



Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free

By Lawrence-Lightfoot, Sara.

Sarah Crichton Books. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. In this wise and provocative book, MacArthur prizewinning sociologist Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot illuminates the myriad exits we make in our lives. For two years she traveled around the country listening to people tell their stories of leaving, witnessing rituals of goodbye a gay man who finds home and wholeness after coming out of the closet, for example, as well as a 16-year-old-boy forced to leave Iran during a violent civil war, a Catholic priest who leaves the church, and an anthropologist who stages her departure from the field after years of research. Lawrence-Lightfoot finds the universal patterns that reframe our exit narratives, and the wisdom in the possibility of moving on with dignity and grace. "The resonant testimonials Lawrence-Lightfoot spotlights nicely dovetail into a conclusion befitting her research into the inevitability of departures and our individual choice to accept or bemoan them. A finely researched examination that sheds a new light on the catharsis of goodbye." Kirkus Reviews 259.



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