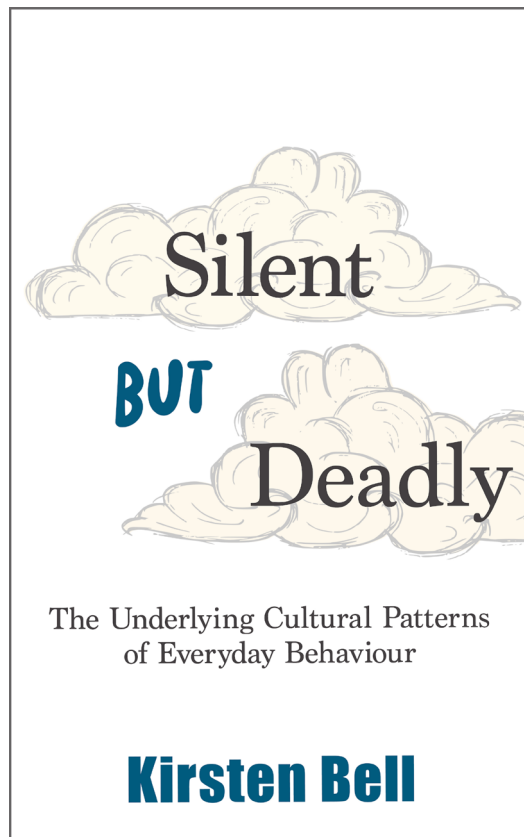


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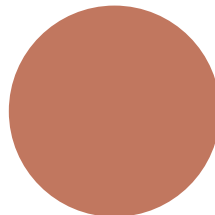
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Kirsten Bell is an Australian social anthropologist living in London. A widely published academic, she received her doctorate in social anthropology from James Cook University in 2000 based on fieldwork in South Korea. Currently Visiting Professor at King's College London, Kirsten has previously worked at the University of Northern Colorado, Macquarie University, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Roehampton. The cultural whiplash she experienced from all these intercontinental moves form the basis of *Silent but Deadly*, which is her first foray into popular anthropology.

