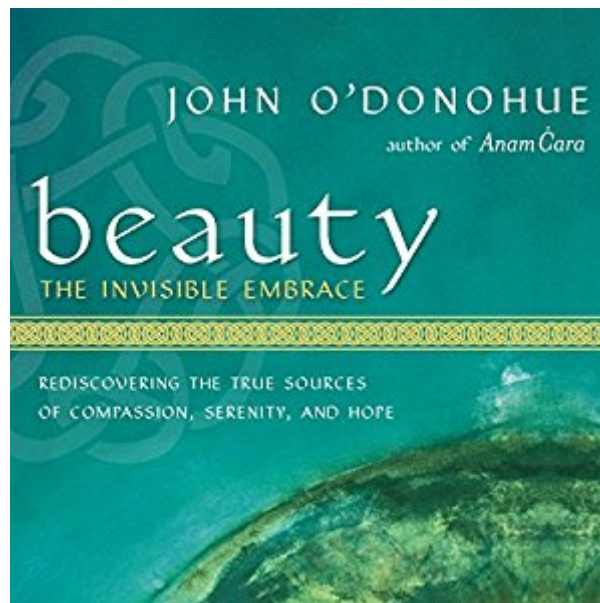




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This is so rich one can only read a little at a time. Gently and wondrously uplifting, this book nourishes one's soul and makes one aware of how disconnected we are from creation, and how deeply we need it.

A rich resource for contemplation, Beauty is one of those books you want to begin reading again as you turn the last page.

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great read. I can only read a page or two at a time because the writer really helps the reader to see the connection between all of creation and beauty. Beauty is more than a surface thing.

One of my FAVORITE books ever....DELICIOUS.

Now more than ever, humanity is being called to embrace Beauty. John O'Donohue's book is a portico into the glorious NOW, where all Beauty is and has always been. I love this book, it is beautifully written, transformative, and practical. Let's turn off the computer, facebook, twitter, phones and take a collective breath, and begin to enter into the marvelous.

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