



Parker Palmer is one of our wisest minds and lives and one of my greatest mentors. He has the spirit of a poet and the stature of a prophet. There is no one I'd rather eavesdrop on as he ponders "the brink of everything." —**KRISTA TIPPETT**, founder of On Being Studios, National Humanities Medal winner

Parker Palmer is the most integral and wholehearted teacher of our age. For nearly eight decades, he has seen much, questioned everything, and returned with essential wisdom. This book will stir your soul and bring you closer to everything. —**MARK NEPO**, author of *The Book of Awakening*

A book of immense gratitude, consolation, and praise—a wondrously rich mix of reality and possibility, comfort and story, helpful counsel and poetry, in the voice of a friend. It's an honest wake-up chime, no matter where you are in your own time-line. Somehow, these pages hold all of time—past and present, stirring together—refreshing the spirit. —**NAOMI SHIHAB NYE**, author of *Voices in the Air: Poems for Listeners*

Our entire culture is in need of true elders, and you can't be one until you have arrived there—chronologically, spiritually, and intellectually. Here's a man who has arrived, with another

book that's a generous gift to all of us. —**RICHARD ROHR**, author of *Falling Upward*

Clear-eyed and good-humored, luminously prophetic and disarmingly honest, this book is tender to the core for our shared human condition and fierce with love and unguarded hope for our shared human possibility. A generous gift to a worried and weary world. —**CARRIE NEWCOMER**, recording artist of *The Beautiful Not Yet*, and Grammy songwriting award winner

Parker Palmer's writing has done for me what I can only hope mine does for others. *On the Brink of Everything* has given me new and special gifts. Savoring this book is a kind of mentorship in aging, and it ends in a crescendo of poetry. My first thought when I turned the last page: "I want to read this again from the beginning, starting right now." —**BRIAN D. McLAREN**, author of *The Great Spiritual Migration*

Parker Palmer has mentored countless young people, including me. He has taught me how to wonder at the night sky, keep death in my mind's eye, and listen to the wisdom of my grandfather and ancestors, whose music lives within mine. My greatest aspiration is to journey through life and arrive at the brink as Parker has, with humility and faithfulness, and pockets full of gems. —**VALARIE KAUR**, Founder, Revolutionary Love Project

One of the wisest people on the planet has written one of the finest books on growing b/old gracefully. This warm and witty book will delight and inspire readers of all ages. —**RICHARD LEIDER**, best-selling author of *Life Reimagined*

☞ ☞ ☞ From bestselling author **PARKER J. PALMER** (*Let Your Life Speak*, *The Courage to Teach*, *Healing the Heart of Democracy*), comes a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to "the brink of everything." Drawing on eight decades of life—and his career as a writer, teacher, and activist—Palmer explores the questions age raises and the promises it holds. "Old," he writes, "is just another word for nothing left to lose, a time to dive deep into life and take risks for the common good." **Available now for pre-ordering at Amazon and IndieBound. Shipping in mid-June, 2018.** ☞ ☞ ☞