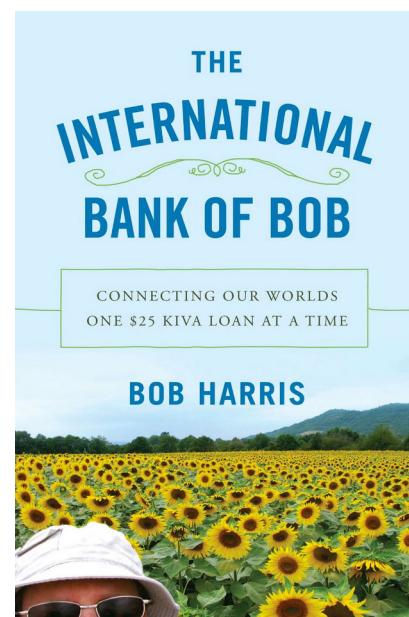


# The International Bank of Bob

Connecting the World One \$25 Kiva Loan at a Time

## Book Discussion Questions:

1. What was your takeaway theme for The International Bank of Bob?
2. Does this book effect your desire to travel to developing countries?
3. Which story or lender resonated most deeply with you? Why?
4. Bob talks about his preconceived ideas based on images by American news programs, movies and television -- were there particular stories that challenged your own ideas about the countries he visited?
5. What did you think about the structure of the book and the use of footnotes?
6. Bob wanted to avoid telling this story as a typical American tourist who focuses on his own personal journey. Is he successful in this? What examples from the book support that?
7. What are the benefits and drawbacks of fighting poverty with microfinance versus traditional aid?
8. Have you lent on Kiva before? If so, will Bob's stories influence who you lend to in the future? If you haven't made a Kiva loan, what do you think you'd look for in a borrower or microfinance institution?
9. Bob speaks about a number of organizations that he donated to, but that Kiva was the one that finally stuck for him. If you're a Kiva lender, what made Kiva "stick"



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