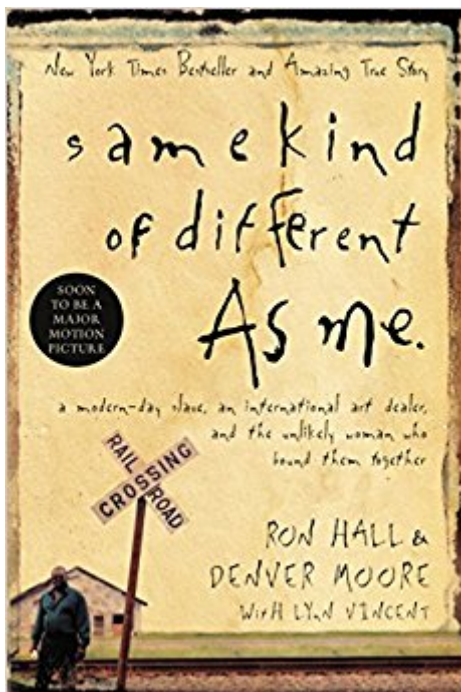


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# Same Kind Of Different As Me



## Synopsis

A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it. It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana . . . and an East Texas honky-tonk . . . and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda . . . an upscale New York gallery . . . a downtown dumpster . . . a Texas ranch. Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, it also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love. This incredible retelling now includes an interview with the authors and a reader's guide that is perfect for individual or group study. The most inspirational and emotionally gripping story of faith, fortitude, and friendship I have ever read. A powerful example of the healing, restorative power of forgiveness and the transformational, life-changing power of unconditional love. "Mark Clayman, Executive Producer for the Academy Award-nominated *The Pursuit of Happiness* Denver Moore and Ron Hall's story is one that moved me to tears. The friendship that forms between these two men at a time when both were in great need is an inspiration to all of us to be more compassionate to everyone we come in contact with. This is truly a wonderful book!" Mrs. Barbara Bush

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## Customer Reviews

Ron Hall is an international art dealer whose long list of regular clients includes many celebrity personalities. An MBA graduate of Texas Christian University, he divides his time between Dallas,

New York, and his Brazos River ranch near Fort Worth. Denver Moore served as a volunteer at the Fort Worth Union Gospel Mission until his death in March 2012. Lynn Vincent is the New York Times best-selling writer of *Heaven Is for Real* and *Same Kind of Different As Me*. The author or coauthor of ten books, Lynn has sold 12 million copies since 2006. She worked for eleven years as a writer and editor at the national news biweekly *WORLD* magazine and is a U.S. Navy veteran.

Switching back and forth in short segments, two narrators portray authors Hall and Moore in memoirs that begin in distant walks of life and intersect in a homeless shelter. In the charming accent of an unschooled black man with a deep, scratchy voice, narrator Barry Scott recounts Denver Moore's life of hardship and misfortune, starting on a Louisiana plantation. In contrast, the subtle Southern accent of Dan Butler speaks for co-author Ron Hall, an educated white gentleman of comfortable means. The narrators play their parts of the drama so well that listeners will believe they are hearing the men who lived the story. In the end, the two individuals form an unlikely friendship resulting from charity and challenged by tragedy. J.A.H. © AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

This is a most wonderful book. Powerful message of love, redemption, and relationships. Easy read, hard to put down, but a message that will linger in my mind for a long time.

A truly good read. I did not know that it was going to be as spiritual as it was. I highly recommend this one.

"Same Kind of Different As Me" was such an inspiring book, and I really enjoyed reading about these journeys from the perspectives of each man. The average person has no inkling of what has happened in a person's life to cause them to be homeless, and most people are so quick to chalk it up to lack of effort or motivation, and tend to lean towards the belief that people choose to be homeless. But this book certainly shows that sometimes the choice is the best one under the circumstances. It really opened my eyes to what a difference one person can make. And served as a guide for those people who may hear God's voice but choose to ignore it. What a difference Deborah's life made to so many. I laughed, I cried, and I felt like I knew these people before it was over. Do yourself a favor and read this book!

Please read this book! Extremely well written, this true story of two men and their lives that

eventually blend together is worth every minute you read it. I will keep this book in my library!

(Edited and expanded 10-Nov-2014) Denver's voice is the first one heard and he opens the story by saying, "Until Miss Debbie, I'd never spoke to no white woman before. Just answered a few questions, maybe--it wadn't really speakin. And to me, even that was mighty risky since the last time I was fool enough to open my mouth to a white woman, I wound up half-dead and nearly blind." Now, that's a great start to a story -- it caught my attention. This is a gut-wrenchingly honest book (I even shed a few tears and had a hard time returning to it at one point) -- friendship, loyalty, prejudices, fears, sin, love, forgiveness, doubts, anger, pain, loss, greed, trust, dashed dreams, crushed hopes. Two very dissimilar men (Hall and Denver) become friends -- Hall's wife sort of pushes Hall into the relationship. While it is a book about friendship, the message of the book is equally how much impact one person (Deborah Hall) can have on all the people around her. Interesting way to write the book with the "voices" of Hall and Denver alternating throughout the book -- often every other chapter but, occasionally, there will be 2-3 chapters of Hall followed by a chapter of Denver. (Disclaimer: The second time through, I received a free review copy from the publisher through their Blogger Review program, BookLook Bloggers . I was free to write the review I believed the book deserved -- an easy task with this book.)

Beautiful story about faith, forgiveness, love, tolerance, acceptance, happiness and friendship. Inspired me to always consider viewing situations and people from a different perspective, how I can give back to help others, and how each of us has a lesson (or lessons) to learn from everyone and every situation. This book is truly a treasure and has touched my heart on so many levels.

As I read the book *Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave and An International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, I was very shocked at how this amazing story was even true due to the two significantly different backgrounds Denver and Ron had. Ron grew up in a rich family while Denver grew up with a background of slavery. It was through the love of Ron's wife, Deborah, that they were able to come together and even support one another after a tragedy soon after their friendship. The way Hall and Moore put their narrative together was very well organized because they combined a timeline of their lives and also included their own perspective of life and of one another. I enjoyed reading this book and highly recommend it to everyone else because this true story is a great example of how God's work in other can truly bring people together and better their lives.

Purchased for my step-dad. My mom said he would disappear for hours to read this, and she would often hear him laugh out loud at certain points in the book. My step-dad is a black male who grew up during the Civil Rights era and experienced the start of desegregation. He connected personally to one of the main characters in this book, so I'm happy I was able to share it with him.

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