



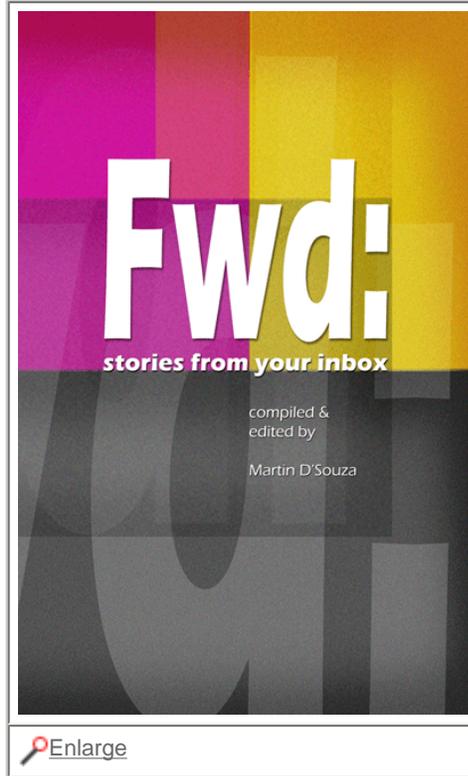
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### BOOK REVIEW

#### Deleting this Fwd: Would be a mistake!

*Carol Andrade, WEH*

**Fwd: Stories From Your Inbox.**  
**Compiled and edited by Martin D'Souza.**  
**Published by Tej Prasarini, Don Bosco Publications.**  
**Price Rs 100.**

Like all good, innovative ideas, this one too, is simple. It is a book of forwards, the kind you receive every day in droves in your email inbox and spend time deleting as you curse. Most often, your hand hits the 'delete' button as soon as Fwd: registers!

Martin D'Souza did that for years, until he started opening the ones with promising subject lines. Often he was irritated, but sometimes he was charmed at the simple, homespun philosophy, the feel-good stories, and the experiential tales that got through to him. He filed them away in folders and pretty much forgot them.

Then one day, this idea hit him. Why not put together the forwards he had received into a book form. Surely there were people who would like to read them at a more leisurely pace, away from the pressures of office. Better still, why not do them for a good cause.

And so the book was born. The book itself is very-well designed, product of a number of good energies. There is Martin's generosity, for one, matched by that of automobile designer Dilip Chhabria, who funded the project.

There is the continuing need of the Matunga Salesians' Shelter Don Bosco, which looks after street children, providing them with the wherewithal to lead productive lives. There is the enthusiasm of the good priests of Don Bosco and even the expertise of the production team of Silverpoint Printing.

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All came together seamlessly to put the book together for yet another good reason, the children of Shelter.

The way it works is simple. The proceeds of every book sold will go towards the NGO and a better cause it will be difficult to find, as thousands of volunteers over the years will vouch.

Even if you are not a do-gooder, the book would still reward with its neat pick of stories chosen to appeal to a cross section, but particularly those who like 'Chicken Soup' stories for any and everything. The ones included in 'Fwd' have been picked largely because they make you think, laugh, occasionally shed a tear. Some, it is true, are mawkish, but you can easily flip the page and go on to something else that you will enjoy. For the truth is, there is always a tiny element of guilt involved in hitting that 'delete' button on a forward, with a small, still voice whispering, "What if I've missed the one that could change my life?"

This little book will give you a chance to lay those doubts to rest, once and for all.

**To order:**  
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