



Unsolaced: Along the Way to All That Is Gretel Ehrlich

Author of 13 books, including *Facing the Wave* and *The Solace of Open Spaces*, among other works of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. Recipient of the Henry David Thoreau Prize and the Whiting Writers' Award.

Interviewer: Howard Norman

Three-time winner of National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, winner of the Lannan Award for fiction, and National Book Award nominee.

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7:00 PM Central

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Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7:00-8:00 PM, **Unsolaced: Along the Way to All That Is**, a FAN webinar feat. Gretel Ehrlich. Interviewer: Howard Norman, Ph.D. **REGISTER:** www.bit.ly/EhrlichFANWebinar. **BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT:** Attendees who purchase a copy of *Unsolaced* from FAN's partner bookseller *The Book Stall* are invited to attend an **AFTER-HOURS** event hosted by Ms. Ehrlich that will start immediately after the webinar. Details can be found on the webinar registration page.

Gretel Ehrlich's glorious new book *Unsolaced: Along the Way to All That Is* brings a questioning, somber tone to her explorations of nature and sentience. It is a wondrous meditation on how water, light, wind, mountain, bird, and horse have shaped her life and her understanding of a world besieged by a climate crisis. It is a coda, a lifetime later, to Ms. Ehrlich's enduring classic *The Solace of Open Spaces*, now in its sixty-ninth printing.

Amid species extinctions and disintegrating ice sheets, this stunning collection of memories, observations, and narratives is acute and lyrical, Whitmanesque in breadth, and as elegant as a Japanese teahouse. "Sentience and sunderance," Ms. Ehrlich writes. "How we know what we know, who teaches us, how easy it is to lose it all." As if to stave off impending loss, she embarks on strenuous adventures to Greenland, Africa, Kosovo, Japan, and an uninhabited Alaskan island, always returning to her simple Wyoming cabin at the foot of the mountains and the trail that leads into the heart of them.

Born on a horse ranch in California and educated at Bennington College and UCLA film school, Ms. Ehrlich is the author of 13 books, including three books of narrative essays, a novel, a memoir, three books of poetry, a biography, a book of ethnology/travel, and a children's book, among others. She has published in *Harper's*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Time*, *Life*, *National Geographic*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Aperture*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Architectural Digest*, *Orion*, *Shambhala Sun*, *Tricycle*, *Antaeus*, and *Outside*, among many others.

Ms. Ehrlich will be interviewed by **Howard Norman**, an award-winning author of eight novels, three memoirs, children's books, and screen scenarios. Mr. Norman has twice been a finalist for the National Book Award in fiction, in 1987 for his novel *The Northern Lights* and again in 1994 for his novel *The Bird Artist*.

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