

H IS FOR HAWK

A New York Times bestseller Winner of the Costa Book Award and the Samuel Johnson Prize When Helen Macdonald's father died suddenly on a London street, she was devastated. An experienced falconer—Helen had been captivated by hawks since childhood—she'd never before been tempted to train one of the most vicious predators, the goshawk. But in her grief, she saw that the goshawk's fierce and feral temperament mirrored her own. Resolving to purchase and raise the deadly creature as...



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Watching, not doing. Seeking safety in not being seen. It's a habit you can fall into, willing yourself into invisibility. And it doesn't serve you well in life. Believe me it doesn't. Not with people and loves and hearts and homes and work. But for the first few days with a new hawk, making yourself disappear is the greatest skill in the world...

Nature in her green, tranquil woods heals and soothes all affliction, wrote John Muir. Earth hath no sorrows that earth cannot heal. Now I knew this for what it was: a beguiling but dangerous lie....

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In an original blend of memoir, biography and nature writing, Macdonald reveals how raising Mabel the goshawk helped her heal after her father's sudden death. Throughout, Macdonald compares her own falconry experience to that...

"Breeding goshawks isn't for the faint-hearted." "Human hands are for holding other hands. They are not..."