

## “Journey into Spiritual Activism: Story and Images of Two Artists in Vietnam”

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The After-Death Room offers an insider's urgent quest for a more global understanding of the psycho-spiritual challenges that people face who wake up each morning inside the AIDS epidemic and have to act, to learn, to hope from there.

McColly's is a odyssey that leads him to search out African-American preachers on the Southside of Chicago, Buddhist monks in a remote Thai monastery, a traditional Zulu healer, male sex workers in urban India, and mullahs in Islamic Senegal. Through the lives of these far-flung individuals, and through the utterly transforming experiences of his journey, he comes to a fuller understanding of how cultural attitudes toward death and dying, sexuality and gender, and morality and spirituality affect the life chances and the activist energies of people living with HIV/AIDS.

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