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**Foreword by Deepak Chopra**

**More than magic can be found in Oz.**

Answer the call to transform yourself and your world. The beloved story *The Wizard of Oz* has the power to reveal the Hero's Journey that awaits each of us. Through a mythic lens, discover how Dorothy's adventure in a magical land inspires our lives today, offering valuable tools to guide us through our challenging times. Where you can learn to thrive rather than to merely survive.

Through interpreting the deeper messages within *The Wizard of Oz*, visionary leader and teacher Jean Houston leads you along the Hero's Journey that awaits each of us. On this profound adventure of self-discover and awakened potential, Houston's lessons propel you into greater self-understanding and a connection to the larger world story as you explore Oz like never before.

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### **Chrystee says**

#### **Loved every word.**

An engaging read and wonderful. I know I will read this again and take something different away from it each time.

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### **Bette says**

Jean Houston is deep, but extracts the spiritual nature of the story in a very friendly manner. We all know that the allegory and metaphor of the Oz story is wide-ranging in application -including to the LGBT community, but this is the best I've read as a complete spiritual construct. The book is very aligned with my personal beliefs, but it also opened some unique new ways of looking at some attributes of the story.

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### **Linda Zercoe says**

Very quick read using the Wizard of Oz as an example of the Hero's journey ala Joseph Campbell. Dorothy and her companions are related to an individual's life--the life of a hero definitely and even possibly perceived in their own life. This book is an invitation presented in a delightful way.

I highly recommend this book for an introduction to the work of a Master Teacher of our times - Jean Houston. I highly recommend Jean in all her works and courses. She has had a great impact on my life.

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### **Mary B says**

interesting read. We are living in the most unique time in history.....

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### **Jason McKinney says**

This is my first Jean Houston book, but I have to say that it's pretty standard in terms of the teachings that it espouses. These ideals are transformative and new for the novice, but for a seasoned reader of this kind of thought system, these are very familiar. Her premise (using the Wizard of Oz -- the film version -- to illustrate them) is innovative, but the concepts themselves have been illustrated many times before. Not a bad book, but not an incredibly fresh perspective either.

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## **Mary Beth says**

I had to skip over some parts but loved what I do read. On the recommendation of my son, I am following this up with *The Power of Myth* by Joseph Campbell.

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## **Amanda says**

Easy to read, fun, thought provoking, exercises at the end of each chapter to deepen the integration. Excellent!

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## **Patricia says**

I was really disappointed in this book; even my love for the Wizard of Oz couldn't help it. It was my first Jean Houston, and probably my last.

My biggest complaint is that it seemed there wasn't enough Oz-related material, and in just about every chapter I found myself wondering how what I was reading related to the theme of that chapter and how the author got there.

I will say, however, that I did enjoy the material that related directly to the Wizard of Oz--it was just all the other stuff that turned me off.

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## **Natalie says**

I loved most of this book. It's a nice summary of Campbell's *Journey of the Hero* and uses one of my favorite stories, *The Wizard of Oz*, to illuminate the major hero stages. It's an easy read (especially for those already familiar with her work) and covers a lot of ground on transformation of the individual and the collective. I find Jean Houston's writing fluid and elegant, and her desire to help the world shift its consciousness is nicely presented. Houston has a gift for noting the shifts in perception that need to happen in order for our human species (and our planet) to survive. I felt transcended by the exercises, even though I was annoyed with their simplicity at first. All in all, I found this book to be a wonderful recap of Houston's (and Campbell's) deeper teachings with an inspiring use of Dorothy's journey in Oz. We all have ruby slippers inside us.

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## **Jess Freher-Lyons says**

Jean is a provocateur of ideas, saying things like: "For the first time in human history the genius of the human race is available for all to harvest." She then proceeds to the harvesting not only of history's genius, but of our lifelong dreams for greater purpose in our lives, helping people create roadmaps to a more satisfying future...

I've attended many of Jean's events along the way and this book is an extended riff joyfully sorting through Jean's entire cosmology. She skillfully uses myth as metaphor for elevating our everyday lives, and in this

case the story she improvises from is the Wizard of Oz, morphing it into a much larger and even global context.

Her unique talent for synthesizing and re-telling stories with new hooks and eyes to create present day parables for teaching potent new ways of visioning this life - the one we're all sharing - this playful and profound gift of hers is on full display in this truly enjoyable assessment of our time.

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### **Jenn Sarich says**

Creative, inspiring and meaningful. The book made me reminiscent of my childhood and watching the wizard of oz while at the same time looking at the film/story in a whole new, powerful way. It involves tasks to get you focused and the main objective is to have you living a more purposeful life. I love the mantra of this book: it's all within you!

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### **Linda says**

I couldn't be more please with a book that seeks to explain human behavior. Jean Houston gives us exciting insights into our own trials and tribulations and how we are able to manage all that comes at us. Before The Wizard of Oz became readily available for watching at will, it was shown on TV once a year around Thanksgiving time. It was a major event at our house with my three children to watch together. Everyone can still recite every part 40 years later. Jean Houston is genius to take this beloved tale to a deeper part of our hearts. The visuals of Dorothy as she meets friend or foe and makes it to the Emerald City gives great promise to the human spirit. There truly is "no place like home" when we return anew having made it through our own dark and spooky haunted forest. Bravo Ms Houston. And thank you.

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### **Lourdes Cambridge says**

I HAVE DEFINATELY READ MERLIN/MERLINA, THE WIZARD OF US...IN OZ. HOUSTON...WE HAVE A PROBLEM...E...D...AND E...R...AND E...H...R.! JEAN HOUSTON HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENDORSE MERILYN TUNNESHENDE WHEN HER FIRST BOOK WAS BEING PUBLISHED BY HAMPTON HOUSE. SHE WAS AFRAID...BECAUSE OF INNUENDO REGARDING CARLOS CASTANEDA. NOW THAT ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN OUTTED BY THE BBC...W.H.O. MD...AND MERILYN HAS BEEN PROVEN ACCURATE...I AM CERTAIN THAT BOTH SHE AND DEEPAK REGRET THEIR LESS THAN SUPPORTIVE BOOK BACKING. REGISTER THIS...DO THE MATH. THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS BEST. SO FROM THE SOURCE...BY BUY THE BOOK...THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT...GO THIS WAY.

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### **Mystery says**

Well, for someone who doesn't know the story of the Wizard of Oz, I'm glad I got to know the story. I also liked some of the deduced lessons and the idea of being a superhero for yourself and for the world. But on the down side, the book put me to sleep often and I felt the last chapter was repeating itself over and over.

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**Dona says**

This is the first book I have read by Jean Houston. I enjoyed it. Many good insights shared. Going over the storyline of WOZ was a bit repetitive for me, as was the references to Joseph Campbell. However, I realize they were needed for those not as familiar. I especially loved the last chapter, the 13 steps to take to activate your journey and reach your goals. This book is a wonderful tool to jump start an awakening.

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