



Talking Stick: Peacemaking as a Spiritual Path

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Inner Traditions Bear and Company, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 209 x 136 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. People are afraid of conflict: it is something bad that must be managed and resolved. In the face of conflict we focus only on facts--who's at fault and who should be punished--rather than seeking to restore harmony. But conflict is inevitable and presents an opportunity to establish deeper connections with others. By learning to speak honestly and listen devoutly, we can overcome our culture's hierarchical and punitive approach to conflict. We can learn to relate to each other in a sacred manner and create relationships and communities that are egalitarian, liberating, and transformational. Revealing that we are all peacemakers at heart, Steve Beyer details how to approach life with a listening heart and create a safe and sacred space for communication: the peacemaking circle, centered on the talking stick. Whoever holds the talking stick gets to speak. There are no interruptions, no questions, no challenges, no comments. People speak one at a time, honestly from their hearts, and they listen devoutly with their hearts to each person who speaks. And, as Beyer shows, the effect can...



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