

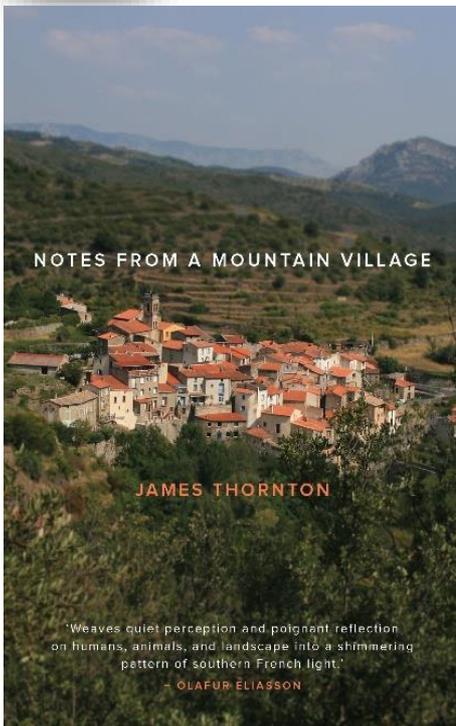
# Notes from a Mountain Village

James Thornton

**An inspiring collection of poetry celebrating life and nature in a French Pyrenean community over 25 years.**

**A global thought leader on how to tackle our planet's environmental crisis, this is James's second poetry collection focused on the natural world.**

**'James Thornton speaks as both a poet who has colonised science and a scientist who speaks a poetic tongue.'**  
- E.O.Wilson, double Pulitzer prizewinner.



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Exiled from America to be free to live with the man he loves, the Irish-American poet James Thornton returns to the same French Pyrenean village every Spring. Over 25 years he has settled at his desk, the flanks of hillsides beyond his window, and captured in verse the life and nature of this mountain community. James's poetry conjures the lives of villagers, snakes, turtles, fish, birds, flowers, crops, insects, and hogs who make this valley their home.

'Weaves quiet perception and poignant reflection on humans, animals, and landscape into a shimmering pattern of southern French light.' *Olafur Eliasson, creator of In Real Life exhibition at Tate Modern in 2020*

'A poignant and evocative paean to an ancient village high in the French Pyrenees, where the reinvigorating miracle of the natural world is tinged with reflections on mortality: *Homero Aridjis, Mexican Poet and former President of PEN International*

**Author information:** James Thornton is the founding CEO of ClientEarth, a not-for-profit environmental law organisation, who The New Statesman named as one of 10 people who could change the world. His first collection of poems, *The Feynman Challenge*, was published in 2017. E.O.Wilson wrote of this collection: 'In this unusual and exceptionally interesting work, James Thornton speaks as both a poet who has colonised science and a scientist who speaks a poetic tongue.'

James is also the author of *Client Earth* (Scribe 2018), co-authored with his husband Martin Goodman, which received the Judges' Selection, Business Book of the Year Award 2018. He has twice won Leader of the Year at the Business Green Awards. James lives in London and is also a Zen Buddhist priest.