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***Becoming Intimate with the Earth* by Pauline Le Bel**

**A powerful guide to healing our relationship with our planetary home**

We’ve heard it before: the future is uncertain, grim. The daily news is full of dystopian visions of a world no one would choose to live in. How do we respond to these scenarios? With a new story, a compelling narrative that recreates the role of humans and offers hope in these challenging times. *Becoming Intimate with the Earth* by Pauline Le Bel offers a way to live *inside* this narrative. Part love story, part battle cry, part call to adventure, it seamlessly weaves together our new science-based cosmology, the traditional wisdom of indigenous people and an artist’s passionate engagement with life to reveal how intimately we are related to everything in the universe—and how we are in constant partnership with all of it.

Le Bel takes an unflinching look at our cultural, political, and scientific stories and how they have led to our isolation and separation from the Earth, and the inevitable plundering and poisoning of our lands and waters. With wisdom, wit, and poetry, she offers the reader powerful new stories of transformation in her Ways of Intimacy chapters – Wonder, Emptiness, Imagining, Transformation, and Community. Inside this accessible companion of a book are Intimacy Practices for engaging with the natural world, as well as Resources and Links to ordinary extraordinary people making a difference.

*Becoming Intimate with the Earth* is the first book in the Flourishing Earth series by Collins Foundation Press (CFP). The goal of the series it to contribute to a vibrant conversation, and a wholesome vision of how humans and all other life forms on the planet can co-exist in mutually enhancing relationship.

Pauline Le Bel is a masterful storyteller, Emmy-nominated screenwriter, and award-winning novelist for *The Song Spinner*. She is a professional singer who has recorded five CDs of her original music. A provocative keynote speaker, she has been called “an aphrodisiac of ideas.” Her poetic, musical telling of the evolutionary story of the universe has received praise from participants, educators, and the scientific community.

Pauline is an experienced facilitator of workshops: Vocal Playshops for singers and non-singers; and Kiss the Crone workshops for women of all ages who want to access the wisdom of their Inner Crone. She also offers workshops on “Becoming Intimate with the Earth.” Her passion and life’s work is the integration of music, science, nature, and spirit for the benefit of the entire Earth Family.

According to Cheryl Genet, managing editor of CFP, “Pauline is a consummate scholar who pursues her subject with a laser-like focus, yet her poetry, sprinkled throughout this book, bears the transcendent quality that comes from the soul of an artist.”

 **A unique and valuable contribution to the sustainability literature**

For more on *Becoming Intimate with the Earth* or Collins Foundation Press, or to arrange an interview with author Le Bel, visit [www.CollinsFoundationPress.org](http://www.CollinsFoundationPress.org), or contact info@SpiritusCommunications.com