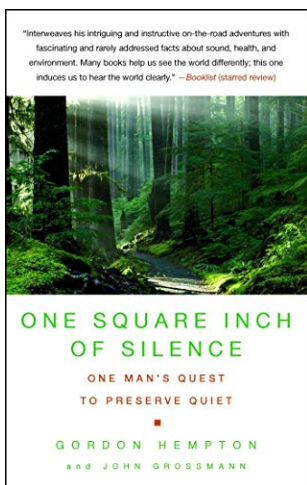


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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** Starred Review. Though many Americans may think their country abounds in places free from human interference, acoustic ecologist and professional sound recordist Hempton readily proves otherwise. Armed with sound monitoring equipment and a well-defined goal-to find a spot that has "no audible human noise intrusions of any kind for a minimum of 15 minutes"-Hempton drives his VW bus from Seattle to Washington, D.C., visiting national parks and other anticipated sources of silence. Along the way, he contemplates the intricacies of his vehicle, the decline in songbird populations and the effects of noise stress in hospitals, while filling readers in on the basics of audio science. From rural Montana, and what may be the nation's quietest town, to his final hike through the C&O canal, beneath Ronald Reagan National air traffic, Hempton's travelogue is filled with absorbing descriptions of the nation's natural treasures, inviting readers to consider the effects of rare silence

against chronic noise, and the difference a single law, to "prohibit all aircraft from flying over our most pristine national parks," could make: "If a loud noise... can affect many square miles, then a natural place, if maintained in a 100 percent noise-free condition, will likewise affect many square miles around it." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**From** \*Starred Review\* Today silence has become an endangered species." Yes, as though we don't have enough to worry about, Hempton, an Emmy Award-winning sound recordist and acoustic ecologist, calls our attention to noise pollution, another unintended consequence of humankind's globe-altering technologies. Why should we preserve silence? Because the words peace and quiet go together for profound reasons. And because machine noise is driving other species, from songbirds to marine life, into extinction by creating deadly stress and interfering with communication. After traveling the world and finding that nearly no place is free of human-generated noise, Hempton decided to take a stand in one of the last quiet spots, the Hoh Rain Forest deep in Olympic National Park, declaring "one square inch" of silence in the hope that from this nucleus quiet would spread. To spread the word about his project, Hempton set out, sound-level meter in hand, to "take the sonic pulse of America." With the assistance of writer Grossmann, Hempton interweaves his intriguing and instructive on-the-road adventures with fascinating and rarely addressed facts about sound, health, and the environment. Many books help us see the world differently; this one induces us to hear the world clearly, and the message is loud and compelling. --Donna Seaman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Buy a cheap copy of One Square Inch of Silence: One Man's book by Gordon Hempton. In the visionary tradition of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, One Square Inch of Silence alerts us to beauty that we take for granted and sounds an urgent Free Shipping on all orders over \$10. I hope this catches on so that parks and conservation areas will designate quiet zones. We miss so much by blaring through our lives. I hope everyone takes a moment to listen to the "sounds of silence". An incredibly valuable message. Published by Thriftbooks.com User , 11 years ago. As an avid hiker living in an urban area, I'm well acquainted with the need to get away from all that noise! One man's quest to find silence in a world that has more noise than ever before. | Check out 'One Square Inch of Silence' on Indiegogo. For years I've been interested in filming life as we know it including topics ranging from social injustice to preservation of culture. I've worked on documentary films ranging from an Al Jazeera English series , several award-winning feature documentaries , and films of my own creation . In my travels and experiences I've discovered a different kind of sound in each setting, yet a consistent interference of noise created by humans that seems to be inescapable as well. As media-creators, this is an issue that both Matt and I have discussed at length in recent years as creators o Gordon Hempton is on a personal quest to preserve silence in nature. According to Hempton, the area he found is precisely one square inch. But that little area of quiet—which holds incredible value for the Earth—is endangered. Now, Hempton is determined to protect it from noise pollution like overpassing jets, lest we lose one of our country's last remaining silent places. Preserving One Square Inch of Silence from Great Big Story on Vimeo. Share our memes! Be sure to include this link to The Good Men Project campaign on IndieGoGo: [bit.ly/GMPIndieGoGo](http://bit.ly/GMPIndieGoGo). Don't like ads? Become a supporter and enjoy The Good Men Project ad free.