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"A book of great richness, beauty and power."-- "New York Times Book Review""[This] is a book of great richness, beauty and power and thus very difficult to do justice to in a brief review...The violence is sometimes unbearable, the language rarely less than superb. Dillard's description of the moth's death makes Virginia Woolf's go dim and Edwardian. One thinks of Gerard Manley Hopkins, among others--nature seen so clear and hard that the eyes tear...A rare and precious book."-- Frederick Buechner, "New York Times Book Review"

About the Author

Annie Dillard has written twelve books,including in nonfiction *For the Time Being*, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, *Holy the Firm*, and *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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