



River Stone Running (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Half essays and half poems, River Stone Running examines traditions of direct address by humans in dialogue with spirit or spirits or gods: something wondrous. The passages chosen here, from Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and indigenous religions, differ from one-sided prayer in that they often present some form of reply from the god or spirit. Join in when the medieval visionary Julian of Norwich and ecstatic poet Rumi introduce their gods as merry or laughing. Compare Socrates inner oracle, a nudge that steers him from folly, to the hand sensations that guide a Native American medicine seer to select among possible remedies. Hear how Hindu singers address their gods in terms usually reserved for a lover. Then discover how Old Testament prophets, long scornful of Middle Eastern fertility worship, surprisingly borrow a similar passionate imagery to describe Yahweh and his bride. Follow modern Jewish philosopher Martin Buber in making the interchange of I and Thou the necessary catalyst to allow sacredness to come into the world. The second half of River Stone Running assembles my own poetry in series such...



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