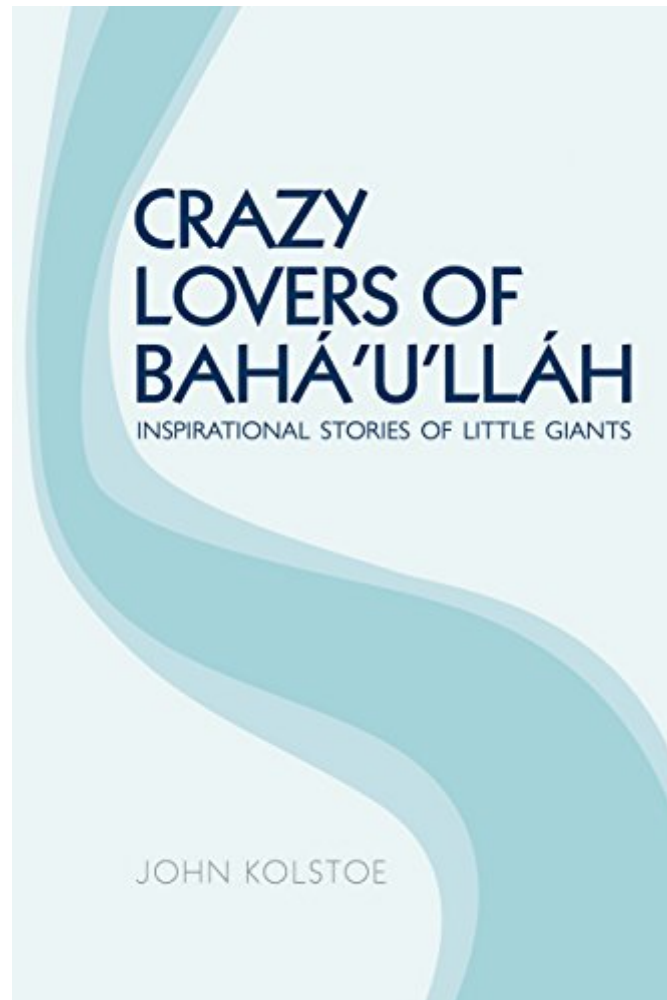




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# Crazy Lovers Of BahÁi'u'llÁih: Inspirational Stories Of Little Giants



## Synopsis

“The wise, in crossing a river, look with their reason for a way to construct a bridge, but the foolish ones, the crazy lover throws himself into the river and crosses it without thinking about the danger. While the wise lose time in reasoning and reflecting, the crazy lover does not think about anything, he does not reason, he only looks to find and see his beloved; confronts the danger and crosses the river.” The true believer, the crazy lover, has answered the call of Bahá’í and has arisen to serve the Faith. The crazy lover offers his life, renounces his family, if necessary, renounces his possessions and the world to maintain his Faith, to maintain his love for God, and to serve and maintain the sacred Cause of Bahá’í. • - Ali-Akbar Furutan Crazy lovers make some of the most monumental and dynamic changes in the human drama. They are the committed doers. Bahá’ís who have been insignificant people, without material advantages, have done phenomenal things. Their love and devotion to Bahá’í spurred them to action, ignoring potential dangers. This volume has verbal snapshots of over 100 crazy lovers of Bahá’í – “little giants whom I have been lucky enough to meet during my sojourn on planet earth. With meager resources, and limited experience, they have plunged into the uncharted, dangerous and swirling waters of challenge and adversity. They invested their time, talents, energy and creativity – learning as they went forward – to play their part in services to their Lord.

READER COMMENTS

“We all LOVE Crazy Lovers.”

“The only problem was, I wanted more!”

“Enthralling! You brought the marvelous deeds of unsung people to life and showed what anyone can do.”

John Kolstoe has spent most of his life pioneering for the Bahá’í Faith, including both in the Arctic and the Tropics. He has traveled extensively in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Pacific – teaching, giving courses and leading workshops. Kolstoe has served in a variety of capacities, including off and on for eight years as an adjunct professor at the Bahá’í Academy in Panchgani, India helping design and facilitate courses and workshops on Universal Human Values. He currently divides his time between Montana and St. Lucia.

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## Customer Reviews

Of interest mainly to Baha'is, this collection of vignettes celebrates many of the early Baha'is of Alaska and St. Lucia! Heartfelt and loving, John Kolstoe celebrates many of the people he has worked with over his years of building the Baha'i community around the world. Highly recommended.

I found it difficult to read as it was done in a small font and had large gaps in the middle of sentences that continued on in the right side margins. Overall, it was poorly laid out for printing.

Get inspired for the service for humanity. Nkulikwa

The first word of the title tells all about this book. Crazy. It is indeed the true enthralling stories of over a hundred crazy people told by John Kolstoe. Glimpses of the life and deeds of these crazy people made me wish that the rest of the sane world would be like them. Kolstoe takes the reader by the hand so skillfully that I felt I was with him on a dogsled as the magnificent huskies pulled him in a blinding blizzard from one Eskimo village to another in the Alaska wilderness. The people Kolstoe writes about restored my faith in the realization of humanity's long prayed-for peace and brotherhood among all its members. These highly diverse people written about in the book represented a cross section of the human race. They demonstrated by their life examples that there is indeed a glorious alternative for mankind that each and every individual can help bring about. The

true accounts in this enchanting book are so precious that I found myself reading only a few pages at a time. I didn't want to get to the end of this truly magnificent travelogue that Kolstoe is sharing with us. Lastly, who is Baha'u'llah? The readers of this book will want to find out about the person who was able to inspire ordinary people to arise with such devotion and accomplish such amazing deeds to become worthy of the term human being.

2/3 the way through this book. Read the author's "Consultation" many years ago. Love hearing stories/little biographies of many, many souls who gave their all to Baha'u'llah's Faith, as we approach the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah. Very much worth a read--particularly because there are stories here that I've never heard before in any other text. In it one can glean the growth of the Faith in Alaska.

What a wonderful book, focusing on what is truly important in this world: ordinary people fulfilling their existence out of the public eye and exhibiting unheralded heroic traits along the way. It really touches the heart as it gives glimpses into the transformations of such a mishmash of souls who come from such different backgrounds, but have at least one significant thing in common: boy, will they do anything for "...the good of the world and the happiness of nations..." No payment, no recognition needed. I dare say, these are the truly important people living out unassuming lives among us on our planet. Don't worry, John Kolstoe's writing is much smoother and warming than mine in this review. Crazy Lovers of Bahá'u'lláh: Inspirational Stories of Little Giants

John Kolstoe's story-telling skills are wonderful. He makes his friends and acquaintances come alive in this recollection of his service with others in the Baha'i Cause. Highly recommend this book.

This book will be much appreciated by longtime Baha'is as it hearkens back nostalgically to the time of plentiful travel teachers with their tales of everyday miracles. The book's vignettes describing all that is possible are sure to inspire younger believers as well. I had to deduct a star for the editing issues. It didn't look like it was the final draft.

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