

Praise for *The Craft of Compassion at the Bedside of the Ill*  
“Pssst! a little secret: The most influential force in our world is not power but compassion, empathy, and love. *The Craft of Compassion at the Bedside of the Ill* by Michael Ortiz Hill shows why. Handle with care: This luminous book can change your life.”

— Larry Dossey, MD, author of *The Power Of Premonitions*

“Brimming with insights, alive with stories that anchor them in your heart, this banquet of a book shows that compassionate presence is ever and always a choice we can make. And we can make it over and over again. Fresh, unpredictable, and uncontrived.”

Joanna Macy, author of *World as Lover, World as Self*.

“This book is a marvelous revelation... Michael builds upon his experiences in nursing to provide rich teaching tales from the everyday work of a hospital that point us toward love and kindness. I recommend this book most highly as an engaging and uplifting read that’s both inspirational and educational — perfect for both the beach and the classroom setting in health sciences and anthropology.”

— Lewis Mehl-Madrona, MD, PhD, author of *Coyote Medicine*

“This book is an invitation to enter the territory of the boundless heart. Rich in from-the-soul stories, and rooted in deep recognition of our human kinship, [it] has much to teach us about healing, living, and loving.”

— Aura Glaser, author of *A Call to Compassion*

“With grace, beauty and loving humility, Michael Ortiz Hill illuminates a path to our one true calling. Careful, this book will change you.”

— David Forbes, MD, President of the American Holistic  
Medicine Association

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“This book invites a deeper level of the work of caring. I hope it  
will reach as many practitioners as possible.”

— Jean Watson PhD, RN, author of *Nursing: The  
Philosophy and Science of Caring*

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“Drawing on his own struggles with the mysterious microbial  
demons of MS and a range of fascinating encounters with  
patients and doctors, Michael Ortiz Hill gives us a soul-stirring  
meditation on the nature of illness, life and death. Reading  
these stories on the healing qualities of compassion, you feel  
empowered and encouraged on your own journey toward  
wholeness.”

— Ralph Metzner, PhD, author of *The Well of Remembrance* and  
*The Unfolding Self*.

“Michael Ortiz Hill is truly an alchemist. Patient care  
experiences that are often perceived by direct care providers  
as lead in *The Craft of Compassion* are illuminated as golden  
opportunities and should motivate all nurses to live  
compassion. Once his message is swallowed and absorbed the  
effect is powerful.”

— Lisa Speer, RN

“Michael Ortiz Hill never fails to capture you, reaching deep  
into your heart and “soul,” stirring thoughts and emotions that  
ultimately bring peace of spirit. Absorb  
his words in *The Craft of Compassion*.”

— Mary Horan RN, MN

“Michael is a gifted teacher, and the lessons from this book have deeply enriched my work as a family medicine physician. The idea that compassion is a teachable craft with skills to be practiced brings it from the mystical into the daily world, which of course is where we all need it. I recommend this book to anyone involved in caring for the ill.”

— Kjersten Gmeiner, MD

“This book is for those who have hit bottom and know it. Michael Ortiz Hill tells stories about the most difficult cases in health care, the worst situations that burn out those who care and break their hearts. Then he shows how things can be made better. There isn’t always an immediate or even long-term happy ending, but there’s something worth calling hope. For those who need it, [this book] can bring life. For health care, Hill opens a space to begin again.”

— Arthur W. Frank, author of *At the Will of the Body* and *Letting Stories Breathe*.

“Burdens of life transform into magical opportunities to expand your Soul’s power within the ocean of compassion and kindness when confronted by the devastations and miracles of our human existence. This is what our guide, Michael Ortiz Hill, shows us as we travel the paths of human sorrow and resurrections in *The Craft of Compassion*.”

— Carol Francis, Psy.D. *Make Life Happen*