisdom, courage, and solid advice that I find in this book was the very reason I founded the Center over 35 years ago. David LaMotte is a very good partner in this important work, both for our world and for the human soul.”

— Richard Rohr, *Center for Action and Contemplation*

“This book serves as an antidote to the hopelessness so many of us feel about our world today. LaMotte demonstrates that hope is not naive optimism, but a determination to help build a better world. Through his many examples of communities of ordinary people who are demonstrating that disparate people with differing opinions can live in harmony, LaMotte encourages us to find our own way out of cynicism and despair.”

— Kathleen Norris, author of *Embracing a Life of Meaning*

“I’ve read this book twice now, and here’s what I can tell you: it’s the kind of book that you’ll want to keep and reread because it rings so true and touches you so deeply.”

— Brian McLaren, author of *Faith After Doubt*

David brings his gifts of experience as an artist, songwriter, all around creative and experienced activist into a work that is much more than a manual for world-changers. This book is pure gift. A pure gift of [en]couragement. It infuses you with the courage to first be that new world we are laboring to manifest.”

— Anthony Smith, co-founder, Transform Network

As one of my closest friends, David LaMotte has helped me with a thousand things. But in this book, he can help all of us rethink our misconceptions about how change happens, and the role each of us can play in it. Miracles happen, but they may not be spectacular or attention-grabbing. Instead, the work of contributing to the common good while avoiding both burnout and egocentrism moves bit by bit, with you and me woven into a tapestry of actions, thoughts, words, ideas, prayers and stories. You are already changing the world by your very presence - this book will help you gain more clarity about how to do it better, and love yourself - and life - more.

— Gareth Higgins, author of *How Not to Be Afraid*

In this era of climate chaos, white supremacist violence, global pandemics, hyper-polarized political discourse, and threatened nuclear annihilation, there is a pervasive sense of powerlessness. In this book, David LaMotte provides us inspiring examples of the possible and the practical to reconnect us with our human family, this fragile earth, and a hope-centered way of life. A nonviolent practitioner of “Good Trouble,” LaMotte shows that we have all the tools we need to create Beloved Community in our time.

— Ethan Vesely-Flad, Director of National Organizing, Fellowship of Reconciliation

David LaMotte has created a powerful antidote to the helplessness we often feel in a world that is overwhelming in both its pain and its beauty. With seriously good cheer, he helps us think about how to engage this world with courage, grace, and hope, in the ways that are distinctly ours to do. I am especially grateful for his stories and his wisdom that remind us that as we do this, we are not alone.

— Jan Richardson, author of *The Cure for Sorrow*