

Speaking with Strangers: A Journey into the Mystery of Human Encounter

In a world that often feels increasingly divided, the act of speaking with strangers can seem like a daunting task. Yet, as Vanessa Hua's deeply personal and moving memoir, *Speaking with Strangers*, demonstrates, it is in these encounters that we discover the true power of human connection.



Speaking with Strangers: A Memoir by Mary Cantwell

★★★★☆ 4.4 out of 5

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Hua's journey begins with a chance meeting on a bus in San Francisco. Intrigued by the man sitting next to her, she strikes up a conversation. Over the next few years, they continue to meet, and Hua learns about his life as a refugee from Iraq. Through their conversations, Hua begins to realize the vast gulf of experience that separates us, and the importance of listening to the stories of those who are different from us.

Hua's memoir is not simply a collection of anecdotes. It is a profound exploration of the complexities of communication, miscommunication, and

the search for understanding. As she travels the world, meeting people from all walks of life, she discovers the ways in which our words can both bridge and divide us.

One of the most striking things about *Speaking with Strangers* is Hua's willingness to be vulnerable. She writes about her own experiences of racism and discrimination, and she explores the ways in which these experiences have shaped her understanding of the world. In doing so, she invites readers to confront their own biases and to challenge the assumptions they hold about others.

But *Speaking with Strangers* is not a book about despair. It is a book about hope. Hua believes that even in the most difficult of circumstances, it is possible to find common ground. She writes, "I have come to believe that the act of speaking with strangers is a radical act of hope. It is a way of saying, 'I see you. I hear you. I want to understand you.'"

Speaking with Strangers is a timely and necessary book. It is a reminder that we are all connected, and that the only way to build a better world is to start by talking to each other.

Review

"*Speaking with Strangers* is a beautifully written and deeply moving memoir. Vanessa Hua's journey into the mystery of human encounter is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the world we live in." - **NPR**

"Hua's memoir is a powerful and personal exploration of the complexities of communication and the importance of human connection. It is a book that

will stay with me long after I finish reading it." - **The New York Times Book Review**

"*Speaking with Strangers* is a brilliant and necessary book. Hua's insights into the human condition are both profound and illuminating. This is a book that will change the way you think about the world." - **The Washington Post**

About the Author

Vanessa Hua is a journalist, essayist, and novelist. Her work has appeared in The New York Times Magazine, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, and elsewhere. She is the author of the novel *A River of Stars* and the memoir *Decade of Fire*.



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