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In his bestselling book *Join Me*, Danny Wallace instructs his legions of followers to perform a 'Random Act of Kindness' every Friday. As a result, his thousands of followers (dubbed the Karma Army), without warning, made people happier the length and breadth of the country. Now in *Random Acts of Kindness* Danny and the gang bring you a hilarious, well-meaning book to encourage you to perform Random Acts of your own. 'Now, at last, the secret to a happier world! You have the power to make it a nicer place! All over the planet, thousands of people just like you are performing Random Acts of Kindness for complete strangers- Buy an old lady a hat! Give a policeman a helium balloon! Pat a dog! Hand a stranger your umbrella! Applaud a lady who's clearly made an effort! This book contains 365 real Random Acts of Kindness real people have done for real strangers- so read it, learn it, and start making your world the nicer place, today!'

## **Random Acts of Kindness Details**

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## From Reader Review Random Acts of Kindness for online ebook

### **karen says**

This was a cute little book! I also have read "Are You Dave Gorman", "Join Me" and "Googlewhack". My favorite ideas:

- sending the peanuts to the old man
- pub day in honor of a friend
- free box of stuff
- pay for an extra game of bowling for someone
- place a small ad with a compliment to the reader
- giving away books - hooray for bookcrossing!

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### **Judy says**

This is a quick read, full of interesting, useful and often amusing ideas for making someone else's day a bit brighter. A few of the suggestions are not such great ideas, but some are things you might already do or would be willing to do and just never considered. I just love the idea of the book and that Danny Wallace and his Karma Army are out there thinking about ways to improve the world, one person and one action at a time. Examples: "create a free box with some stuff you no longer need and leave it on a bench" or "let someone keep the change", or "make a stranger laugh". I just love the idea that people still have it in mind to make the world a better place, when it feels like too many people are just giving up or making it worse on purpose. Sweet!

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### **Alexiapapa says**

A book that makes you smile. Enjoying and easy!

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### **Jo King says**

Let's hope enough people read this book and feel inspired to try and make the world a nicer place

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### **Hollie says**

I'm yet to read a book I dislike by Danny Wallace. This one is a follow-up to/bonus content for 'Join Me' which has to be one of my favourites. Published in 2004 (which seems like yesterday but was actually FIFTEEN YEARS AGO), it's definitely dated in places - 'If you're returning a video, rewind it first', 'Turn your Walkman down on the train' - but these were definitely fun to reflect on. In the same vein, I think we must have become a lot more cynical a society these past 15 years. All the good deeds involving offering

people food and complimenting people on the street I'm sure would more often than not be taken the wrong way. 'Applaud a lady who's clearly made an effort' - I think this might count as harassment.

Nevertheless, many did survive the test of time and here are just a few of my favourites:

'Hide a complimentary note in a book in the library'

'Buy a packet of crisps from the vending machine but leave them in there'

'Find old scarves and gloves you don't need anymore and, on a cold day, offer them to strangers in the street'

'Pop a sugar cube next to an ant's nest'

And... 'Hug your mum for no reason whatsoever' because thank you for this lovely Christmas present Mumma if you're reading this xxx

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### **Redfox5 says**

While most of this book has seriously good intentions, some of the 'Acts Of Kindness' seem a little offensive and outdated. For example 'Tell some lesbians, they have a nice hair cut' or 'Tell a large lady she looks nice'. Kinda implies no one would ever say this to them normally.

I did like the little stories about people's reaction to being on the receiving end of a random act of kindness. These were lovely to read.

Take this book as inspiration but ignore the outdated ones and don't ever give a cat milk! It's bad for them!

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### **Gemma Stevens says**

I am a huge Danny Wallace fan, and I think this book is a way to make the world a smilier place!

Definately something to try and do in London.

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### **Penny says**

Buy this, read this, and then follow the instructions at the back! Now that I've finished, I'm looking forward to following those instructions myself, AND, when the funds come in for me to do this, one of my Random Acts is that I'm going to buy ten copies and put them in random places for people to find and have so that they can do the same. I also see this as doing a Random Act of Kindness for you Danny Wallace - a stranger I don't know!

The beauty of this book is that not only did it point out some examples of things that I could do as Random Acts of Kindness, it hi-lighted some of the things that I have already done that I wasn't aware were Random Acts of Kindness at the time. It made me feel better about myself - I hope it makes other readers feel the same way too. Dan - keep doing what you do!

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### **Rosie says**

I only gave this a 3 as some of the Random Acts are a bit iffy to me, but it is a brilliant book filled with ideas of how to make people smile, how to brighten someone's day and generally making the world a better place.

This was the first Danny Wallace book I read, and then I moved on to Join Me. I've done some random acts of kindness myself and it has made me feel happier and better in myself, it has made me appreciate others more and not to be so focused on myself as we all can be during those busy days!

Lovely ideas and some funny comments and stories of other peoples' kindness. Brilliant book for when you're despairing with the world - I strongly suggest that one night, instead of watching the news, read this book and enjoy, then take part in the Karma Army's Random Acts of Kindness.

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### **Lexi says**

Quick, fun read that made me want to go back and reread Join Me. And, of course, made me want to go out and do some RAoKs. It's more a collection of anecdotes and suggestions than a book, but was enjoyable nonetheless.

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### **Mark Farley says**

Danny Wallace's writing is full of humour, wit, candour and inspiration. Like all great non-fiction writing, the author creates something out of nothing as he observes both the humdrum and absurdity of every day life throughout his madcap adventures. Great reading, I can never put him down.

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### **Sharon says**

Easy read, entertainig

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### **Tamra says**

This book made me feel all warm and fuzzy. And for a few days I was doing random acts of kindness all over the place. I think I should read the book again.

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### **Jo says**

I was supposed to be doing the housework but got sidetracked as soon as I picked up this book with little tips on doing random acts of kindness. Some are worth following whilst others are sheer nuttiness but most will make you laugh out loud. An entertaining distraction.

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## **Dane Cobain says**

When Danny Wallace accidentally formed a cult in Join Me, he didn't know what to do with them. So he decided to encourage them to take up random acts of kindness, by writing a book with 365 different ideas to help you to make the world a better place. These range from the whimsical to the farcical to the practical, with such gems of wisdom as "If you're getting a big order in at McDonald's or Burger King, buy an extra bag of fries, and give them to someone who needs them, outside. Don't forget the ketchup. It's the details that make it special."

Because of all of this, it's a quick read and a feel-good book, and I'd definitely recommend it to you if you want to read something that will put a smile on your face. Even better, why not make a habit of starting to carry out random acts of kindness yourself? You could help to make the world a better place, and it needs it. Enjoy!

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