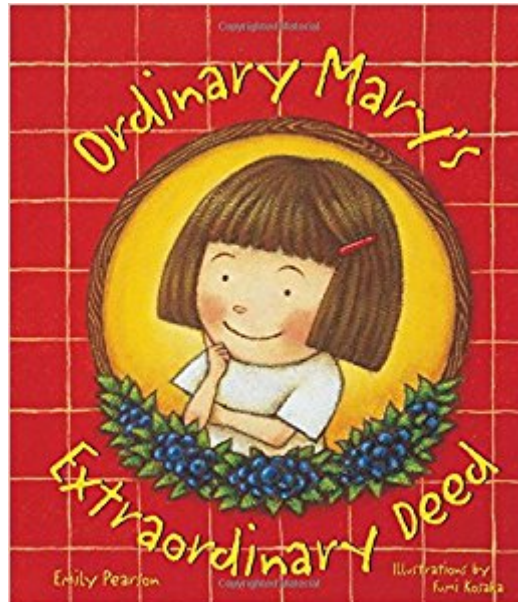




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# Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed



## Synopsis

Celebrate the fifteenth anniversary edition of this feel-good story that continues to inspire and celebrate a world full of ordinary deeds! Can one child's good deed change the world? It can when she's Ordinary Mary--an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to her ordinary house--who stumbles upon ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts a chain reaction that multiplies around the world. Updated illustrations and endpapers are now paired with this beloved storyline as it stirs a whole new generation on to more random acts of kindness--proving one child's compassion and empathy really can change the world. Emily Pearson is the co-author of *Fuzzy Red Bathrobe: Questions from the Heart for Mothers and Daughters*. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Fumi Kosaka was born and raised in Japan, and studied illustration at Brigham Young University. *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* is among the first of many books she has illustrated.

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## Customer Reviews

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reaction that multiplies around the world. Mrs. Bishop makes blueberry muffins and gives them to her paperboy and four others--one of whom is Mr. Stevens, who then helps five different people with their luggage--one of whom is Maria, who then helps five people--including a man named Joseph who didn't have enough money for his groceries--and so on, until the deed comes back to Mary. It's a feel-good story that inspires and celebrates a world full of ordinary deeds!

Emily Pearson is the coauthor of *Fuzzy Red Bathrobe: Questions from the Heart for Mothers and Daughters*. Emily and her two children live in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is her first children's book. Fumi Kosaka was born and raised in Japan, and studied illustration at Brigham Young University. *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* is among the first of many books she has illustrated.

I was listening to a leadership podcast from a very successful woman and she said this was one of her favorite books. I ordered and LOVE it! I've sent it to so many people, read it to my kids all of the time and have even read it to our churches youth. For Valentines last year I sent this book and a box of blue berry muffin mix to my sisters families. This book is SO cute and has a message that even as an adult I find myself thinking about.

This book fit in so well with the summer reading library program theme this year which was "Build a Better Tomorrow!" The character, Mary, starts with such a simple deed that grows and how many people are touched by it. It is a wonderful book that shows how doing something so small can change us for the better. There are wonderful characters in the book that we encounter each day in our every day lives. One of the little library friends said, "You don't have to be big to make a change in the world!" Doing an ordinary deed can truly help us build a better tomorrow!

What a sweet story! My first graders loved it so much, they wanted me to read it again right away. It really made an impact on them and made them want to do good deeds for others. Many of them also picked up on the math aspect of it.

The description made me buy this book. It would be nice if each person would pay forward a kindness to five other people, but the story seems a bit far-fetched, and went on longer than I anticipated. I have not read it to my kindergarten students yet, so their reaction may be different from mine.

I like the general story line and illustrations, but the flow of the writing is inconsistent. Some parts rhyme and have rhythm, then others do not. It makes for a faltering flow while reading aloud. My 4 year old is usually interested in any kind of book and maintains great focus throughout our readings. She seemed to become bored with this one about half way through. Maybe she'll have greater interest in the story when she's older.

This is my new favorite children's book. It shows how by being kind you can have a huge impact on others and truly change the world. My kids love it as do I!

I've used this the past 2 years and students love it. Great story that encourages spreading kindness.

Great book for teaching kids to be kind, loving and accepting.

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