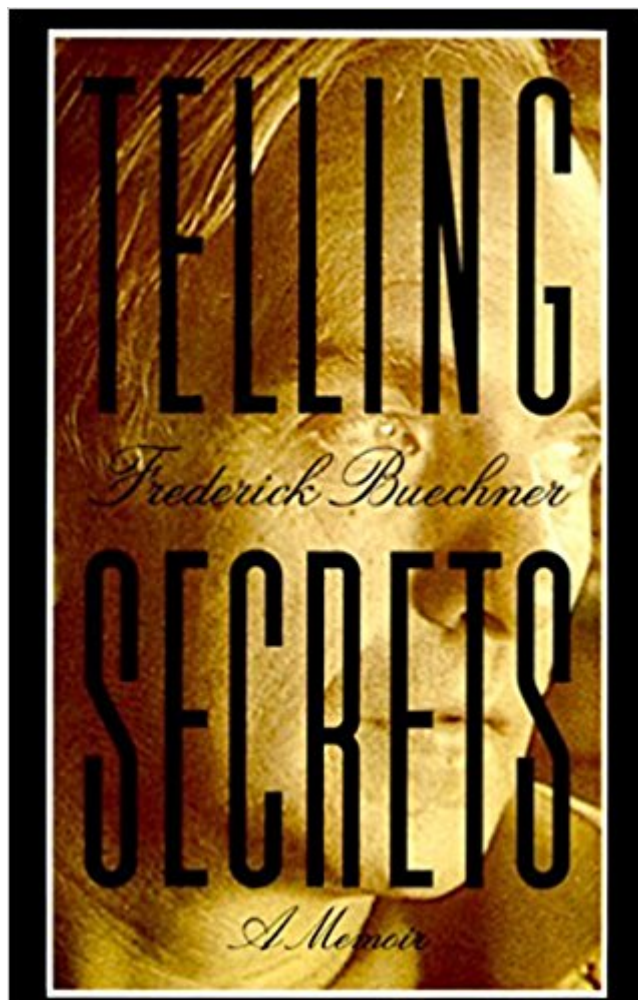


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With eloquence, candor, and simplicity, a celebrated author tells the story of his father's alcohol abuse and suicide and traces the influence of this secret on his life as a son, father, husband, minister, and writer.

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A father's suicide and a daughter's anorexia exemplify the sort of secret that radically modifies an individual and, in turn, can be modified by being told. The fiction of noted theologian/novelist Buechner (*A Long Day's Dying*, LJ 1/1/50) has been called "psychological." His nonfiction, too (including *Whistling in the Dark*, LJ 7/88) explores his comprehension of the soul rather than

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The book is an excellent example of self-reflection by a well known author (for some) and the healing that can attend it. Buechner puts into words, once again, what one might feel or long for but find no words to express.

Beuchner really helped me understand my story through a fuller, deeper lens. I love this book and will definitely re-read it. It helped bring me closer to God.

Great honesty in this read good lessons for life.

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What an incredibly special story and words to describe it! This was my first Buechner book. And by the middle of it I ordered five more of his works.

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