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Editorial Review

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Streams of Living Water is Richard J. Foster's roundup of six great traditions of Christian spiritual practice. His essays on spirituality--contemplative, holiness, charismatic, social justice, evangelical, and incarnational--are grounded in straightforward profiles of biblical and modern characters whom Foster considers exemplars of these traditions. (The prophet Amos and the Quaker abolitionist John Woolman, for example, are featured in the chapter on social justice.) Each chapter ends with a bit of advice about how readers can cultivate new aspects of spiritual life and keep these Christian traditions alive: "Take a bath instead of a shower. Waste time for God," Foster writes, in his chapter on the contemplative tradition. Foster doesn't really break new ground in *Streams of Living Water*--he's written about most of these spiritual disciplines elsewhere--but this book is a useful and engaging introduction to a fairly broad range of Christian spiritual practices. --*Michael Joseph Gross*

Review

"...a marvel of a book covering two milleniums of Christian experience. With clarity and restraint, Foster invites the reader to draw from his wells of wisdom as he paints in words the portraits of those who have shaped our rich and varied heritage. His broad brush strokes bring to life the streams of living water that for centuries have nourished our souls. Not only that, he generously gives tangible application to our fragmented lives in the here and now." -- *Ingrid Trobisch, author of THE CONFIDENT WOMAN and KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS*

"Foster's engaging writing and thoughtful presentation make the book appealing to a broad readership." -- -- *Publishers Weekly*

"Richard Foster has written another classic." -- *Dallas Morning News*

"Richard J. Foster has offered the church an exquisite gift in his new book STREAMS OF LIVING WATER. Foster paints a masterful portrait of Jesus... This well-written and immensely appealing book needs to be read by every individual who is committed to reaching maturity in his or her spiritual life." -- *Sojourners Magazine*

"STREAMS OF LIVING WATER is educational and inspirational...[it] provides the chart for negotiating through the shallows and narrows, the rapids and bays that make up a remarkably diverse and rich body of faith."--Dale Hanson Bourke, Religion News Service --

"STREAMS OF LIVING WATER may well be Foster's most important work yet." -- *A Closer Look*

"This book is an amazing bridge-builder." -- *CBA Marketplace*

From the Publisher

Bestselling author Richard Foster -- whose hardcover sales top Harper San Francisco's list at over one million copies -- lays the cornerstone of his acclaimed RENOVARE program with this exploration of the major Christian traditions and their role in spiritual renewal.

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