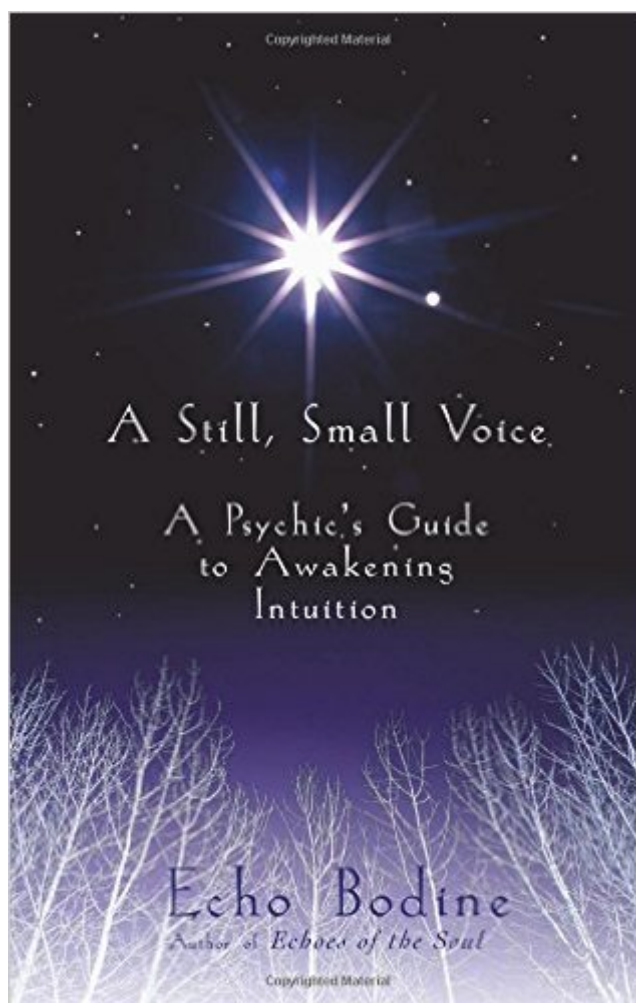


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A Still, Small Voice: A Psychic's Guide To Awakening Intuition



Synopsis

In *A Still, Small Voice*, famed psychic Echo Bodine turns to a subject she knows deeply and is passionate about: intuition. Using humorous anecdotes and a positive, readable style, this sequel to *Echoes of the Soul* explores what intuition is, where it's located, what it sounds like, and how to cultivate it. The author, who comes from a family of psychics, exposes the various internalized voices that can mask one's intuition. These include the voices of parents, grandparents, peers, therapists, significant others, religious figures, and society, along with such emotions as anger, fear, guilt, and despair. The book challenges the notions that psychic abilities and intuition are the same or that they are in some way suspect. One chapter is devoted to the many practical benefits that come from listening to intuition; another looks at the "faith-building times" in life and how to cope with others' negative reactions to one's setting off on a spiritual path.

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Customer Reviews

Echo Bodine writes beautifully about the human gift of intuition. In simple, conversational language, Echo gently guides the reader towards uncovering his or her inner knowing. This book is unique because Echo "normalizes" the experience of intuition -- teaching us that the intuitive voice is a gift we all possess-- a gift that can be used to enhance every moment of our lives. In fact, I was most impressed by her illustrations of how intuition can be used at any moment during an ordinary day -- and needn't be reserved for 'life altering decisions.' I was also touched by Echo's honesty; she presents herself as a "real" person with a history of struggle, and reflects on the interpersonal

conflicts that can arise when friends and loved ones do not understand our spiritual path. Echo writes a lot about God but leaves the dogma behind -- allowing each reader to draw on his or her own interpretation of the divine. The book is so down-to-earth and non-judgemental that reading it feels like being in conversation with a gentle, caring, friend.

Echo Bodine is a medium based out of Bloomington, Minnesota, and many of her sentiments have a strong, no-nonsense Midwestern flavor. She started off as a radio psychic who spoke about her experiences with spirits to an avid listening audience who could then call in and ask about their own departed loved ones. As she has branched out into print medium, she has added a number of readers to her already-sizable listening audience. Like her other works, *A Still, Small Voice* is very simplistically written and relatively short. While the book's lay-out attempts to disguise this fact, it's fairly clear that Bodine is a speaker much more than she is a writer. There is the very distinct feel that these books are ghost-written, and occasionally that detracts from the content. My main criticisms of this book are as follows:

- * Although *A Still, Small Voice* bills itself as a guide to awakening and developing intuition, Bodine fails to provide any real exercises for her readers.
- * *A Still, Small Voice* relies almost completely on anecdotal material to "teach," reading more like an inspirational memoir than a guidebook.
- * Bodine never addresses the theories or principals behind psychic experience, except to say that all intuition comes from God. Readers are encouraged to rely on spirit guides for their actual instruction, thus encouraging them to feel somewhat out of control of their own powers.
- * Bodine places a very strong emphasis on God, directly stating that psychic experiences are merely instances of God talking to the experiencer. While her faith is admirable, such a strongly religious approach alienates a large number of readers for whom God is less important than the mechanics of the experience itself.

While *A Still, Small Voice* contains many interesting stories about Bodine's experiences with her own psychic gifts, on the whole, it teaches very little practical material that readers can use on their own. The emphasis on God, while laudable in its own way, undermines the stated purpose of the book, as Bodine repeatedly implies that the real mechanics of psychic experience boil down to little more than being "moved by the spirit." In the end, the book reads like a piece of inspirational cotton-candy, fluffy and sweet but lacking substance.

This is the first book I read by Bodine - it got me hooked on developing the gifts, and then I read Tiffany Snow's book and that one was a "Wow!" so beautiful and inspiring. The lessons that *Still, Small Voice* helped me to begin, *Psychic Gifts* expanded. Now, I have the courage and insight to

see that I have control over my life. Once I started to believe that I could have good things happen in my life, and learned how to ask and how to listen, wonderful things started to manifest in everyday occurrences. Reading books like these have inspired me to my bones!

A Still, Small Voice is easy to read. Echo Bodine cuts to the subject with easy to follow instructions about our intuition. This book is one you'll reference back to many times. Echo's book demonstrates her ability to relate to human reasoning and makes the subject about learning, listening and using our intuition for our best during our life journey, understandable. You'll want to give this book to your family and friends.

This is the second book by Echo that I have read. I have sentences underlined, pages dog-eared, and notes in the margins. I can't explain why you should or should not buy the book. I was curious to see what she had to say, so I bought it. I love the way she writes, and I have truly connected to her books. The title is exactly what this book is about: learning to listen to and trust your own "gut feeling" (which happens to be "intuition"). I was taught to listen to my head, not my heart, but I was never even told I had a "gut instinct". So there were times when I told myself to go with my head, and that's when I got into problems. Echo is the first voice I have heard telling me to trust my gut. I have been listening ever since I read her words, and things seem to be working out better. I wish you the best of luck on your life's journey, and maybe this book can help you with that.

Echo Bodine's A Still, Small Voice [...] provides a guide to awakening intuition, from encouraging blossoming psychic abilities to using intuition to solve daily life problems. Highly recommended.

I agree with other reviewers that this book falls short on fulfilling its mission as a guide to awakening intuition. It provides general guidance but not specific guidance on how to connect with your intuition. It's still worth a read if you like to investigate and learn about psychic phenomena, and it helps point one in the right direction to listen to their intuition. My biggest problem with this book was the author's use of nomenclature. It's a well written book with no grammatical errors, but when she decided on nomenclature to describe intuition she made it a bit confusing to the reader. Is intuition God or some undefined "Universe" or some other name that she uses randomly throughout the book to describe intuition? It seems as if she doesn't know what intuition is, and leaves the reader wondering as well.

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