

Endorsements for *Still On Fire*—

“*Still on Fire* is another visionary book from thought leader Jan Phillips, an evolutionary work that connects spiritual consciousness with global action. A prophetic work of prose, prayer and poetry.” **Deepak Chopra, MD**

“I love this funny, heartbreaking, believable voice suggesting that not only her but our own spiritual journey is a collective one now. That we’re caught up together in an evolutionary moment, uniting us with our living Earth and each other.” **Joanna Macy**, environmental activist, Buddhist teacher/scholar, author of *A Wild Love for the World: Joanna Macy and the Work of Our Time*

Jan Phillips is “still on fire,” burning with honest intelligence and intuitions of spiritual truth. Jan draws her readers into the heart of the Sacred where we experience ourselves most alive in our own possibilities. This prophet is mother, mentor, and mystic all wrapped up as one. **Carter Heyward**, retired professor of theology from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge MA and a lesbian feminist Christian theologian of liberation.

In *Still On Fire*, Jan Phillips shares her path of awakening and empowerment with immense courage and heart-touching vulnerability. By sharing so generously, she offers us a window into our own soul’s journey along with the assurance that our inward light can be temporarily obscured, yet never extinguished. Please read this beautiful book and embrace the vital purpose of protecting and proclaiming what the world needs from all of us—the glory and healing power of our spiritual radiance. **Dr. Roger Teel**, Author and Spiritual Leader, Minister Emeritus, Mile Hi Church

Jan Phillips is a poetic storyteller who paints pictures for our imagination that are filled with wisdom. She’s an extraordinary and prolific maker of meaning. I encourage you to tap into and ride along with her indomitable spirit. You will be changed as I am. **Justine Willis Toms**, D.H.L., Cofounder, Creative Producer, Host of New Dimensions Radio, author of: *Small Pleasures: Finding Grace In a Chaotic World*.

Few people can write with the brilliant clarity, deep heart and raw courage as can Jan Phillips. Fewer still can write their life’s story with the kind of wisdom and vulnerability that not only captivates, but inspires and instructs as well. Like the beauty of a classic symphony, the twists and turns of Phillips’ spiritual journey rises and falls with power, passion and emotion. “*Still On Fire*” is both deeply personal and broadly applicable as it dares the reader to look within themselves to find their own Light and never let it dim. **Rev. Wendy Craig-Purcell**, Spiritual Leader and Founder, Unity Center San Diego

It takes courage to tell the truth. It takes great courage to tell the truth through memoir. Jan Phillips’ courage pulsates through the pages of her spiritual memoir *Still On Fire*. The intimacy of this book invites you to turn inward to see the Light in your own life and, if you have the courage, to see where you are hiding from that Light in shadow. This is a powerful book by a powerful woman and written for readers who would cultivate a similar power in themselves.

I couldn't put this down. **Rabbi Rami Shapiro**, author of *Surrendered*.

Having embraced the deepest values of Catholicism from her early childhood, Jan Phillips plans to devote her life to their embodiment. However, she finds that same church the greatest stumbling block to living these values while being true to her love of women. Her emergence into an artist, activist, peace-maker, lover, justice-worker is an inspiring story, poetically gifted to us in *Still On Fire*. **Marianne Duddy-Burke**, Executive Director, DignityUSA

In *Still On Fire*, Jan Phillips shows how much courage it takes to live a life of truth and empowerment. She writes, "Just as the soul cries in the presence of truth, so does the heart move in the direction of ardor." We marvel as Phillips comes to terms with the fact that a Church, once deeply loved, can no longer satisfy the longings of a spirit as big as hers. Beautifully written, *Still On Fire* is a beacon of hope. **Maureen Murdock, PhD** *The Heroine's Journey*

To find the peace that passes all understanding, Jan Phillips teaches us, is not so much a walk through the valley of the shadow of death, but rather discovering the stardust in our own palms. She chronicles detachment from the soul-choking shackles of traditional Catholicism to reveal a more sensible trek in our time – toward the miracle of divine energy and right action. Cast out of a convent as a young queer woman, this is a contemporary pilgrim's tale toward infinite sweetness of energy both earth and humanity. Think of it as discovering the Northern Lights as a new sanctuary for the soul. **Elizabeth Birch**, former Executive Director for the Human Rights Campaign

This book is a moving story of transformation and spirituality. As a Catholic nun, I was proud to read that a nun helped Jan Phillips to believe in herself and that her convent days taught her "the necessity of solitude and prayer, community and service." But, as a Catholic nun, I was grieved that Jan did not feel welcome in the religious home of her birth because of her lesbianism. Thanks be to God, the attitudes of Catholics toward LGBT people have changed over the last three decades. And much of that thanks goes to prophetic people like Jan Phillips for showing us that the heart of any religion is spirituality. Read this book! This narrative of conversion will help you to see the priestly, spiritual person you are. **Jeannine Gramick, SL**, co-founder of New Ways Ministry, a Catholic organization for justice and reconciliation of LGBTQ people with the wider Church.

"Jan Phillips became my best friend and blood sister at 9 years old. Besieged at a young age with doubts and insecurities, I knew then, that Jan was very special, gifted and extremely talented. This book is brave, provocative, painfully honest, and a must read by an inspirational storyteller." **Bonnie Boezeman AO**, Retired Managing Director and Chair of Time Life Australia

In this era of "false news", when language is more often a tool of manipulation than truth, what a relief, a joy, a necessary medicine to immerse in the utterly trustworthy voice of Jan Phillips. *Still On Fire* is a feast of lush language and magnetic story-telling crafted to carry you through the portal of the author's spiritual longings, gropings, and glories directly into the heart of your

own. From the first paragraph, I felt as if a wise, funny, searingly honest friend had taken my hand and led me on a quest — into the direct experience of what sparkles at the center of my own life. This is not only the story of one woman's life of transformation, but very likely a life-transforming story for the reader as well. **Kim Rosen**, Author of *Saved by a Poem: The Transformative Power of Words*

In *Still On Fire*, Jan Phillips takes the reader on an inspirational journey that is honest, authentic, and courageous. I found myself wanting to savor each page while at the same time yearning to see what awaited on the next. Her story can open the door to a better understanding of oneself and others and lead to depths of emotion previously untapped. As a healthcare educator, I would highly recommend this book to anyone seeking to gain greater self-awareness and understanding towards dissolving the boundaries of marginalized persons. **Dr. Mary Donnelly, RN, Ed.D**