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Book of the Month

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Flannery O'Connor: Spiritual Writings

edited by Robert Ellsberg

This book is a change of pace from my usual recommendations. Flannery O'Connor was one of America's greatest 20th-Century writers. A southerner and a Christian, O'Connor wrote honest, direct novels and stories that explored the darkness and the hope in the human experience. She took pride in being what she termed a Christian Realist.

A collection of her letters were published about fifteen years after her death in 1964. Portions of these letters, as well as some of her fiction writings, can be found in this introductory volume.

This is not so-called "Christian writing," in that Ms. O'Connor considered herself to be writing to a non-believing audience. But believers will find here much insight into the nature of God, life, and the salvation we all seek.

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