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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Williamson (A Return to Love) here tells women that they are goddesses with cosmic functions. A weakness: she often lets women hear what they want to hear--how "special" they are, how beautiful, how close to nature. When she draws from her own experience, Williamson gives sound, empowering advice on relationships, work, love, sex and childrearing. Still, her soft focus on the so-called feminine virtues, including that of assuming the submissive role during sex, often seems reactionary and contradictory, as when she argues that women were meant to be passive, but later claims that woman should assert their power. This mix of the mystical, the modern (Williamson says one of her old boyfriends left her for a "bimbo") and the Christian could be called visionary--but the combination doesn't always make sense, as in this statement: "Our Kingdom is our life and our life is our Kingdom. And we are all meant to rule from a glorious place." Author tour.
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From Library Journal
This is essentially a feel-good book, meant to inspire and empower women to take control over their lives and help return the world to the feminine qualities from which it has strayed. As in Williamson's best-selling first book, A Return to Love (LJ 1/92), love is the key. Although Williamson's messsage is admirable--who among us is against the prospect of a world order based on love and understanding with an end to all that is antithetical?--many readers will be put off by the means she posits to that end. Most women do not think in terms of growth from girl to princess to queen to goddess. In addition, her assumption that all women intuitively know what is right is at best optimistic. This work could serve as a starting point for those who have difficulty approaching the concept of feminism. The success of Williamson's first book indicates New Age enthusiasts will be attracted here; aticipate demand where the first was popular. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 1/93.
- *Kathleen L. Atwood, Pomfret Sch. Lib., Ct.*
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From Kirkus Reviews
``In writing this book I have no purpose other than a creative spill of my own guts," proclaims Williamson at the start of these seven inspirational essays aimed at resurrecting the sacred feminine in today's women. Readers of the author's mega-selling A Return to Love (1992) know that her guts spill rather messily, the point of the effluence being not so much to inform through logic and hard data as to transport to new spiritual heights on a torrent of upbeat chit-chat. So, here, readers will find themselves responding--perhaps off the page but most certainly on (`` `What?' you say. `Me, a priestess?' ")--to Williamson's exhortations that they put aside the deadening constrictions of patriarchy and ``embark on a quest for our own enchantment." Williamson covers issues such as image, sex, gender-biased language, abortion, emotional masochism (``Yuk. How sick. Yet how familiar"), etc., all the while urging her ``girls" to release their passions and to realize the ``power of our womanly knowingness" as they meditate and pray to both ``God" and ``the Goddess." (Williamson is, of course, a fervent student of the ``channeled" mystical-religious teachings known as A Course in Miracles). It's a familiar yet enduringly potent message, delivered in frank, elbows-on-the-table style that's likely to see an extraordinary number of readers sharing the author's thoughts and then chanting, as she does, ``We are about to break free. We are about to be born. We have seen the shining. We have seen. We have seen." -- *Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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