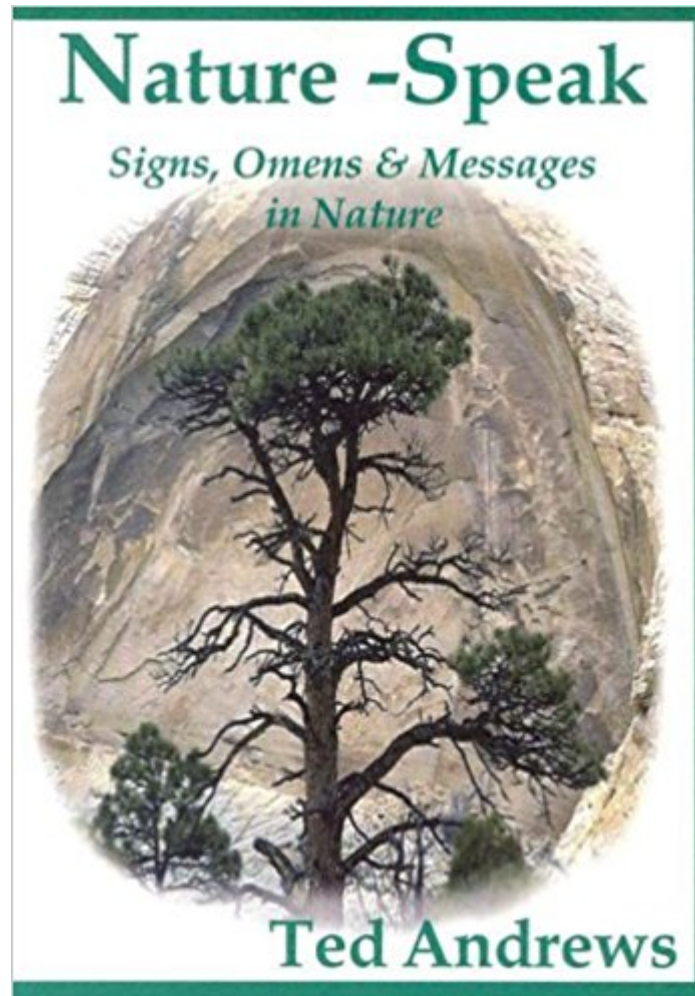




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Customer Reviews

Ted Andrews was an internationally recognized author, storyteller, teacher and mystic. A leader in the human potential, metaphysical fields, he has written over 50 books that have been translated into more than two dozen foreign languages. Ted was schooled in a variety of related holistic healing modalities, music therapy, herbal therapy, hypnotherapy, acupuncture and other alternative methods. A clairvoyant since childhood, he was a certified spiritual medium of almost 30 yrs. Throughout his lifetime, he worked with birds of prey, conducting educational classes in schools to help young people discover the wonder of nature. He also was a volunteer for Brukner Nature Center, just outside of Dayton, Ohio, helping care for the resident animal that were unable to return to the wild. He enjoyed his down time hanging out with his menagerie of animal on his farm.

This book was not quite what I expected, and while I can see its usefulness and attraction for

others, I am sooo disappointed that it did not contain what I hoped for. Not having the option to "look inside" the book on , I took the subtitle, "Signs, Omens, and Messages in Nature," to be the main theme of the book. I'm an herbalist, and having always had an intuitive connection with and sensitivity toward nature and natural environments, I thought the book would give more detail on interpreting the moods and signs and omens found everywhere in the natural world, and help to affirm and give "form" to the impressions I often receive. However, there is actually very little of that in the book. Much of the book is taken up with Initiation, Rites of each of the four seasons, and so forth. I am not a pagan, and while I have nothing against pagans, I felt these sections took up unnecessary space in the book. There are large sections on trees and flowers, which give a lot of information (though this is the information most easily found elsewhere), but some of it is very general, and sometimes unhelpful. For example, we are told that if a flower's petals are opened or closed, we should be more open or closed in some area of our life, when in fact a flower's petals are opened or closed depending on time of day and where we are in the season. I feel very strongly that plants and trees have a sense of place and that their magic and medicine, for the people of that place, should be considered according to the spiritual tradition of that place. So to take an American plant and speak of its effects on the chakras, for example, seems forced to me. Much of the information given on the meaning of colors and shapes is pretty simplistic. For example, if you see a lot of grey, pay attention to your dreams. There is very little on landscapes. For example, I grew up by the sea, and the waves, the sounds of the ocean, the way the water wore away and carved shapes into rocks, the patterns of shells tossed up on the sand, the mists versus sunshine, all spoke to me very evocatively; none of this kind of thing is addressed. The author merely notes that "when beaches and dunes show up in your life, it means..." as if beaches, dunes, the sea, etc. mean only one thing at all times, rather than reading the mood of the seascape at different times. Or, Oceans relate to the unconscious. Nothing specific about the different states of the oceans or seas or beaches. There is also nothing on rocks, riverbeds, things like fallen trees, animal homes, birds and bird calls, and so much more. I realize the author has separate books on animal spirits, but surely some of that could have been incorporated here, such as birds' calls which are always meaningful. I'm sure I sound like a crabby old crank, but I could have done with a lot less information on ritual and initiation, and replaced that with more about how nature speaks to us personally beyond trees and flowers.

I love Ted Andrews. His Animal-Speak has been one of my spiritual bibles for many, many years. I also have Animal-Wise and other books. Meant to get this one for quite some time and I am glad

that I finally bought it. If you find nature in any form calming or inspiring, then Ted Andrews can help you understand why and a whole new world will open up for you. Enjoy!

I really love this author. He goes through the energy of different seasons (Equinox & Solstices) and different terrain. He talks about the energy of; trees, shrubs, flowers, plants, weeds and more. This book gives you a view point that you might not have had on your own. You will not look at nature in the same way as you might have before reading this book.

I have the book and it has valuable information. I only wish it were offered in Kindle as the Animal Speak book!

Bought this for a friend and she has declared it as a book that will be forever one of her most treasured. Loves it!

The description does not do this book justice. Way more information than I was expecting..Very happy with my choice though. Very informative, descriptive and a tremendous amount of insight for those looking to get back to mother nature. Highly recommend this for your library of information

Good book. The author has done a lot of research. Just wish it was also in pocket size.

A "must have" for any seeking to find/walk a better and kinder path in life. Deeply moving and filled with so much insight and gentle guidance, I recommend it to everyone seeking a "Spiritual" path and a reconnection to nature.

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