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With a preface by James Martin, SJ. A specially-priced two-in-one omnibus gift edition of Henri Nouwen's bestselling *The Return of the Prodigal Son* and its companion and prequel *Home Tonight*.

In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story "The Return of the Prodigal Son," Henri Nouwen probes several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life's journey, the author evokes a powerful drama of the parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. Coupled with the lectures that inspired the book and originally collected in *Home Tonight*, this special 2-in-1 omnibus will be the definitive edition of the spiritual classic.

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Two works of meditations by Nouwen on the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Older Brother, especially as portrayed in Rembrandt's painting of the prodigal's return.

"The Return of the Prodigal Son" is a work composed by Nouwen himself. In it he explores his deep affection for Rembrandt's painting and narrates the story of his own faith development as he envisioned himself as the prodigal son, the older brother, and the father figure in turn.

"Home Tonight" is a later transcription of sorts of some lectures and classes Nouwen taught based on his experiences with the story and the Rembrandt painting. It follows the same general pattern.

The same general theme is manifest throughout both works. They both seek to encourage the reader through the author's own experiences in his faith journey, recognizing the type of person he was, proving willing to accept the Father's gracious love, allowing himself to admit his failings and weaknesses, and finding a profitable pathway for ministry and service.

These are emotionally affective books; one must be in a good contemplative mood in order to be willing to absorb its lessons and for it to truly "speak" to you. A powerful work for those willing to consider it.

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