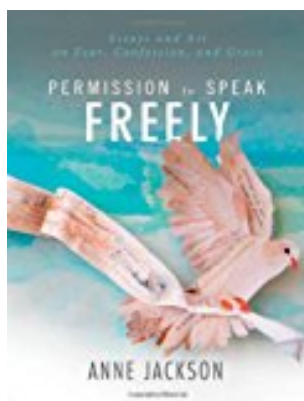


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From Publishers Weekly Jackson's 2008 blog query-"What is one thing you feel you can't say in church?"-evoked huge response and birthed a Web site that became this book, whose purpose is "to show you that you're not alone in your battle with fear and secrets." Jackson doesn't pull punches when she talks about fear, brokenness, and confession. "When you confess something that's shattered in your life,... you're acknowledging that you need the Cross" is the typical forthright

statement you'll find here. One of Jackson's best "permissions" is what she calls the "Gift of Going Second," when you confess or reveal something first, which allows others the freedom to follow in candor, giving a gift that keeps moving forward. Included are pages of full-color, confessional artwork submitted to her by mail or blog, as well as her heartfelt encouragement to "step up and confess-not only the bad, but confess the good and noble as well." This is a pointed, much needed glimpse at the toughness of life and at the grace and goodness that can come when one person speaks freely.

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From the Inside Flap *"There is redemption and freedom that occurs when darkness is forced into the light, sometimes disguised as awkwardly spoken words. Somebody is waiting on you to tell your story. To share how you're being rescued. To share how scary it is but how beautiful it is. So take a step. Confess the beautiful and broken. It happens one word at a time."* -- Anne Jackson

In the voice of an engaging but battle-scarred friend, Anne Jackson questions a church culture that "sacrifices the beauty of confession and brokenness for religious trappings and the malady of perfectionism." Read through the poems, essays, stories and confessions in this book and join Anne on this journey. It's time to face our fears. It's time to live in a community of healing confession. It's time to move past shame and into hope. It's time we had permission to speak freely.

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