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Traveling Between The Worlds: Conversations With Contemporary Shamans



Synopsis

For anyone who's ever had the desire to look at the world through the eyes of our indigenous ancestors, here is a unique opportunity. *Traveling between the Worlds* is a treasure trove of insight and exploration into the ancient spiritual wisdom of such diverse cultures as Ireland, Africa, and the Americas. The keeper of this wisdom is the shaman--a man or woman who can, at will, enter into altered states of consciousness in order to acquire extrasensory knowledge and healing power. In this important book, Hillary S. Webb invites us to eavesdrop on her conversations with some of today's most influential teachers and writers of shamanism. While the conversations cover a variety of topics pertaining to the shaman's path and practice, this book explores how we in the modern world can use these ancient teachings to help ourselves, each other, and the world around us. Included in this book are conversations with: Renowned author and environmentalist John Perkins, who brings corporate executives to the to teach them the value of merging business and eco-philosophy. Rabbi Gershon Winkler, who uses the beliefs and techniques of the Jewish shamanic tradition to bring Israelis and Palestinians together on common, and more peaceful, ground--their indigenous roots. "Renegade" shaman Ken Eagle Feather of the Toltec tradition, who explains how modern technology can help us evolve into the next level of perception. Peruvian shaman Oscar Miro-Quesada, whose ideas on life and death may alter your view of reality itself. And that is just the beginning.

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Customer Reviews

"From this diversity of modern shamanic teachers, a truth emerges; we need to connect with the

sacredness of everyday life in order to learn how to deal with the problems of today. Traveling between the Worlds shows us how." --Arnold Mindell, author of *The Shaman's Body* and *The Quantum Mind and Healing*

This book was required reading for a course I took, and I wasn't excited about having to read it. The murky waters of neoshamanism are often challenging to tread and I wasn't sure what to expect. I come from a reconstructionist tradition on several fronts, and most often find that modern shamans who claim a specific lineage, thus cultural slant in their work, really aren't connected with it at all, but to what they interpret it to be. Not the same thing, and a point of contention in how this kind of work is presented to potential clients who are misled. I was pleasantly surprised that the neoshamans not raised in a shamanic culture or lineage not only pointed out that fact themselves, but distinguished that while they feel connected to a specific culture they do not call themselves discrete shamans of those cultures--others do. Having read the words of these noted modern shamans, such as Geo Trevarthen, Tom Cowan, Rabbi Gershon Winkler, Christina Pratt, and Sandra Ingerman to name a few, I feel affirmed in the modern shamanic movement, specifically that while we do not have a uniting culture of shamanic awareness, we share the roots of timeless responsibility to our ancient and indigenous soul travelers. Webb, herself, does not give direct commentary on the issues facing modern shamans, though through the course of talking with these dynamic speakers concerns emerge. In these introspective and educational interviews, Webb carries us far forward of the limiting, archaic views of shamanism thrust into the western consciousness by Eliade and even Harner, addressing issues such as where allopathic fits into shamanic work, the role of women in modern shamanism, and how many contemporary soul travelers face balancing the need for income with devotion to spiritual work. Wildly inspiring and deeply profound, this book is a great resource for anyone wanting to understand the path of a modern shaman, and to gain insight into the many ways that path can manifest.

If like me you are curious about modern shamanism, whether based off of a native tradition or off of core shamanism, and what actual practitioners are doing in this current day and age this is a good read and allows one to get a sense of other modes of living in today's world

I'm so glad I bought this book and I'm more than halfway through this book. Each conversation with the shaman has a ton of information who are from all over. I'm getting a great firsthand introduction into their world which I'd not get any other way.

very inspiring!

I really loved this book.

Buy from this company it is amazing.....Thank you

This is one of the best books I have ever read. I have a list of new shamans whose work I want to explore.

If you are interested in shamans and shamanic ideas you will find a lot to like in this book. Shamans are, after all, people. And don't we find most people intriguing by their very individuality? The shamans in this book are indeed quite individual. Some are serious (the world may well be ending soon), some are funny (the spirits didn't like me because when I did the fire ritual I got blisters on my feet). Some are full of odd ideas (to get psychic powers, give up sex), some are full of truth (you can't be a good shaman unless you stay humble). And some are full of themselves (I think and I find and I view and I feel that I do it better than anyone). These are not direct quotes, BTW, but paraphrased statements because I did not wish to disrespect by name and remove someone's dignity in public. Every shaman in the book is quite capable of doing that for themselves. But while some tried, few succeeded. There was something worthwhile in each chapter. I learned more about human nature and certainly learned more about what is thought of as Western shamanism in this interview overview. Hillary Webb does a fair job with her questions and allows some of the best hearts in the country to express their wisdom to the reader. I would unhesitantly recommend to an interested party they buy this book.

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