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Epiphany of a Middle-Aged Pilgrim

Essays in lieu of a Memoir

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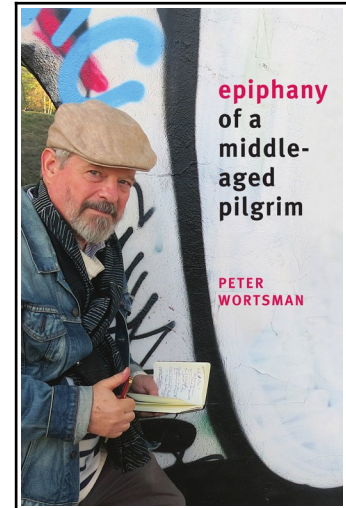
In the short personal essays that comprise *Epiphany of a Middle-Aged Pilgrim, Essays in lieu of a Memoir*, author Peter Wortsman, best known for his original prose fiction and stage plays, and his translations from the German, follows in the footsteps of French essayist Michel de Montaigne, taking stock of life in middle age. His perspectives, including childhood fear, chronic insomnia, ironing a shirt, getting a haircut, having a skin cancer removed, travel at home and abroad, a consciousness of getting older, et al, and concluding with a reflection of life in lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic, make for a rich mosaic of memories meant to spur readers to seek out their own epiphanies.

About the author

Peter Wortsman is the author of works of fiction (*A Modern Way to Die*, *Cold Earth Wanders*, *Footprints in Wet Cement*, and *Stimme und Atem/Out of Breath, Out of Mind*); stage plays produced in the U.S. and Europe (*Burning Words*, *The Tattooed Man Tells All*); a travel-memoir, *Ghost Dance in Berlin*, for which he won an Independent Publishers Book Award; a book of physicians' profiles (*The Caring Heirs of Doctor Samuel Bard*); and an anthology, *Tales of the German Imagination*, which he compiled, translated and edited). He has also translated numerous texts from the German, including works by Peter Altenberg, Heinrich Heine, Franz Kafka, Heinrich von Kleist, Robert Musil and Mynona). Wortsman was a Holtzbrinck Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin in 2010.

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