



## Hope Dies Last: Making a Difference in an Indifferent World

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Granta Books, 2005. Paperback. Book Condition: BRAND NEW. Studs Terkel is a legendary figure on the American political left and a veteran writer-activist since the 1940s whose previous works have dealt with substantial topics such as the Depression, the job, race, war and death. *Hope Dies Last* is a collection of interviews with over 50 Americans talking about hope, reflecting on the question of where hope springs from and how they have sustained and nurtured social hope in their own lives. The topic may seem rather vague but make no mistake, the result is fascinating reading. The book opens with a short autobiographical section entitled "Personal Notes" and it is here that one sees why Terkel is almost uniquely qualified to put a book such as this together. In 1945 Terkel was a commentator at WCFL, the Chicago Federation of Labor radio station, and after a brief stint training to be a lawyer, he became involved in activities spanning the cultural spectrum, including acting in radio soap operas, disc jockeying classical, jazz and folk music and being a TV personality when live improvisation programmes were sponsored. During this time Terkel became involved in leftist politics and subsequently fell victim to...



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