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"Robert Ellsberg does it all again--and with magnificence!" -- Richard Rohr, OFM Center for Action and Contemplation, Author of Everything Belongs This book makes a serious contribution to the newly emerging consciousness of the full equality of women. -- Joan Chittister, OSB About the Author From 1975-80 Robert Ellsberg was part of the Catholic Worker community in New York, working with Dorothy Day during the last five years of her life, and serving for two years as managing editor of the Catholic Worker newspaper. He has devoted much of his life to promoting Day's life and legacy, editing Dorothy Day: Selected Writings, The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day, and All the Way to Heaven: Selected Letters of Dorothy Day. Aside from his two Crossroad titles, he has also written The Saints Guide to Happiness, and edited anthologies of Gandhi, Thich Nhat Hanh, Charles de Foucauld, and Flannery O'Connor. Since 1987 he has served as Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Orbis Books.