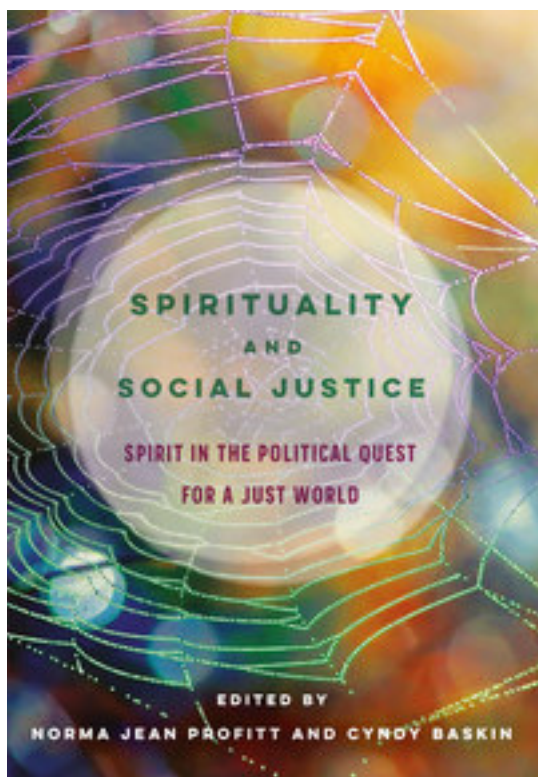


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Reviews

"_Spirituality and Social Justice_ reminded me of the importance of connectedness in our lives. I was inspired by the discussions on land connections, climate science, the power of art, women's resistance, and how to walk in spiritual relationship with the environment that sustains us. It is critical to remind ourselves as social workers that living in relationship with spirit advances our practice and our humanity."

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