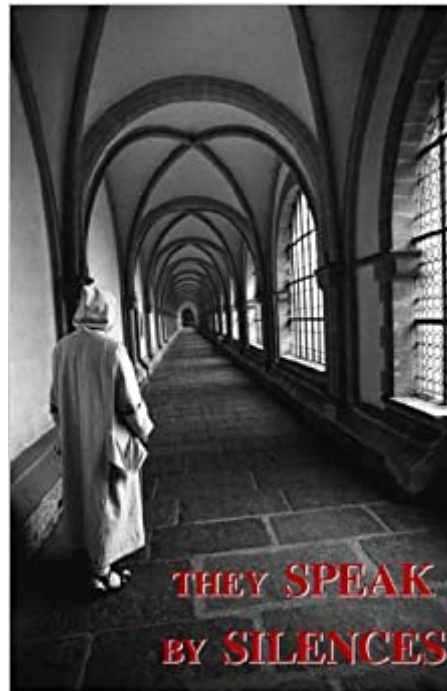




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Synopsis

The thoughts contained in this book were from the pen of one who, in the silence of the Charterhouse, had already arrived at the summits of the spiritual heights, and dwelt there unceasingly. Souls who have reached such perfection in this life are rare; not so rare, however, are those who ardently aspire thereto. It is chiefly for such as these - to encourage and help them to arrive at those same heights - that these thoughts have been preserved and collected. *They Speak by Silences* was first published in French in 1948, and has since allowed Carthusian wisdom and spirituality to reach the widest possible audience. This new, and widely requested edition carries on the tradition. It will provide material for daily reading and reflection for newcomers to Carthusian spirituality and, equally, for those who have already discovered the riches it has to offer. Not everyone can experience that same recollection that exists in a Charterhouse, but they must not be afraid to set aside as far as possible at least some moments, however short, for recollection and to give some time to Him Who is within them. It is in that silence that He speaks to us, and bids us listen to Him. Other books of classic Carthusian spirituality published by Gracewing include *The Call of Silent Love*, *The Prayer of Love and Silence* and *The Wound of Love*.

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Few saints, few sacraments, few devotions, few spiritual or religious rivalries; and consequently many more opportunities to emphasize the *unum necessarium*, the one thing needful, which is to accept the presence of God in one's life (Luke 10:42). It's more descriptive than prescriptive and

more suggestive than argumentative. Perhaps these features reflect not only the author's context as the spiritual director 1929-35 of French Carthusian nuns then exiled in Italy but also the humility and spiritual insight of the anonymous Carthusian nuns who treasured these jottings, letters, and notes, or of the anonymous Benedictine nuns in Rome who edited and published them in French, or of the anonymous Carmelite nun who provided the first draft of an English translation, or of the anonymous monk of St. Hugh's Charterhouse who corrected and refined them--and they are refined. As it stands, *They Speak by Silences* is an outstanding expression of the tradition of Western monastic mysticism. The anonymous author (Augustin Guillerand) may be rightly compared to a peaceable Bernard of Clairvaux. And happily no one has to be a monk or a nun to be a mystic.

It is very spiritual book so when you expect the deeply speculative dimension of your life, you would be satisfied. The author may give you the serenity of your hearts if you wish to.

This is a fantastic book. Thank you

This was a tremendous read for all who are on the journey. What we deny ourselves is nothing compared to these holy men!

A must read!!! Get this book and "Where silence is Praise" by the same Carthusian. Splendid, Beautiful! A great find for the Spiritual life...coming from the depths of the silence and solitude of the Charterhouse.

This book isn't "about" the Carthusians but is a collection of short (1 paragraph to 3 page) excerpts from the writings (letters apparently) of an anonymous Carthusian monk who we are told was a person of exceptional spiritual maturity, who held various positions of authority and spiritual guidance within the Carthusian Order. I normally don't care for books of short reflections, but this is exquisitely great guidance by a spiritual director of a rare calibre. It is beautiful and as deep and pure as can be. You will want to read it prayerfully and learn from it.

This book is made up of a number of very short chapters covering the foundational issues we all encounter in the spiritual life. Of this series of books, this would not however be my favourite - that goes to "The wound of love".

For students and those who wish to deepen their relationship with God, this little book offers much food for thought!

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