



The Noticer

Sometimes, all a person needs
is a little perspective

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***New York Times* best-seller.**

A new story of common wisdom from the best-selling author of *The Traveler's Gift*.

Orange Beach, Alabama, is a simple town filled with simple people. But like all humans on the planet, the good folks of Orange Beach have their share of problems—marriages teetering on the brink of divorce, young adults giving up on life, business people on the verge of bankruptcy, as well as the many other obstacles that life seems to dish out to the masses.

Fortunately, when things look the darkest, a mysterious man named Jones has a miraculous way of showing up. An elderly man with white hair, of indiscriminate age and race, wearing blue jeans, a white T-shirt and leather flip flops carrying a battered old suitcase, Jones is a unique soul. Communicating what he calls “a little perspective,” he explains that he has been given a gift of noticing things that others miss. “Your time on this earth is a gift to be used wisely,” he says. “Don’t squander your words or your thoughts. Consider even the simplest action you take, for your lives matter beyond measure...and they matter forever.”

Jones speaks to that part in everyone that is yearning to understand why things happen and what we can do about it.

Like *The Traveler's Gift*, *The Noticer* is a unique narrative blend of fiction, allegory, and inspiration in which gifted storyteller Andy Andrews helps us see how becoming a “noticer” just might change a person’s life forever.

My Synopsis:

A great little story about the power of hope and gaining a little perspective. We all will go through challenges in life – some minor, some major – but it’s how we respond to those challenges which will set us apart and lead us to the destination we truly want to go. But we can’t get there alone, we all need our own Jones.

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- p. 5 We need to start noticing a few things. We need to check your heart. We need to gather a little perspective.
- p. 8 It is in the valley that we slug through the lush grass and rich soil, learning and becoming what enables us to summit life's next peak.
- p. 9 ...experience is not the best teacher. *Other people's* experience is the best teacher.
- p. 13 Most people are just like you, disgusted with themselves for what they are, what they eat, and what they drive. Most of us ever stop to think that there are quite literally millions in this world who lack our blessings and opportunities.
- p. 13 ...whatever you focus upon, increases.
- p. 13 ...a grateful perspective brings happiness and abundance into a person's life.
- p. 13 A successful life has a great deal to do with perspective. And another person's perspective about you can sometimes be as important as your perspective is about yourself.
- p. 30 ...a true friend holds you to a higher standard...A best friend will tell you the truth...and a wise best friend will include a healthy dose of perspective.
- p. 42 We grow up expecting everyone else to be just like us. And they aren't.
- p. 49 I just think it's amazing that a person could lose everything, chasing nothing.
- p. 51 It's time to stop letting your history control your destiny.
- p. 52 Worry...fear...is just a misuse of the creative imagination that has been placed in each of us.
- p. 54 What you must do – to defeat bad logic with good – is to deflect your subconscious from calculating possibilities. Instead, direct your mind to calculate the odds.
- p. 56 ...it is your own imagination with which you are doing battle.
- p. 56 ...the seeds of depression cannot take root in a grateful heart.
- p. 64 Wisdom can be gathered in your downtime. Wisdom that can change the very course of your life will come from the people you are around, the books you read, and the things you listen to or watch on radio or television.
- p. 64 One way to define wisdom is the ability to see, into the future, the consequences of your choices in the past.
- p. 65 ...most people can tell the difference between good and bad. However, it takes truly a wise person to discern that oh-so-thin line between good and best.
- p. 81 Should we let a number dictate how we feel?
- p. 81 ...who gave you permission to decide that you had nothing more to do, nothing more to offer?
- p. 83 Many of life's treasures remain hidden from us simply because we never search for them.
- p. 83 ...everyone of us is always *in* a crisis, *coming out* of a crisis, or *headed for* a crisis.
- p. 90 There are generations yet unborn, whose very lives will be shifted and sharpened by the moves you make and the actions you take...tonight. And tomorrow. And tomorrow night. And the next day. And the next.
- p. 96 I think more people would want to go to heaven if they weren't afraid it'd be like church when they got there.
- p. 103 ...the "small stuff" is what makes up the larger picture of our lives. Many people...ignore "small stuff", claiming to have an eye on the bigger picture, never understanding that the bigger picture is composed of ..."small stuff."
- p. 106 ...your "big picture" will never be a masterpiece if you ignore the tiny brushstrokes.

- p. 111 Despite popular belief to the contrary, there is absolutely no power in intention.
- p. 111 ...we judge ourselves by our intentions while we judge others by their actions.
- p. 119 A person experiencing true remorse *knows* he has offended and *knows* he was wrong.
- p. 120 Forgiveness is about the past. Trust and respect are about the future.
- p. 132 No matter your past...you can choose your future.
- p. 135 ...you must become a person that others want to be around This is far and away the greatest success secret in existence.
- p. 154 During the challenging times ahead, you will find that simple seed of perspective more valuable than diamonds or gold.
- p. 156 ...when we notice things about ourselves and other people that allow us all to regroup, take a breath, and begin our lives again, the best is surely yet to come.