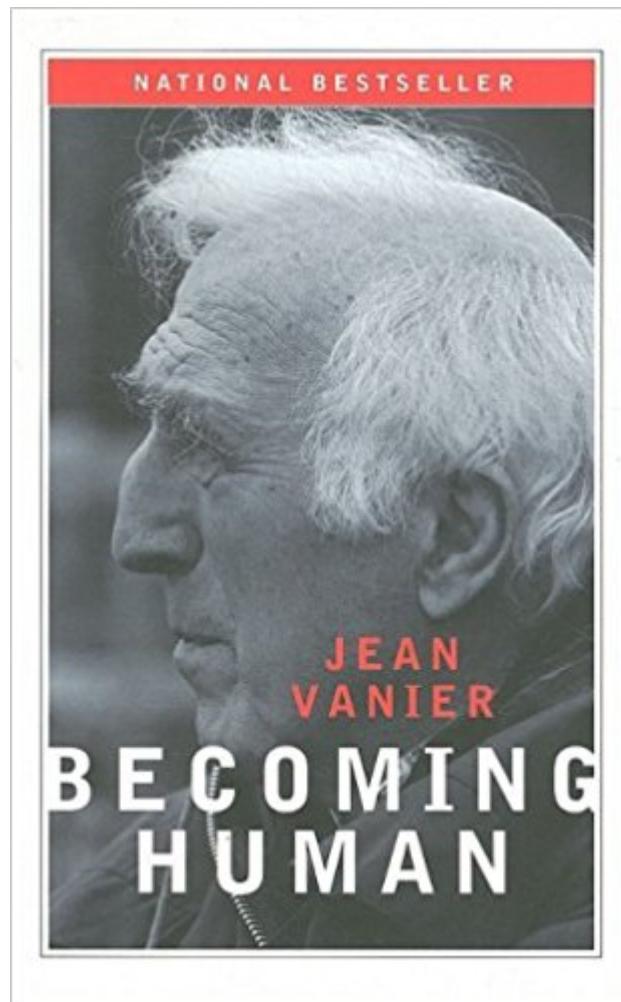


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# Becoming Human



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Acclaimed as a man who inspires the world, (Maclean's) and a nation builder (Globe and Mail), Jean Vanier has made a difference in the lives of countless people. In this provocative book, Vanier shares his profoundly human vision for creating a common good that radically changes our communities, our relationships, and ourselves. He proposes that by opening ourselves to outsiders, those we perceive as weak, different, or inferior, we can achieve true personal and societal freedom. *Becoming Human* is not only a book of extraordinary ideas, but a revolutionary call to action. The 10th anniversary edition includea a new Introduction by the author.

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Jean Vanier is the son of former Governor-General George Vanier, and founder of L'Arche, an international network of communities for people with intellectual disabilities. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

JEAN VANIER, the son of former governor general Georges Vanier, was educated in England and Canada. After eight years in the Royal and the Canadian Navy, he went to study in France, where he received his doctorate in philosophy, later teaching at St. Michael s College (University of Toronto). Distressed by the plight of people with developmental challenges, he founded L Arche communities, and Faith and L ight, two international networks of communities for people with disabilities. With many bestselling books and humanitarian awards to his name including the Pope Paul VI International Prize, the International Peace Award and the Companion of the Order of

Canada Vanier lives in Trosly, France, in the original L'Arche community he founded in 1964.

Originally a series of radio broadcasts on the CBC, this delightful little book is a refresher course in being human. In a deceptively simple, meditative style, Jean Vanier shares the wisdom he has gained from years of helping disabled people at the L'Arche communities he founded. Vanier gently explores human frailty and dignity, our need for individual affirmation and loving community, issues of freedom and forgiveness, and the nature of true maturity. Perhaps all disabled people, in the sense that includes everyone, can gain some insight and inspiration here.

Very profound, simple yet difficult truths. A very powerful read. Highly recommend. I have bought another book from this author.

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