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This book offers readers a glimpse into the soul of Chiara Lubich, who gave life to a worldwide Movement of men, women, and children from all walks of life who are joined together in living the Gospel. Chiara's language is spiritual, at times mystical, but always practical. These short reflections lead the reader into the very heart of the Good News, to the discovery of that Light which is ever ancient, ever new – the Light and beauty that Chiara discovered shining beneath every word of the Gospel: Jesus, the Word, the Light for every person who comes into the world.

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Since 1995, Fortress Press has overseen the editing and publication of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works series in English from the German critical editions of his collected works. This series provides for a long overdue need in preserving the scholarly insights from twentieth century European theology and also represents a new field of opportunity for in-depth research into the life and thought of a seminal Christian voice. As part of the 16 volume collection of Bonhoeffer's works, *Theological Education Underground* gathers together for the first time in English a critical edition of the significant correspondence, extant sermons, and the various projects and essays that remain from his all-too-brief service as a leader for theological education among the Confessing Church seminarians. To say that this period of Bonhoeffer's life stands out as significant would be a grave understatement. The years of 1937 to 1940 saw Bonhoeffer's transition from an outspoken pastor and theologian in the academic and ecclesial worlds to a clandestine agent for social and political change within his own nation, and this volume organises the material that reflects his personal and professional life during this highly pivotal season. For instance, in the wake of the Gestapo's move to shut down the illegal Confessing Church seminary at Finkenwalde, Bonhoeffer is forced to continue, in secret, his work of overseeing the training and preparation of future German pastors. During this same period, Bonhoeffer wrote his two most popular works among English-speaking audiences *Discipleship* and *Life Together*. Perhaps most fascinating of all, it was also during this season that the theologian joined the highly-secretive and risky conspiracy against the Third Reich from within the German government by beginning to work as a double-agent for the Abwehr, Germany's central intelligence agency. The collection of letters, sermons and essays from this period makes this volume an immensely helpful resource for filling out our understanding of how the martyr and theologian Bonhoeffer responded to the tumultuous and chaotic circumstances of his day.

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