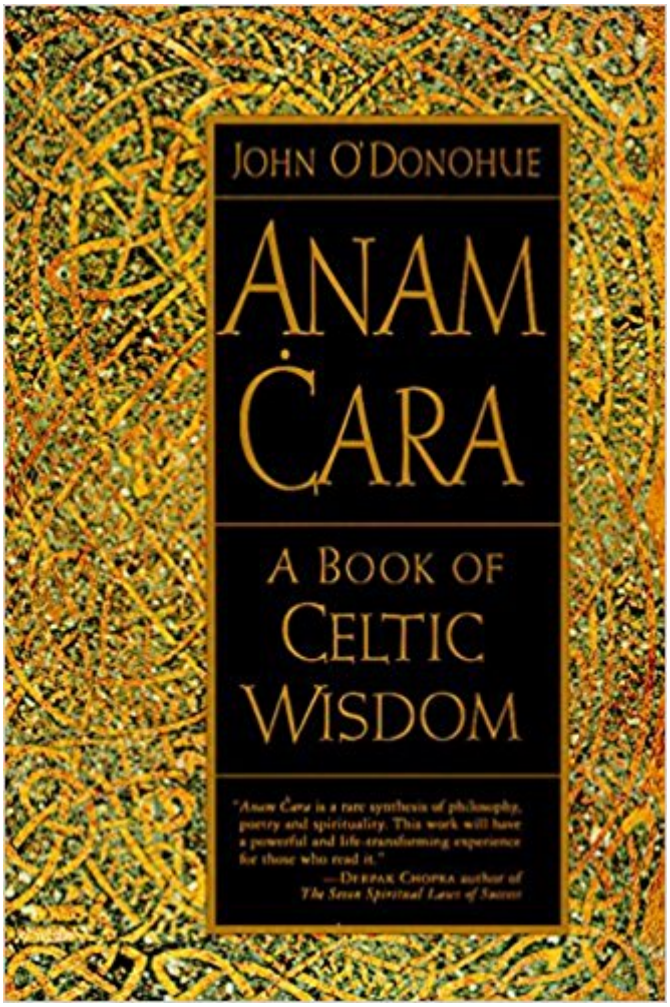
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Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom offers an exploration of the secret universe we all carry inside us, the connections we forge with the worlds of our friends and loved ones, and the products of our worlds reflected in the things we create outside of ourselves. Anam Cara, Gaelic for "soul friend," is an ancient journey down a nearly forgotten path of wisdom into what it means to be human. Drawing on this age-old perspective, John O’Donohue helps us to see ourselves as the Celts did: we’re more than just flesh, blood, and bone; we comprise individual worlds. The comprehension of the sublime architecture of the worlds we are born with will engender a new appreciation for the outside world and the way we contribute to its evolution. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Gaelic title refers to the "soul-friend," a lovingly stern companion to whom you can, in stringent

honesty, unburden your heart as you move toward enlightenment. O'Donohue positions himself to be that soul's companion for readers who yearn for a spirituality that is accepting of bodily wisdom but does not deny the power of the Christian vision. The Celts--well, the Irish, anyway--grappled with that yearning more than a millennium ago. Irish traditional ways were never subjected to the kinds of discouragement--racks, skewers, lions, and the like--practiced on the continent and so were able to wed pagan sensuality to the ethical challenges of the new creed. Reperforming that marriage, O'Donohue is as much at ease with Heidegger as with Yeats, with Rilke as with Jung, as he discourses on solitude, work, love, and death and works snippets of ancient Irish poetry seamlessly into the fabric of his text. Eloquent and learned, O'Donohue is more than just another Paddy-come-lately cashing in on River Danceera Celtophilia. He is the real thing: a poetic priest with the soul of a pagan. Expect demand! (HarperCollins does, to the tune of a 150,000-copy first printing.) Patricia Monaghan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

John O'Donohue's presence and depth of knowing continue to open spaces of possibility for the reader even though his embodied presence is no longer with us. The beauty and clarity of his writing is such that one single sentence can stop you so powerfully that there is nothing else to do except allow the words to wind their way deeply into your soul. My Celtic roots celebrate the bringing forth of these Universal musings. This is a book that will never lose it's power to invite each reader to step into the sacredness of life.....

This is an amazing book. I had seen it around for years and finally felt called to read it. Such beautiful words and easlily readable. It's a pleasure.

This book is a must read...i don't know how else to put it. It is full of wisdom and enlightenment, just reading it made me start feeling better about myself and my life. The poetry is beautiful. Even if you aren't interested in the celtic way of life, it will open you up to a whole new look on yourself and your life.

I don't even know what to say about this book. I read this and was blown away. I did not expect this book to be so good. All I can say is that if you are truly interested in applicable, and resonating knowledge as opposed to high-flying inspirational quotes-this is the book. It sparked a creative and profound thought process that very little literature ever has.Eternal Echoes is also a joy to read. Two amazing books from one author-I am saddened that there will be no more. John O'Donohue was a

gift to the world.

A piece of literature which is a classic of our time! Thankfully, O'Donohue left us his wisdom about soulfulness in the Celtic tradition which he translates into a common language. This book is a great read for anyone and for those who want to learn more about a philosophy of being a soul in the world, the intimacy of connecting with oneself and another person, and the gifts of quietude, spirituality, and language as communication. It is a book to gift to yourself or to someone else. It will make you want to read other works by John O'Donohue including "To Bless the Space Between Us," a collection of poetic meditations and reflections for the different times in our lives.

The writing is stunning. The wisdom is beautiful. I read a paragraph at a time savoring every word sometimes over and over without turning a page.

Was a gift and was enthusiastically received.

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