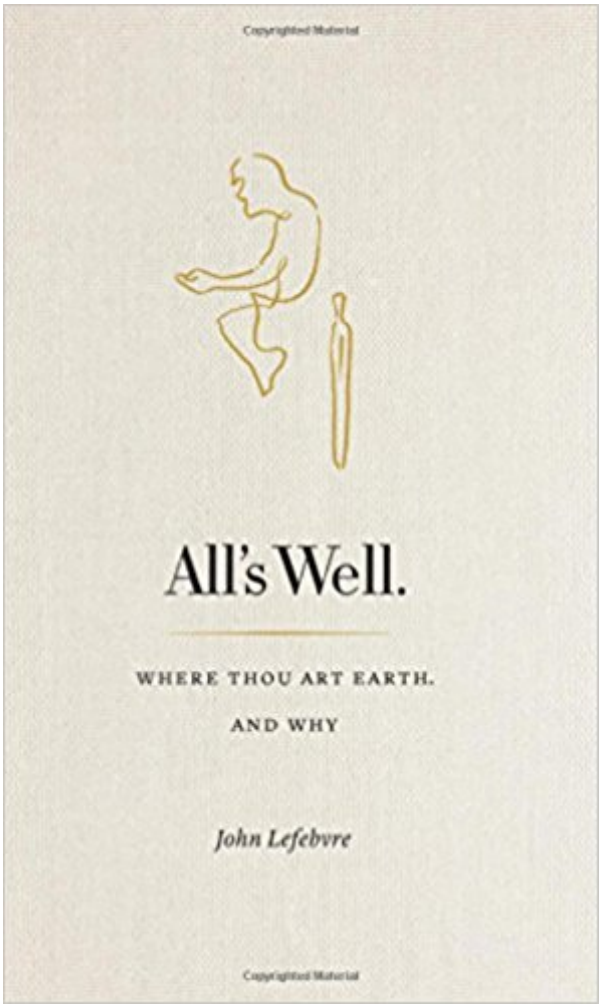
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I loved reading this book for its profound and thoughtful message about how to live with kindness and love and even to acknowledge a consciousness inclusive of all beings including Earth itself. The author refers to great thinkers, concepts of law and ethics and the idea of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Universal Rights and ResponsibilitiesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• that he hopes will be adopted truly and fully. These universalities, he believes, underlie the democratic ideals associated with the founding of the United States. Why are these not fully realized? Lefebvre says this due to inequality, a lack of sharing, the abuse of public authority and some, not all, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“wealthy PrivateersÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• who ignore rights and responsibilities while they enjoy ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“country club comfortÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •in other words a massive failure of consciousness and maturity. Ignorance can be deliberate, he explains, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“while hundreds of millions stumble, stagger and starve.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• The urgency of his message and the beauty of his writing convey his hope for human maturation, connection and even the possibility that we might be one among many thoughtful species. Indeed, this book promises we can earn back Eden. I highly recommend this deep and important book.

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