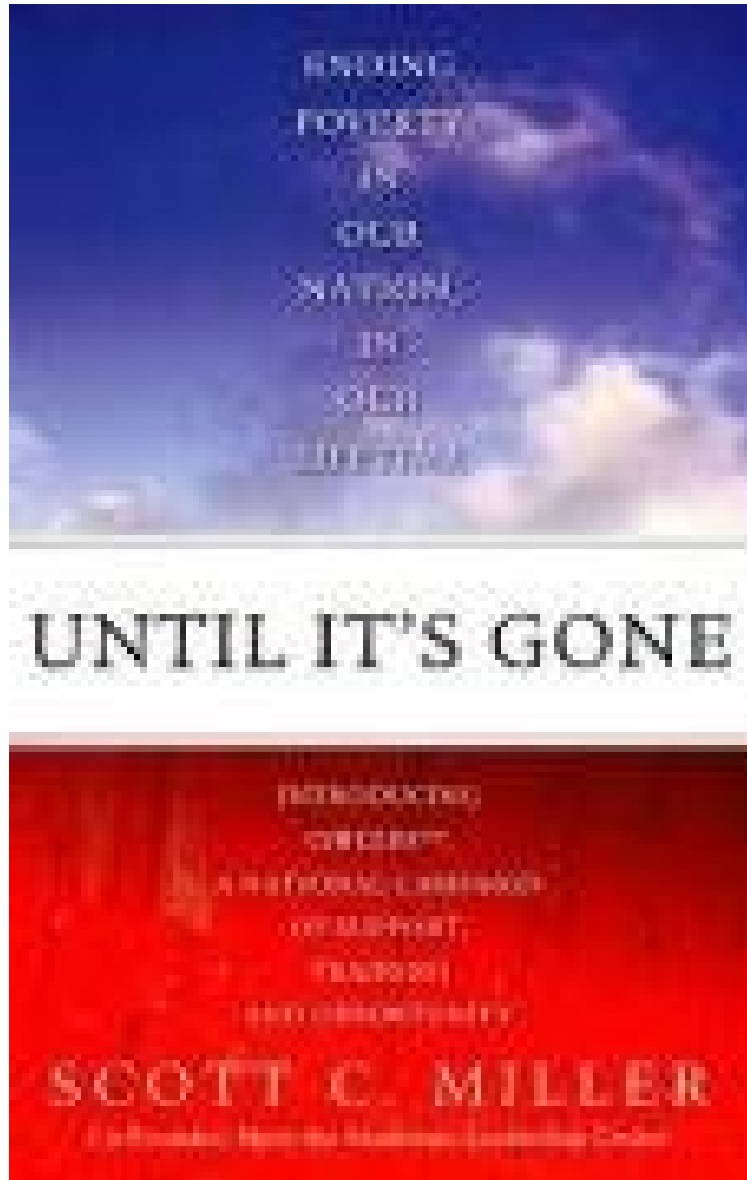


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Scott C. Miller : Until It's Gone: Ending Poverty in Our Nation, in Our Lifetime before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Until It's Gone: Ending Poverty in Our Nation, in Our Lifetime*:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Disjointed Hodgepodge of Random ThoughtsBy Ryan BoothI bought this book hoping that I would learn more about the Circles movement and how to implement such a program to

help get people out of poverty. Unfortunately, very little of the book is about that topic. For example, Chapter 9 is actually about the reader's need to remove clutter from his life. Seriously. Until It's Gone would have benefited enormously from an editor, and from real content. "Being chronically deadly serious about society's great conundrums is anathetical to the life process. Each one of us is vastly interesting---as is a rainbow or even the tiny algae comprising 'pond scum'! On some level, it is hilarious that what can bring fulfillment is right under our feet and only a touch away from the next human being, yet we can feel a need to travel to the moon and back looking for it. We need to savor our humanity and the earth while we go about saving it. The one who laughs first has more fun." -- Chapter 13

The rest of the book that isn't about topics such as global warming or the dangers of clutter can be summarized as: poverty is bad and you should do something about it. There are a few stories from participants in the Circles movement, but they aren't organized in any way.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thought provoking and meaningful

By MJD52

Scott Miller's perspective and what he has learned in carrying out his work has changed how I perceive the world, poverty in the U.S. and the work I do in the community. This book is not intended to be the "how to" of doing Circles in your community. What it does do is to make the case for getting engaged in your community to make a difference in a way that can work. This book is more about why it is important and that it is possible and necessary to change how we as a nation can support people with low-income to move out of poverty. The book inspired me to bring Circles to my own community. The book challenges what we think about poverty and what we can do to successfully end poverty.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very useful book in understanding the process of getting into a ...

By Robert Cotter

The premise of the book, I believe, is to motivate people to want to end poverty. I talks about the Circles USA program from its beginnings as the Move the Mountain program up through its transformation into Circles. It also presents the founder's (Scott Miller) path to creating Move the Mountain and Circles. A very useful book in understanding the process of getting into a position where you can follow your passion.

The poverty rate in the United States has not dropped significantly since 1965. And if we continue to expect government and social services to take care of poverty without the help of individuals, nothing is likely to change. That's why the Circles Campaign has captured the imaginations of people of conscience across the United States, including educators, social workers, community organizers, faith leaders, business leaders, and politicians. The Circles Campaign is an action plan that brings together the best efforts and resources of individuals, organizations, communities, and government in a program proven to raise people out of poverty. Until It's Gone shows you how to: Define, recognize, and approach the problem of poverty in America Get started in building Circles out of poverty in your community Expand social networks and connect with others outside your comfort zone Be a bolder ally to those in need Become a transformational leader wherever you are Eliminate the barriers confronted by those in poverty

Praise for Until It's Gone: "To achieve community sustainability, we must address issues of economic justice, which can occur only when there are relationships of mutual respect among the classes. The process that Scott Miller identifies to allow those relationships to develop is pure genius." --Ruby K. Payne, PhD, author of the bestselling A Framework for Understanding Poverty "Scott Miller offers us practical hope that we can end--not just reduce--poverty through a change in the ways we think and respond." --Vicki Robin, co-author of the bestselling Your Money or Your Life and co-founder of Conversation Cafés

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