

Early Praise for *Saffron Cross* by J. Dana Trent

J. Dana Trent's remarkable memoir is a compelling exploration of love at the edge of spirit. This story points toward **a revolution in brand-name religion that may be a hallmark of America's religious landscape in the not-too-distant future**. I heartily recommend you read this book.

—[Rabbi Rami Shapiro](#), award winning author, poet, essayist, and educator

J. Dana Trent takes an exceptional story and makes it somehow universal. By turns funny, endearing, challenging and illuminating, ***Saffron Cross* describes the interfaith future of our global village**.

—[Susan Katz Miller](#), author of *Being Both: Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family*

The timing of *Saffron Cross* is important. The cultural diversity in our country is changing rapidly, and so, there are likely to be many couples who are going to risk an interfaith marriage. *Saffron Cross* will give them courage and also concludes that each partner to the marriage can enrich the devotional life of the other.

—Dr. Robert Seymour, Author, Activist, and Pastor Emeritus of the [Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church](#)

This is a memoir not just for those already involved in interfaith relationships or ministries, but all of us who want to understand **how to grow in faith alongside all our neighbors**. Because, as *Saffron Cross* shows us, we are indeed more alike than we are different in our desire for God—we just have to do the work to see it for ourselves.

—The Rev. Elizabeth Evans Hagan, Minister and creator of [Preacher on the Plaza](#)

Dana Trent puts a human, and often humorous, face on the growing reality of interfaith marriage. From her struggles to become a vegetarian to her Hindu husband's efforts to understand prayer, **Trent's account reveals an east-meets-west partnership that succeeds in mutual respect and love**.

--[Jana Riess](#), author of *Flunking Sainthood* and *The Twible*

J. Dana Trent's *Saffron Cross* carries on in the spirit of Klaus Klostermeier's *Hindu and Christian in Vrindavan*; Thomas Merton's *Seven Storey Mountain*; Hayagriva Dasa's *Vrindavan Days: Memories of an Indian Holy Town*; David Haberman's *Journey Through the Twelve Forests: An Encounter with Krishna*; and Radhanath Swami's *The Journey Home*. An articulate, seasoned author, her writing style is engaging and her memoir descriptive. **On almost every page, one finds deep truths colorfully and effortlessly conveyed through everyday adventures**. This makes the book a pleasure to read. It is also significant for its interreligious content: Here is a person who really understands the nonsectarian and pluralistic component of Gaudiya Vaishnavism, not merely on an intellectual level but through real life experience. Trent's work is a gift that will be cherished for generations.

--[Steven J. Rosen](#) (Satyaraja Dasa), author of 31 books including *Christ and Krishna: Where the Jordan Meets the Ganges*

Saffron Cross is a heartfelt, beautiful story of an already faithful Christian being pulled closer to Christ through the most unlikely teacher. **This book has the capacity to make you yearn for a life in which Jesus really is at the center** as you journey through a budding romance, the crowded streets of India, and a nearby temple where you may find yourself bowing to a strange (but faithful) altar, as well.

--The Rev. Dr. Donna Claycomb Sokol, [Blogger](#) and Pastor, Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church

In *Saffron Cross* ordained Baptist minister J Dana Trent engagingly uses her own experience (including both eharmony and spirituality) to inform and enrich the lives of others. **This is a wonderful lesson for living!**

--[Lucy Daniels](#), PhD, psychologist, author, and Guggenheim Fellow