

#1034931 in Books Wendy Farley 2005-10-03 2005-10-03 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.02 x .44 x 5.981, .69 #File Name: 066422976X208 pages The Wounding and Healing of Desire Weaving Heaven and

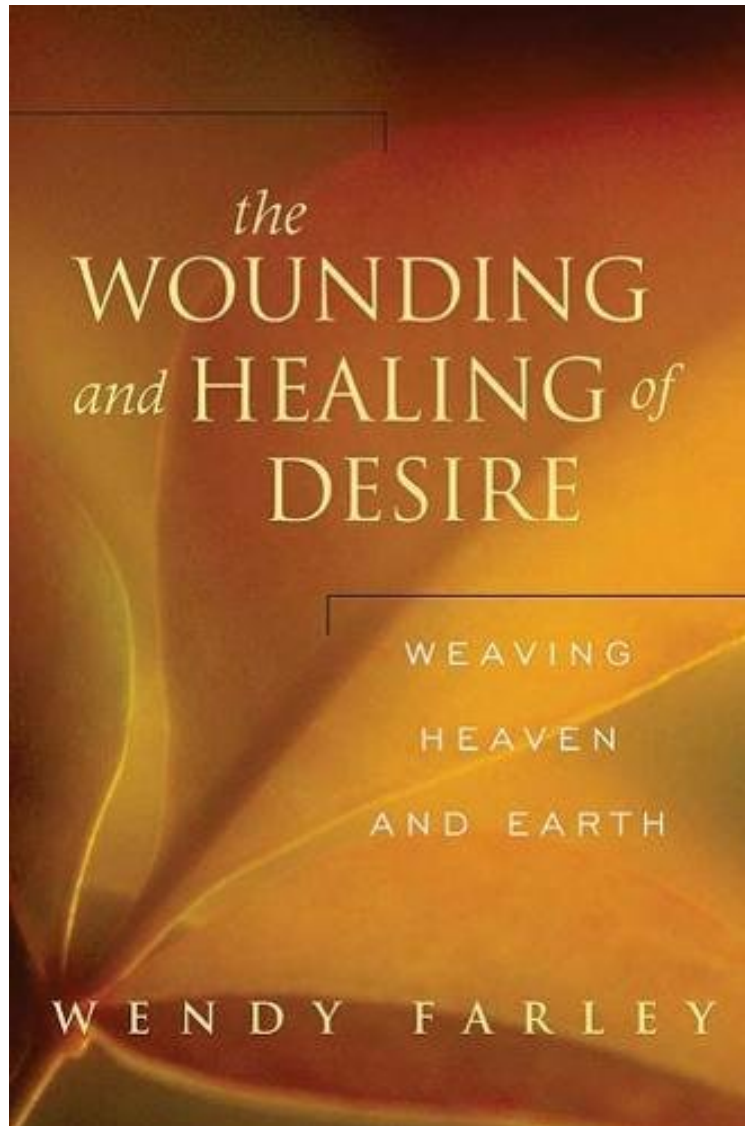
Earth | File size: 78.Mb

**DOWNLOAD** 

**Book online** 

Wendy Farley

*ebooks / Download PDF / \*ePub / DOC / audiobook*



[Read and download] The Wounding and Healing of Desire: Weaving Heaven and Earth

## **The Wounding and Healing of Desire: Weaving Heaven and Earth**

**Wendy Farley : The Wounding and Healing of Desire: Weaving Heaven and Earth** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wounding and Healing of Desire: Weaving Heaven and Earth:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Wow...By Terry Ann Dumyahn I read this book for a class I am taking and thoroughly enjoyed it. Wendy Farley does an excellent job of explaining desire, passions and how a person may navigate between the two. I found the book to be easy to read but challenging (in a very positive way) to implement. She does a wonderful job of explaining spiritual concepts in a very earthy, practical way. 14 of 14 people

found the following review helpful. *Redemption of Desire* By Theologia Compellingly written, book offers precious and incisive wisdom about the transformative experiences that accompany our discovery of the nature of the enduring desires that bring us into greater intimacy with our souls, selves, lives, those of others, and perhaps even the loving divine that made us thus. Offering insights from experiences all too familiar to those willing to face the most vulnerable truths about our human existence -- Farley offers a description of reality that is neither easily dismissed or embraced. Human nature is neither despised, nor demonized; neither romanticized nor justified. But for those aching for the grace of a kairos moment, reading the wisdom (her sources spanning the spectrum from Julian of Norwich to Appalachian folk music to the mothers' of tortured children in South America, to the irritating donkey in *Shrek*) offered in this latest of WF's works will be akin to finding an oasis. There is something profoundly empowering, even vindicating, about learning that the very vulnerabilities that can destine us to struggle and suffer (even so unbearably) in body, mind, and soul, nevertheless also mediate for us such incredible blessedness -- known best through struggling to contemplate Holy Love. It is not possible to lay down her work without having grown tremendously aware of the beauty of being human -- and perhaps not a little weepy with gratitude.

Using refreshingly unconventional prose, rising theologian Wendy Farley has written a theological account of the human condition that delves into the deepest dimensions of the soul. Considering human life from the perspective of the wounding and healing of desire, with desire being that within us which longs for connection, home, and beauty, Farley presents a passionate, moving account of the human condition that draws strongly upon the Christian meditative and mystical spiritual traditions. In doing so, Farley shifts the traditional images of sin and redemption into images of healing and power. The result is a theological memoir that reaches into the human depths and draws forth a response of the soul--in courage, compassion, and delight.

"Wendy Farley's *Weaving Heaven and Earth* is a work of great beauty and compassion, a gift to the soul yearning for vitality, justice, and joy. In this brilliant work, Farley succeeds in demonstrating powerfully how it is that "attention to our interiority" may "deepen our capacity for justice." Her book is a compelling and original expression of the Christian contemplative tradition, a gift for us, and quite possibly for the ages." -Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia, author of *Sweet Dreams in America: Making Ethics and Spirituality Work*. "From the Back Cover" This is a work of great beauty and compassion, a gift to the soul yearning for vitality, justice, and joy. In this brilliant work, Farley succeeds in demonstrating powerfully how it is that attention to our interiority may deepen our capacity for justice. A virtuoso performance in the traditions of wisdom and compassion in light of our contemporary world. Her book is a gift for us and quite possibly for the ages." Sharon D. Welch, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, author of *Sweet Dreams in America: Making Ethics and Spirituality Work* "I could not put this book down! It has been a long time since I read a theological book that so enthralled me. Farley is quite a compelling writer, and her topic is one that speaks directly to questions that people of faith struggle with in today's world. I am fascinated by Farley's rhetoric and drawn to its form, wishing that there were more theologians willing to so boldly and unapologetically argue for a universal vision of Christian flourishing. Wandering through the pages of the book, you are introduced to a way of thinking that is distinct and engaging. Like Paul Tillich's *The Courage to Be*, this book goes beyond the expected terrain of scholarship and will speak to a wider audience eager for such writing." Serene Jones, Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School, author of *Feminist Theory and Christian Theology: Cartographies of Grace* "What a movingly, persuasively first-order text. Farley has woven a wisdom-text from the wounded, open heart of Christianity: the sort of reflection on the pervasive immediacies of desire, bubbling up out of the depths and dark nights of her own, that theologians and other academics may write about, but cannot write." Catherine Keller, Professor of Constructive Theology, Drew University, author of *Face of the Deep* About the Author Wendy Farley is Professor of Religion and Ethics in the Department of Religion at Emory University. She is the author of *Tragic Vision and Divine Compassion: A Contemporary Theodicy*.