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*Renowned scholar Susan Muto presents her spiritual legacy with a rich introduction to thirty Christian masters. These voices from the ancient, medieval, and modern Church have been the focus of Muto's work for more than forty years and the trusted guides of her own spiritual life. Masters such as Benedict of Nursia, Clare of Assisi, Thomas Merton, and Teresa of Avila will help answer your most pressing spiritual questions and satisfy the deepest cravings of your heart. From the simplicity and solitude of the desert mystics and other ancient masters to the practicality and prayerfulness of medieval saints such as Julian of Norwich and Catherine of Siena to the relatable sensibilities of modern masters such as Evelyn Underhill and Thomas Merton, Susan Muto—executive director of the Epiphany Association and dean of the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality—draws deeply from the well of the Christian spiritual tradition to address some of our most pressing spiritual hungers: The Desert Fathers teach us how to hear God above the noise of everyday life. Augustine of Hippo acknowledges the restlessness that precedes spiritual growth. Julian of Norwich reflects on the universality and purpose of suffering. Jean-Pierre de Caussade explores what it means to have a heart fully surrendered to God. Thérèse of Lisieux shares her little way of spiritual childhood. In each chapter, Muto introduces a spiritual master who she finds helpful in meeting a particular condition or challenge commonly faced in the Christian life and places that master within the historical and spiritual contexts of their time. Muto then introduces a classic work associated with that master, identifying key themes or principles to apply to your own life. Each chapter concludes with reflection questions to ponder individually or discuss in a group setting. Rich yet accessible, this book will fortify your soul with time-tested spiritual insight and practical wisdom so you can enter more deeply into the mystery of spiritual union with God. A true American prophet Clarence Jordan (1912-1969) was reared in the heart of the Southern Baptist Church. He passed up the options of scholarship or traditional ministry to found an interracial Christian community in Americus, Georgia at a time when preaching racial justice and equality could spark violence. His cooperative farm was repeatedly attacked by the KKK and subject to a total economic boycott. Through his sermons and his so-called Cotton Patch version of the Gospels—a "dynamic" translation of his own setting Jesus' life in a Southern context Jordan laid out a revolutionary vision of Christian community "Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, is widely regarded as one of the outstanding Christians of the Twentieth century. Before her death in 1997 she had come to embody for many people the modern definition of holiness. This selection of her writings highlights the essential dimensions of her spiritual message."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved Dorothee Soelle (1929-2003) was one of the most creative and prophetic German theologians of the post-war generation. Her work was profoundly shaped by the memory of war, of the Holocaust, and of totalitarianism. This "political" theology joined a strong mystical dimension with a deep concern for the challenges of history, integrating feminism, ecological awareness, a witness for peace, and global solidarity. Book jacket. Scottish naturalist John Muir (1838-1914) helped spark the modern environmental movement. Living for months and even years in the wilderness, he experienced a deep communion with the sacred and his contemplations on the natural world are filled with mystical intuitions of God's reality. This volume contributes to a strain of spirituality that finds an echo in today's environmental movements. Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964) is widely regarded as one of the great American writers of the twentieth century. Only in 1979, however, with the publication of her collected letters could the public fully see the depth of her personal faith and her wisdom as a spiritual guide.*

*Drawing from all her works this anthology highlights as never before O'Connor's distinctive voice as a spiritual writer, covering such topics as Christian Realism, the Church, the relation between faith and art, sin and grace, and the role of suffering in the life of a Christian. This volume also includes the complete text of O'Connor's short story, Revelation. Book jacket. Presents Essential Writings Of Mahatma Gandhi Under 8 Different Sections-Autobiographical Writings-The Search For God-Pursuit Of Truths Stead Fast Resistance And Epilogue. "With a substantial introduction Thomas Merton includes a broad range of Merton's writings, including his letters, and highlights his threefold call: to prayer, to compassion, and to unity. It offers the essential writings of one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936), was one of the great Catholic writers of the twentieth century. He brought a distinctive Catholic perspective to scores of books and articles even to the genre of detective novels in the famous Father Brown mysteries. As this collection shows, Chesterton's writing contains a spiritual dimension. In his ability to combine matters of great seriousness with great humor the contours of his distinctive and paradoxical spirituality emerge. These selections from his prolific writings highlight the deeply spiritual dimension of his work: the encounter with God, the response to suffering, the spirit of contemplation, and the meaning of discipleship. "Through biographical reflections and selected writings, this anthology highlights the essential teachings of a dozen modern spiritual masters, each of whom embodied a form of engaged spirituality - attuned both to God and the needs of a wounded world. Each opposed a style of spirituality focused entirely on the inner life, while at the same time stressing the importance of prayer and silence as the foundation for service and activism. Balancing contemplation and compassion, these figures - including some of the world's best-known spiritual writers - represent a model of spirituality sensitive to tradition as well as the challenges of our time."--BOOK JACKET. Offers the voice of a modern pioneer responsible for the rediscovery of mysticism in everyday life. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) a French Carmelite nun who died at the age of 24 was known during her life to only a few of her fellow nuns. Through the posthumous publication of her autobiography she quickly became the most popular saint of modern times. On the basis of her spiritual path, which she called "the Little Way," she was recently declared a Doctor of the Church. Her admirers have included Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and Edith Stein. Book jacket. Brother Roger Schutz (1915-2005) was the beloved founder of Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in France, dedicated to reconciliation among Christians and all peoples. In recent decades Taizé became a pilgrimage site for young people from around the world. This book presents the best of his spiritual writings. Ruth Burrows is the pen name of Sister Rachel, OCD, a nun in the Carmelite monastery in Quidenham, England, and the author of more than a dozen books on prayer and the mystical life. Describing the central theme that runs throughout her work, she writes: "God offers himself in total love to each one of us. Our part is to open our hearts to receive the gift." That theme is reflected in the writings assembled here. A new volume in the popular Modern Spiritual Masters series, this work focuses on the spiritual writings of Jesuit Jon Sobrino of El Salvador, one of the original voices of liberation theology and one of the most significant theologians in the church today. Howard Thurman, minister, philosopher, civil rights activist, has been called 'one of the greatest spiritual resources of this nation'. His encounters with Gandhi in India helped instill his commitment to nonviolence. This book features some of his writings. Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985), a Russian-born aristocrat who has recently been proposed for canonization, emigrated to North America, dedicated her life to promoting "the gospel without compromise." Her vision combined a deep spirituality with a commitment to social justice. One of her early projects was the Harlem-based Friendship House, which attracted a young Thomas Merton. Later, with her second husband, Eddie Doherty, she established Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario. Though Roman Catholic, Catherine drew on her Russian roots and helped popularize the concept of Poustinia (the Russian word for desert) a place where a person meets God through solitude, prayer, and fasting. These writings, drawn from 25 books, highlight her distinctive spirituality, with its emphasis on the presence of God, the practice of prayer, a love for the church, and a deep apprehension of the social dimension of the gospel. "Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) was the author of such classics as War and Peace and Anna Karenina. In mid-life, however, he underwent a deep moral and spiritual crisis that led him back to the gospels in an effort to conform his life to the spirit of Christ. This volume focuses on his "spiritual writings" - autobiographical reflections on his journey of faith, commentaries on the gospels, and essays, on the essence of Christianity."--BOOK JACKET. "Caryll Houselander (1901-54) an English Catholic laywoman, artist, and visionary best known for works such as A Rocking Horse Catholic, The Reed of God, and The Way of the Cross was driven by a*

strong identification with the poor that enabled her, in fresh and insightful ways, to proclaim the "Christing of the World." Wendy Wright interweaves Houselander's words and images into an intimate encounter with this fascinating woman, a "divine eccentric," and a gifted reader of souls." --Book Jacket. A wonderful selection of writings by one of the most influential spiritual writers of our time, on such themes as gratefulness, prayer, silence, and love. "Much of our life may be a wandering in the desert lands, but we do find springs of water. If what is called æGodý means in the language of experience the ultimate Source of Meaning, then those moments that quench the thirst of the heart are moments of prayer." David Steindl-Rast (b. 1926), an Austrian-born Benedictine monk, is one of the most influential spiritual teachers in the world. He serves as a senior member of the Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira, New York, and was an early pioneer in the field of Buddhist-Christian dialogue. As a leading figure in the House of Prayer movement, he has contributed to a broad renewal of religious life. In classic books such as *Gratefulness*, *The Heart of Prayer*, and *A Listening Heart*, he has advanced the notion of "grateful living." Gratefulness, he writes, is "the inner gesture or giving meaning to our life by receiving life as a gift." In these writings monastic wisdom meets the spiritual questions and hungers of our age. Book jacket. "There may be a great fire in our soul, but no one ever comes to warm himself at it, and the passers-by see only a little bit of smoke coming through the chimney, and pass on their way ... Must one tend that inward fire ... wait for the hour when someone will come and sit down near it - to stay there maybe? Let him who believes in God wait for the hour that will come sooner or later." - Vincent Van Gogh Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) is arguably the most beloved artist in the world. He was also an artist motivated by a deep spiritual vision - expressed first in his efforts to become a missionary and minister, and later, after his decisive break with organized religion, through his art. Through art he found a new way to express his solidarity and compassion for humanity, and to awaken people to the sacred depths of reality. As he wrote, "I should like to paint in men and women something of that quality of eternity which was symbolized formerly by a halo and which we try to convey by the very radiance of our coloring." It was this vision and the quality of his sacrifice that defined the spiritual dimension of his art. Though virtually nobody in his own lifetime understood his intentions or appreciated his work, Van Gogh poured out his convictions in letters to his brother Theo. Drawing largely on these letters along with her own reflections on the interplay between his life, his spiritual vision, and his art, Carol Berry draws a moving portrait of Van Gogh as a spiritual seeker and teacher for our time. Along with original translations of Van Gogh's letters the volume is illustrated by a number of his drawings. "Essential writings by leading Catholic spiritual writer, Ronald Rolheiser"-- For over fifty years, Anthony Bloom (1914-2003) was head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain (Patriarchate of Moscow). Arriving in Britain in 1949 he played a major part of ecumenical work and exerted a wide influence through his broadcasts, writings (he is the author of several spiritual classics), and reputation as a spiritual leader. His writings reflect both the essence of Orthodoxy and his own experience of the struggle to live Christianity on a daily basis. Through his writings, the spiritual journey of one of the most beloved and influential Catholic voices of the modern era. Book jacket. "Be patient with yourself; God is."--Edith Stein "The discerning spiritual reader will find gems here on divine providence, surrendering to God as the ultimate liberation, and concern for others." --*Spirituality and Health* Edith Stein (1891-1942), canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998, was one of the most intriguing Catholics of the twentieth century. A Jewish convert, an eminent philosopher, educator, and advocate for women, she became a Discalced Carmelite nun, Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Arrested by the Nazis she died in Auschwitz in 1942. This volume highlights the extraordinary features of her spirituality for general readers - a vision that integrated her philosophical training, her affinity for Carmelite mysticism, and her personal identification with the way of the Cross. Edith Stein provides a wonderful introduction to an extraordinary mind. "Karl Rahner (1904-1984), a Jesuit priest, was one of the most influential Catholic theologians of the twentieth century. A major force at Vatican II, his writings effected a paradigm shift in modern theology. Yet it was the experience of prayer and a deeply mystical faith that animated and inspired his scholarly activity. In the end, Rahner's message was simple and accessible: an appeal to recognize and appropriate God's self-gift, the mystery that Christianity calls grace - a reality that is at least latent in every human mind and heart." "This anthology shows that if Rahner was an important theologian, it was because he was more fundamentally a modern spiritual master."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved The spiritual leader of Tibet has served as one of the preeminent representatives of Buddhism in the West. This anthology, drawing on more than 20 books, presents the essential teachings of the Dalai Lama, highlighting a message that speaks to people of all traditions. "Our apologies, good friends, for the

*fracture of good order, the burning of paper instead of children, the angering of the orderlies in the front parlor of the charnel house. We could not, so help us God, do otherwise." William Stringfellow (1928-1985) was a radical lay theologian and social critic. Rooted in biblical warnings against "powers and principalities," he leveled a prophetic critique against a range of institutions the church, seminaries, economic structures, and the idolatries of the modern war-making state. Trained as a lawyer, he was a lifelong gadfly in the Episcopal church. His great theme was the Constantinian compromise, the accommodation of Christianity to the values of the empire and the preservation of the status quo. His writings retain their relevance and critical bite. "The most exciting intellectual adventure I've been on since reading Robert Pirsig's Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance." —Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, New York Times Gary Zukav's timeless, humorous, New York Times bestselling masterpiece, The Dancing Wu Li Masters, is arguably the most widely acclaimed introduction to quantum physics ever written. Scientific American raves: "Zukav is such a skilled expositor, with such an amiable style, that it is hard to imagine a layman who would not find his book enjoyable and informative." Accessible, edifying, and endlessly entertaining, The Dancing Wu Li Masters is back in a beautiful new edition—and the doors to the fascinating, dazzling, remarkable world of quantum physics are opened to all once again, no previous mathematical or technical expertise required. Etty Hillesum (1914-1943), a young Dutch Jewish woman, died in Auschwitz at the age of 29. This volume, drawn from her letters and diaries, lays out the themes of her distinctive and inspiring spiritual vision.*

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