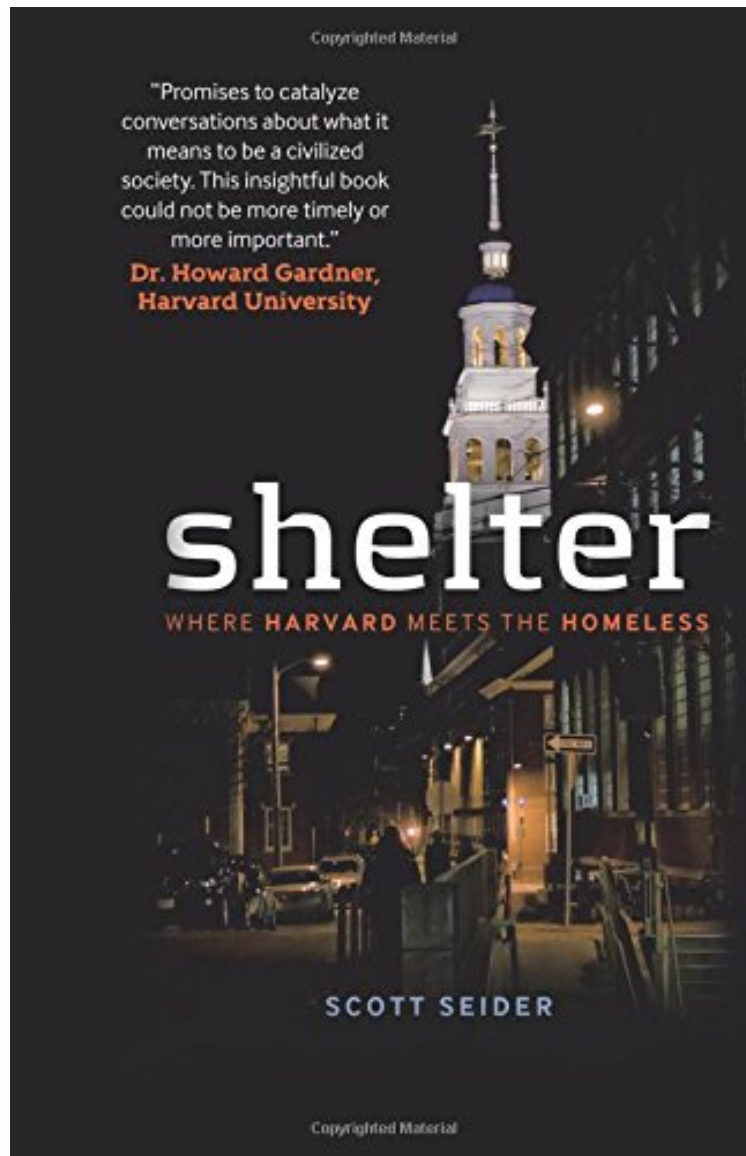


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**Scott Seider : Shelter: Where Harvard Meets the Homeless** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shelter: Where Harvard Meets the Homeless:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Topic, Decent Delivery By Michael There were some great points raised throughout the book, educating about homelessness, and changing general attitudes about the homeless as lazy and self-deserving of their situation. As much as I agree with the point of the book, I believe the delivery simply was not as great as I would have liked. As clear as it was meant to be, sometimes the author would repeat several

quotations or previous arguments so much to the point of rambling in later chapters. The book has the possibility to be shorter, more concise, and equally effective. Also Santa Anna, the city in Orange County in one of the final chapters, is spelled Santa Ana for future editions. Overall, good book.

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Homeless Sheltering and Harvard Students By F. Reisz Scott Seider has written an analysis of the impact on their lives of Harvard students volunteering at a Shelter for Homeless men and women in Harvard Square. The Shelter at University Lutheran Church has existed for 27 years. Seider gives the history of this unique Shelter, the only one of its kind in the USA. He analyzes the procedures in the Shelter and the experiences of the students and homeless people. He is sensitive to the needs and interactions between these vastly dissimilar groups of people. He demonstrates and concludes that there is an immediate and long-term positive impact on both the homeless people and the students. He strongly advocates for the establishment of similar homeless shelters run by student volunteers. This is a good book on the value of in-service education. It also gives you a realistic glimpse into the lives of homeless street people.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Worthy Purchase By Eva The book was purchased for a college course. It is an excellent, insightful book. I am satisfied with my purchase.

Every winter night the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter brings together society's most privileged and marginalized groups under one roof: Harvard students and the homeless. What makes the shelter unique is that it is operated entirely by Harvard College students. It is the only student-run homeless shelter in the United States. Shelter demonstrates how the juxtaposition of privilege and poverty inside the Harvard Square Shelter proves transformative for the homeless men and women taking shelter there, the Harvard students volunteering there, and the wider society into which both groups emerge each morning. In so doing, Shelter makes the case for the replication of this student-run model in major cities across the United States. Inspiring and energizing, Shelter offers a unique window into the lives of America's poorest and most privileged citizens as well as a testament to the powerful effects that can result when members of these opposing groups come together.

From Booklist For 25 years in a bastion of wealth and power the campus of Harvard University the University Lutheran Church has offered a homeless shelter, the only student-run shelter in the nation. Education professor Seider, who worked as a volunteer at the shelter more than a decade ago, chronicles typical nights, serving food, dispensing cots, and conversing on everything from politics to religion to the vicissitudes of life. Seider interviewed students, alumni, and the homeless (referred to as guests) for an insightful look at privilege and poverty side by side. Some 100 students rotate positions, acting as directors or volunteers, taking full responsibility for providing meals, beds, and showers for 25 homeless men and women seven nights every week. Seider intersperses sociological, psychological, and even religious perspectives on this break in the Harvard bubble, the energy and optimism of students with glowing futures and the stories behind the current circumstances of the homeless, including loss of jobs and drug and alcohol addiction. By focusing on the individuals involved, Seider offers an inspiring new look at Harvard and homelessness. -- Vanessa Bush "Scott Seider's study of a homeless shelter in the shadow of Harvard Yard promises to catalyze conversations about what it means to be a civilized society. This insightful book could not be more timely or more important." - Howard Gardner