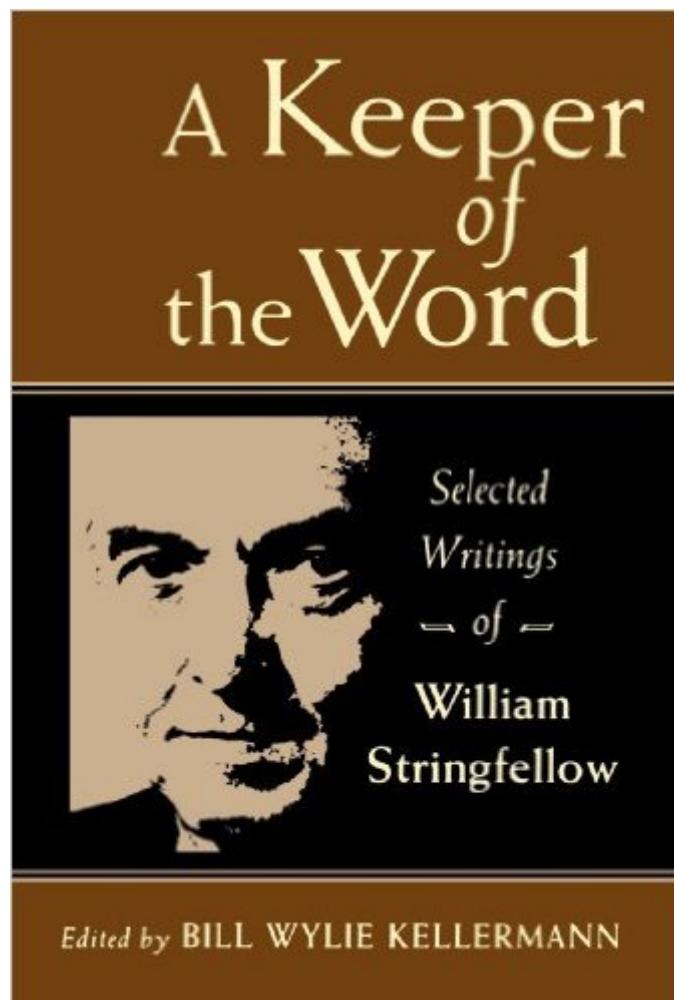


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Until his death in 1985, William Stringfellow was a Christian social activist in the mold of Daniel Berrigan, Thomas Merton and William Sloan Coffin. As a lawyer in East Harlem, he saw the social injustice; and, in his writings as well as his activism, he tried to indicate the ways Christianity could respond to those injustices. Stringfellow's writings are deeply scriptural, and this collection, drawn from his 16 books and numerous articles, nicely demonstrates the wide range of his thoughts and passions. The first section focuses on his autobiographical writings; the second collects his words on the vocation of the church; and a third is devoted to his central theological concern, the conflict of principalities and powers. The final section collects writings devoted to the art of living humanely. We can be in Kellerman's debt, for this long overdue collection reacquaints us with a man who was indeed a keeper and doer of the Word. - Publisher's Weekly

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Stringfellow's prose is a joy to read. His thoughts on justice are timeless. Though he died in the mid-eighties, his comments shed light on social issues commonly discussed today. A Harvard educated lawyer going to practice in Harlem in the late forties was absolutely revolutionary at the time.... probably still is. A wonderfully droll sense of humor gives this social activist orneriness Episcopalian a great edge. This book also gives one an interesting review of what was happening in the 60's and 70's among theologically aware folks. Hard to put down, it's very much a personal memoir within essays.

Bill Wylie-Kellermann's collection of the writings of William Stringfellow brings this 20th Century prophet into today. As good as this collection is, I'd recommend his new collection, William Stringfellow: Essential Writings first because of Wylie-Kellermann's interpretative comments in introducing Stringfellow's excerpts. Then I'd recommend you read Stringfellow's An Ethic For Christians and Other Aliens in a Strange Land - written in 1973, it's relevance today is palpable.

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