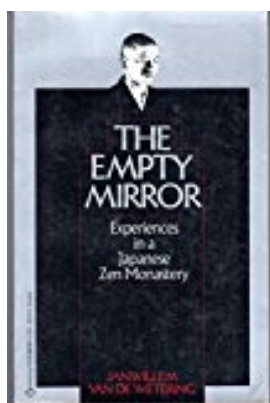


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**From Publishers Weekly** Nearly 30 years ago, van de Wetering, who would later achieve fame as a mystery novelist, published *The Empty Mirror*, about his experiences at a Zen monastery in Japan in the mid-60s. In 1975, he published a sequel, *A Glimpse of Nothingness*, about his stint at the Moon Springs Hermitage in Maine. Now the author has written a follow-up, *AfterZen*, told from the perspective of an aging soul who dropped most formal Zen practice years ago but still carries an abiding respect for the gut truths of the teaching and for at least some of its teachers. Much of the book has the air of the classic Zen saying, "If you see the Buddha on the road, kill him": with humor and occasional crankiness, van de Wetering knocks koans, meditation and some of the trappings of the monastic Zen life. There are many flashbacks, to Japan, to his American experiences, to meetings

with fellow ex-students, and the book has a somewhat chaotic feel, rather more like life than art. Throughout, van de Wetering's voice is sincere, if iconoclastic. Those looking for composed wisdom should read Basho; those looking for an honest memoir by a perhaps wise man will find this to their taste. One Spirit alternate. (June) FYI: Also in June, van de Wetering's two earlier books, which have been out of print, are being reissued by St. Martin's/Dunne; Empty Mirror: \$10.95 paper 160p ISBN 0-312-20774-3; Glimpse: \$11.95 paper 192p ISBN -20945-2).

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