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Consolations Univ of California Press

This book analyzes Søren Kierkegaard's message about the ethical necessity of silence in the context of our current information age flooded with sound and words. The author investigates the question of how being silent can make us more ethical.

Seven Years in Tibet CreateSpace

Following Brewster's earlier novel, *The Vicar of Afton*, this story picks up with the new curate, Rachel Masonas, determination to leave St. James and go to Nepal to seek peace and a new meaning in her life after the drug death of the man she had sought to help. While on her flight to a Tibetan rescue camp in central Nepal, the plane crashes and she is captured by Chinese Maoists. The acceptance of her captivity in the shadow of the mystical Himalayas and her own gradual healing in aiding the wounded enemy restores her faith and purpose. The attempts by the U.S. Government to obtain Rachel's release are frustrated by internal conflict and secrecy to the point, when leaked to the newspapers, they cause a national outcry. Rachel's story is played out against the restive activities of new voices at St. James and the complicated lives of its parishioners.

The Sound of Gravity The Floating Press

In May 1996 a number of expeditions attempted to climb Mount Everest on the Southeast Ridge route. Each group contained world class climbers and relative novices, some of whom had paid tens of thousands of pounds for the climb. As they neared the summit twenty-three men and women, including the expedition leaders, were caught in a ferocious blizzard. Disorientated, out of oxygen and depleted of supplies, the climbers struggled to find their way to safety. Experienced high-altitude guide Anatoli Boukreev led an exhausted and terrified group of climbers back to safety before going back out into the blizzard to help others stranded on the mountain. Rescuing a number of people from certain death, he emerged a hero. *The Climb* by Anatoli Boukreev is an honest and gripping account of true endurance and contains interviews with most of the surviving climbers, medical personnel, Sherpa guides, and families of the dead who experienced the tragedy. This edition also includes the transcript of the Mountain Madness debriefing, recorded five days after the tragedy, as well as G. Weston de Walt's response to Jon Krakauer.

This Game of Ghosts Random House

In this vivid memoir that has sold millions of copies worldwide, Heinrich Harrer recounts his adventures as one of the first Europeans ever to enter Tibet. Harrer was traveling in India when

the Second World War erupted. He was subsequently seized and imprisoned by British authorities. After several attempts, he escaped and crossed the rugged, frozen Himalayas, surviving by duping government officials and depending on the generosity of villagers for food and shelter. Harrer finally reached his ultimate destination—the Forbidden City of Lhasa—without money, or permission to be in Tibet. But Tibetan hospitality and his own curious appearance worked in Harrer's favor, allowing him unprecedented acceptance among the upper classes. His intelligence and European ways also intrigued the young Dalai Lama, and Harrer soon became His Holiness's tutor and trusted confidant. When the Chinese invaded Tibet in 1950, Harrer and the Dalai Lama fled the country together. This timeless story illuminates Eastern culture, as well as the childhood of His Holiness and the current plight of Tibetans. It is a must-read for lovers of travel, adventure, history, and culture. A motion picture, under the direction of Jean-Jacques Annaud, will feature Brad Pitt in the lead role of Heinrich Harrer.

A Beckoning Silence Courier Corporation

'Horizon is magnificent; a contemporary epic' Robert Macfarlane, author of *Underland* From the author of the classic *Arctic Dreams* comes a vivid recollection of his travels around the world and the encounters that shaped an extraordinary life. Taking us nearly from pole to pole - from modern megacities to some of the earth's most remote regions - Barry Lopez gives us his most far-ranging and personal work. Spanning decades of travel, *Horizon* describes journeys to six regions of the world: from Western Oregon to the High Arctic; from the Galápagos to the Kenyan desert; from Botany Bay in Australia to finally, unforgettably, the ice shelves of Antarctica. Lopez also probes the history of humanity's quests and explorations, from prehistoric expeditions to today's ecotourism. He takes us to some of the hottest, coldest, and most desolate places on the globe, via friendships with scientists, archaeologists, artists and local residents, in a book that makes us see the world differently. It is the crowning achievement of one of the world's best travel writers. 'The greatest nature writer in the world ... He is also the greatest travel writer ... [an] astounding new memoir' *Sunday Times*

Touching the Void Schocken

This exquisitely wrought book of short-form supernatural and psychological thrillers from eccentric British author Oliver Onions is a must-read for fans of classic horror. Many other luminaries in the genre have identified several of the ghost stories collected in *Widdershins* as some of the best ever penned in English. Don't pass this classic up.

The Water People Random House

Deliciously clever, witty and unpredictable - the stunning debut from the international bestseller Daniel Handler College student

Joseph Last Name Changed to Protect the Innocent plans on spending a hot and hazy summer with his girlfriend Cynthia Glass. He quickly settles in to Cynthia's family home - though not her bedroom, to appease her grandmother - where a very warm and friendly welcome awaited him. Signed on to work at a kids' camp during the day, Joseph fully intends to spend his evenings sneaking across the hall for a vigorous round of mattress aerobics - at least, that's when he's not worrying about his incomplete end of term paper (he and Cyn have been participating in too much physical, and not enough mental exercise recently). Meanwhile, Cynthia's mother ('just call me Mimi') is busy making props for a festival of operas which is how she comes to be constructing a golem in the basement. (Think big Jewish robot made of clay, brought to life through magic to carry out his creator's bidding - very handy in emergencies.) And this summer, it just so happens that there is an emergency - as Joseph gradually uncovers the truth about the Glass household, where nothing's as transparent as it first seemed. There are saucy secrets afoot and the incredibly close-knit family is about to be shattered.

From Hollywood to Heaven Allison & Busby

In *Storms of Silence* Joe Simpson recalls the severe snowstorm which put an end to an attempt with four others on Gangchempo and the infection which forced him to abandon the climb on Cho Oyu in Tibet. During that expedition he has a disturbing encounter with a party of political refugees and a 4-year-old boy fleeing across the Tibetan border. He becomes obsessed with stories of Chinese brutality in the old world Tibet they overran by force 40 years ago. He also begins to question the ethic of playing rich men's games in Third World countries, contributing little to the local people who endure a fearful struggle to survive. Oppression abroad makes him see mindless violence in his home town of Sheffield in a new light. The books ends with his first trip to the Andes in Peru since *Touching the Void*.

Wake PublishAmerica Incorporated

Move over, Christmas Carol—here's a new holiday ghost story! It's Christmas Eve, and Kaye's family is on the way to her grandmother's house in a swirling snowstorm. Suddenly the car hits a patch of ice. It slides across the road and skids into a snow-filled ditch! Through the car window, Kaye spots a light in the woods. Its glow leads her and her parents through the blizzard. They find a warm cabin and a kindly old woman named Elsa. And Kaye finds something else—a green ghost who needs her help! Newbery Honor-winning author Marion Dane Bauer spins a third spooky tale to complement her previous stories, *The Blue Ghost* and *The Red Ghost*.

The Beauty in Breaking Random House

Srikanth Reddy's second book of poetry probes this world's cosmological relation to the plurality of all possible worlds.

Drawing its name from the spacecraft currently departing our solar system on an embassy to the beyond, *Voyager* unfolds as three books within a book and culminates in a chilling Dantean allegory of leadership and its failure in the cause of humanity. At the heart of this volume lies the historical figure of Kurt Waldheim—Secretary-General of the U.N. from 1972-81 and former intelligence officer in Hitler's Wehrmacht—who once served as a spokesman for humanity while remaining silent about his role in the collective atrocities of our era. Resurrecting this complex figure, Reddy's universal voyager explores the garden of forking paths hidden within every totalizing dream of identity.

The Sunflower The Mountaineers Books

In 1995, before leaving his much-loved home in North Yorkshire to move back to the States for a few years with his family, Bill Bryson insisted on taking one last trip around Britain, a sort of valedictory tour of the green and kindly island that had so long been his home. His aim was to take stock of the nation's public face and private parts (as it were), and to analyse what precisely it was he loved so much about a country that had produced Marmite; a military hero whose dying wish was to be kissed by a fellow named Hardy; place names like Farleigh Wallop, Titsey and Shellow Bowells; people who said 'Mustn't grumble', and 'Ooh lovely' at the sight of a cup of tea and a plate of biscuits; and Gardeners' Question Time. Notes from a Small Island was a huge number-one bestseller when it was first published, and has become the nation's most loved book about Britain, going on to sell over two million copies.

The Black Reckoning PublishAmerica Incorporated

"Miles ahead of the average ghost-story" — Sunday Times. A novelist retreats to an abandoned house in the heart of London, where he becomes enthralled by an 18th-century spirit — and where his contact with the outside world gradually diminishes. Acclaimed by such masters as Lovecraft as one of the best ghost stories in the English language.

Addicted to Danger Knopf Books for Young Readers

Joe Simpson has experienced a life filled with adventure but marred by death. In a narrative which takes the reader through extreme experiences from an avalanche in Bolivia, ice-climbing in the Alps and Colorado and paragliding in Spain before his final confrontation with the Eiger, Simpson reveals the inner truth of climbing.

Southwest Sunrise Lexington Books

An Unexpected Journey From Atheism To Christianity "In *The Beckoning: Examining the Truths That Transformed an Atheist Attorney Into a Believer In God*", Michael Minot details his journey from Atheism to Christianity. Engaging and thought provoking, this story provides incite into the inner workings of Michael's deeply prejudiced atheist mind and the intense struggle that occurred when he encountered God's truths. "Encouraging to fellow believers and a revelation to skeptics, Michael Minot's

recounting of how he was wooed from atheism to faith is a fascinating read, unique in its approach and thorough in its layout of his case." --- Jerry B. Jenkins, Writer of the *Left Behind* series "An amazing story and superbly written. "The Beckoning" may be one of the most powerful conversion stories brought to print in the last 10 years. Page after page, so many insights I never considered before. And I've been a Christ follower for more than 40 years. An outstanding read." --- Dr. Larry Thompson, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Horizon Random House

* Concise, objective account of the 1996 Everest debacle * One of Simpson's most controversial and challenging books * Short listed for the 1997 Boardman Tasker Award In 1992, an Indian climber was left to die alone high on the South Col of Mount Everest by other climbers who watched his feebly waving hand from the security of their tent thirty yards away. Some film footage of his corpse was later shown on television. Why did these onlookers not hold the dying man's hand and comfort him? The answer appalls Joe Simpson, who was himself left for dead in a crevasse at the foot of Siula Grande in Peru in 1985. It is an uncomfortable ethical question that he is forced to confront as he attempts a difficult new route on Pumori, with a clear view of the whole South Col from close to the vantage point where Eric Shipton first spotted the way up the south side of Everest taken by Hillary and Tenzing in 1953. Now that Everest has become the playground of the rich, where commercial operators offer guided tours to the top up fixed ropes, camping amidst the detritus and unburied corpses of previous less fortunate climbers, Simpson wonders if the noble, caring instincts that once characterized mountaineering have been irrevocably displaced as in other facets of today's society. On investigation, he finds it a less black and white issue that at first it seemed. "I shall never forget the horror of dying alone, the awful empty loneliness of it," he says. Yet his empathy for the victims of storms, altitude sickness, or misjudgments, is tested time and again as he explores anecdotally and in conversations with his companions on Pumori, the moral climate of mountaineering in the 1990s.

The Beckoning Fair One Random House Books for Young Readers

Two gods are battling each other. During their constant struggle, entire worlds are created, conquered and destroyed as each of them vies for dominance over the other. On one such world, Pyrennia, an epic battle between good and evil is about to begin that could decide the fate of not only the world, but the entire universe. An elven city attacked and burned by mysterious forces with knowledge of ancient powers, a human city plagued by disappearances, a malevolent tide of evil arising in the north. An epic quest to seek answers and find the truth begins, but the truth is never what it seems. In this first volume of the epic THE

WAR OF THE GODS fantasy series, join Stephen Baroma, Guard Captain of Moshkar, as he begins to unravel the strands of a terrifying threat to the city that could have far reaching implications. Forced far from his comfort zone, he joins forces with a group of elves who are also investigating the beckoning darkness. Thrust into dangerous situations against a foe more powerful than any of them could imagine, they must work together and uncover the truth about their common enemy.

The Green Ghost Simon and Schuster

In *Consolations* David Whyte unpacks aspects of being human that many of us spend our lives trying vainly to avoid - loss, heartbreak, vulnerability, fear - boldly reinterpreting them, fully embracing their complexity, never shying away from paradox in his relentless search for meaning. Beginning with 'Alone' and closing with 'Withdrawal', each piece in this life-affirming book is a meditation on meaning and context, an invitation to shift and broaden our perspectives on life: pain and joy, honesty and anger, confession and vulnerability, the experience of feeling overwhelmed and the desire to run away from it all. Through this lens, procrastination may be a necessary ripening; hiding an act of freedom; and shyness something that accompanies the first stage of revelation. *Consolations* invites readers into a poetic and thoughtful consideration of words whose meaning and interpretation influence the paths we choose and the way we traverse them throughout our lives.

Voyager Edinburgh University Press

Brice develops a crush on a girl in his 5th grade class, Cassandra, but she moves away at the end of the year. Reunited in high school, Brice and Cassandra fall in with the same crowd, and start a romance. After six years together, a terrible turn of events forces Brice to take three lives in self-defense, while unsuccessfully thwarting the murder of Cassandra. When Brice enters psychotherapy, he falls under the control of an unscrupulous psychiatrist, sending him into a harrowing descent. Brice's demons invade his soul, as he confronts a hauntingly similar situation to when he lost his beloved Cassandra. Passionate rage and deep sorrow over his loss push Brice into a dark reality. Tony P. Velasquez lives in Fresno, California. He is currently at work on the sequel to *A Beckoning Silence*, along with a collection of short stories. Publisher's Web site: <http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/ABeckoningSilence.html>

Beckoning Shadows Direct Authors

An insightful look at the role of silence in modern and contemporary visual art

The Climb Random House

A mixture of adventure story and mysticism, featuring two young men who go climbing in the Himalayas near the source of the sacred Ganges, searching for the meaning of life and death through water. Joe Simpson is the author of the mountaineering book, *Touching the Void*.