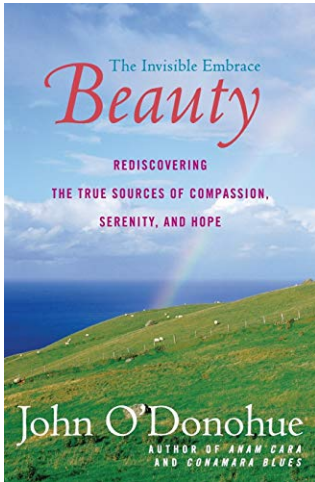


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**From Publishers Weekly** The author of the bestselling *Anam Cara* hits a lyrical mark again with this book that boldly takes up an eternal verity and ideal—beauty. O'Donohue's premise is urgent and sweeping: "Politics, religion, and economics and the institutions of family and community all have become abruptly unsure. At first, it sounds completely naive to suggest that now might be the time to awaken and invoke beauty. Yet this is exactly the claim that this book explores." And so the author, who has a background in philosophy and has written about Hegel, seeks "intimations" and manifestations of beauty, finding it in music, color and movement, as well as some less likely locations—imperfection and death. Beauty is sensuous and present, but it is also always pointing to the transcendent. Its trail leads to the recognition of God, with O'Donohue quoting the novelist Dostoyevski—"Perhaps it is beauty that will save us in the end"—as well as medieval Christian mystic Meister Eckhart, whose thought he weaves through the book. O'Donohue writes like the poet he is ("Memory is the place where our vanished days secretly gather"), and he generously quotes from other poets across cultures and times. He also liberally draws into his circle of imagination the great philosophers of beauty, from Plato and Aquinas to contemporary German philosopher Hans-Georg Gadamer. The resulting book is a lively and informed

discussion among great minds—a digest of provocative views on an inexhaustible and compelling topic. This refreshing book falls like rain on the parched plain of contemporary discourse.

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Beauty: The Invisible Embrace Paperback 1 March 2005. by John O'Donohue PH.D. (Author). 4.8 out of 5 stars 248 ratings. Yet beauty's visitation affects us and invites us into its rhythm, it calls us to feel, think, and act beautifully in the world: to create and live a life that awakens the Beautiful. Beauty is a gentle but urgent call to awaken. Bestselling author John O'Donohue opens our eyes, hearts, and minds to the wonder of our own relationship with beauty by exposing the infinity and mystery of its breadth. His words return us to the dignity of silence, profundity of stillness, power of thought and perception, and the eternal grace and generosity of beauty's presence. Original Title. Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace. ISBN. 0060957263 (ISBN13: 9780060957261). A beautiful book written by a beautiful man, John O'Donohue's Beauty is filled with such inspiring words I found it difficult, almost inappropriate, to read even a chapter straight through since many lines invite us to reread and linger with their fragrance for days. Here are several such lines coupled with my brief comments, taken from two of my favorite chapters "The Call to Beauty and The Music of Beauty: "Indeed, the subtle touches of beauty are what enable most people to survive. Yet beauty. Beauty is ineffable. And, at the same time, it's known to all of us. We have all felt wonderment in response to nature or our fellow humans. But in our busy modern urban lives, many of us have become numb to it, blind to the constant offerings of awe-inspiring moments. When we open our eyes and our hearts, we become present to the astounding nature of this existence. When we speak of Beauty, we speak of the force that moves us, that makes us smile or cry because something deep in us was touched and awakened. Beauty is present when we watch a baby discovering the world, taste honey and rem Beauty: The Invisible Embrace. Add to Custom List. Add to My Collection. AllMusic Rating. User Ratings (0). Your Rating. Overview "The Call of Beauty (Introduction to Session 1). John O'Donohue, Ph.D. 01:01. Amazon. 2. The Journey Between Awakening and Surrender. John O'Donohue, Ph.D. Beauty. Subtitle. The Invisible Embrace. Author. John O'Donohue. Beauty Is Quietly Woven through Our Days. When we hear the word 'beauty', we inevitably think that beauty belongs in a special elite realm where only the extraordinary dwells. Yet without realizing it, each day each one of us is visited by beauty. When you actually listen to people, it is surprising how often beauty is mentioned. A world without beauty would be unbearable. Indeed the subtle touches of beauty are what enable most people to survive. Yet beauty is so quietly woven through our ordinary days that we hardly notice it. Everywhere there is tenderness, care and kindness, ther

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