

Praises for Michaels books:

THE VILLAGE OF THE WATER SPIRITS: THE DREAMS OF  
AFRICAN AMERICANS

With Mandaza Kandemwa

Spring Publications, Putnam, Conn. 2006

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Our dreams speak with an eloquence which language cannot capture: in this bone-stirring collection Michael Ortiz Hill brings us face to face with dream stories which command our attention, while Mandaza, seeing through water spirit eyes, invites clarity and healing to interpret the powerful messages sent from the other world. We are reminded that the spirits of deep water can cleanse the most searing psychic wounds.

Malidoma P. Some', West African, Dagara, medicine man and author of OF WATER AND THE SPIRITS

This superb book reopens the door and illumines African philosophy at its best.

Robert Farris Thompson, author of FLASH OF THE SPIRIT:  
AFRICAN AND AFRICAN –AMERICAN ART AND PHILOSOPHY

Using material from Bantu philosophy and the dreams of black people in North America and Africa, Michael Ortiz Hill has

produced one of the most powerful evocations of African-American culture by showing us how the Motherland remains at the very core. An amazing book that is at once poetry and philosophy.

Robert Blauner, author of BLACK LIVES, WHITE LIVES

Michael Ortiz Hill has the spiritual courage to dive into the deep waters of the unconscious world of racial dreams and witness ancient African Spiritual patterns still in hallowed sacred residence.

Tsehai Farrell, author of TOR: TRANSFORMATION OF RACE

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TWIN FROM ANOTHER TRIBE: THE STORY OF TWO  
SHAMANIC HEALERS FROM AFRICA AND NORTH AMERICA  
with Mandaza Kandemwa

Quest Books

The Theosophical Publishing House

Wheaton, IL

2002,2007

There are magician-healers afoot upon the earth again, and this book tells the wondrous story of two of them. An American and his African spiritual twin brother

Discover their shared destiny in powerful dreams, and when they meet, initiate each other into the ancient ways of working with ancestors and spirits of the land and the waters. I feel encouraged and inspired as I learn from them of the expanding

networks of healers, working with love and laughter to help bring peace to our tormented world.

Ralph Metzner, author of *Green Psychology*

Ortiz Hills and Kandemwas book is an open invitation to a family reunion at a profound level of relationship. We are being called to seek our relations beyond the proverbial lines of race, gender, culture and geography – even extending our kinship pass boundaries of species and time. Through the natural simplicity of parallel recollection, Mandaza Kandemwa and Michael Ortiz Hill, a hospice nurse, find their way to the ancient holy practice of the nganga (a Bantu shaman) and to their remarkable bond of twinship.

Dr. T. Farrell, author of *Transformation of Race*

Hill and Kandemwa regale us with accounts replete with wisdom and humor – as well as the turmoil they have had to overcome. Readers of this remarkable book can only feel more hopeful about what two people can do to heal this tattered world if they allow Spirit to guide their work.

Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., coauthor *The Mythic Path and Healing States*

Clearly, in our violent and divisive age, we need these two remarkable men. They reach out from around the world and humbly forge a kinship to bring healing to others and the earth itself. Now in this compelling book their dreams of peace and hope can reach you and me.

Tom Cowan, author, *Shamanism as a Spiritual Practice for Daily Life*