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Synopsis

This book takes a look at the faith, philosophy, and way of life of the country's one remaining Shaker community. Lauber explores their spiritual and daily lives by weaving together proprietary Shaker quotations, interviews, and photographs. The result is a book that pierces many misconceptions, most notably that the Shakers and their faith are dead. Lauber places the topics of faith, community, work, and worship in the context of Shaker history and contemporary developments on the American landscape.

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Customer Reviews

All too often, Shakerism has been presented as a museum piece, sometimes without any mention of the still-active Shaker community in Sabbathday Lake, Maine. Jeannine Lauber's new book - while containing plenty of historical context - provides a welcome counter-balance. The beautiful photographs, interviews with contemporary Shakers, and insightful commentary bring the reader into the world of the Shakers and their wide network of friends. If you want to understand Shakerism as

a present-day religion with much to give, and a future yet to unfold, don't miss this book.

"MUST READ" for Americana history buffs, Chosen Faith, Chosen Land brings to life a seldom seen part of New England history. The author through a carefully crafted weave of photographs and stories brings insight into the Shakers and their founder Ann Lee. I found the paths Mother Ann chose to follow in her life, and the effect it had on an individuals who followed her, brought to light the human need for a personal connection to God, and the sacrifices we will make to achieve it.

A beautiful book. An inspiring community and movement. I hope I don't live to see them disappear from the earth!

A great read! A thorough and respectful look at a misunderstood religion. Beautiful photography. Anyone with an interest in the Shakers should read this book.

I live in Maine, not too far from the Shaker community that is the focus of this book, and it was fascinating to get a look "behind the scenes" at their lives and history. This book is beautifully written and the photographs - utterly amazing! I noticed one other reviewer said it could be a coffee table book - it absolutely can be. It's gracing my coffee table now and I've had many, many people comment on the beauty of the book as they (reverently, almost) leaf through the pages. The information is also top-notch - well researched and fascinating, and NOT dry. In fact, though it's a book about a celibate religious group, let me tell you, there's plenty of action and adventure. This book is enjoyable on many levels - visual, intellectual, and just plain old fascinating. I highly recommend it.

Chosen Faith, Chosen Land: The Untold Story of America's 21st-Century Shakers offers a fine study of Shaker faith and uses words and images from a journalist who was granted unprecedented access to the private lives of the last remaining Shakers. Her survey of these contemporary Shakers includes proprietary shaker quotes and presents myths and realities about the Shakers and their history. An outstanding survey!

Amazing photography, excellent read. This is more than just a coffee table book. This is a book to be shared with the entire family. Reading it will help solidify the foundations of your own spirituality and faith. Chosen Faith, Chosen Land is not only history - it is "herstory", the story about Ann Lee

and the foundations of the oldest religion founded in America. Long live the Shakers and their "postmodern" faith.

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